

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

6 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

1. MINUTES OF 8/21/2012 MEETING
2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Newsletter Update
 - B. District/Neighborhood Meetings - Council Agenda referral
 - C. Hampden Academy Video update
 - D. Plan for Candidate Forum(s)
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Council Chamber microphones
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

Communications Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 21 6PM ~ Minutes

Meeting called to order by chairperson Hornbrook at 6:02 PM.

Person's in attendance, Councilor Williams, Councilor Hornbrook (Councilor Cushing arrived at 6:35 during Councilor comments)

1. Motion to accept minutes of Communication Committee meeting on 6-12-12 by Councilor Williams.
2nd by Councilor Hornbrook, vote 2 – 0 unanimous

2.A. Motion by Councilor Williams to ratify Council decision to allow amount not to exceed \$1800 to purchase portable sound system for town office.

2nd by Councilor Hornbrook, vote 2- 0 unanimous

B. Newsletter article ideas discussed by Committee members: Candidate profiles, update on promo video for HA with possible photos, update on success of Hampden Farmer's Market in old Rite Aid parking lot, next steps for old HA, possible survey question: how many residents are active military.

C. District/Neighborhood meetings were discussed and it was discussed that topic should be discussed at Council level for an up or down vote before any timeframes/locations/topics be discussed.

D. Update for this item was provided with agenda for August 21st meeting.

3.A Committee discussed possible dates for hosting the upcoming candidate forum. Dates of Tuesday, October 2nd and Thursday, October 11th were discussed. Committee members discussed and agreed that the same format as previous years would be fine with 2 moderators, 1 being a timer, and possibly 4 – 6 questions due to the expected large number of candidates.

4. No public were present to comment.

5. Councilor Williams shared that he is looking forward to the cooler weather for more successful flights for photos and video of HA and other points of interest in Hampden. It's more difficult when the weather is hot and he explained he now has the belt so the photographer can actually lean out the window to shoot better shots.

Councilor Cushing discussed his conversation with NESCOM and asking for a few more extra interns to be able to have back-up in case some are unable to attend Council Meetings.

Adjourn 6:50 PM