

# Town of Hampden

## SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 14, 2019

6:00 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

### AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November 13, 2018 Meeting
2. Committee Applications & Citizen Initiatives
3. Unfinished Business – None
  - a. BACTS Transit – 2018 Ridership Report & 2019 Regional Study Discussion – *Manager*
4. New Business – None
5. Staff Updates & Manager Items
  - a. Western Avenue Municipal Properties Stormwater Permitting – *Progress Update from Manager*
  - b. Update on Skehan Center Maintenance Concerns & Winter Operations – *Manager*
  - c. Vafiades Landing – Update on Acquisition Activities by Volunteer Community Members – *Manager*
  - d. Spectrum Cable Actions & Legislative Response – *Update from Kyle Severance, GIS-IT*
6. Public Comments
7. Committee Member Comments
8. Adjourn

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## MINUTES

*Attending:*

*Chairman Marble  
Councilor McAvoy  
Councilor Ryder  
Councilor McPike  
Councilor Wilde  
Councilor Cormier*

*Town Manager Jim Chandler*

### 1. MINUTES

- a. **October 9, 2018** – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ryder to accept the minutes as written.. Unanimous vote in favor, 6-0.*

### 2. COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS & CITIZEN INITIATIVES –

- a. Vafiades Landing – request for consideration of support for the private acquisition efforts (supporting documentation attached) at the request of citizen Chris Packard  
Chris Packard spoke about the support from the Committee and the Town on acquisition by the Land Trust of the Vafiades Boat Landing. The letter supporting the efforts will be edited and circulated to the Committee Member and Staff for review.
- b. Committee Applications & Appointments – Staff request  
- Four Applications Attached for Review and Appointment Consideration  
Referred to Finance.

### 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS– *None*

### 4. NEW BUSINESS - *None*

### 5. STAFF UPDATES & MANAGER ITEMS

- a. **MRC/Fiberight – Staff Discussion**  
Recommended to P & D Committee.

- b. Western Avenue Municipal Properties Stormwater Permitting – Progress Update from Manager**
- c. Transfer Station discussion, referral to the infrastructure Committee – Manager and Staff Request**
- d. Update on Skehan Center Maintenance Concerns & Winter Operations - Manager**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURN**

*With no further business, the meeting adjourned  
Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Bezanson*



Kyle Severance &lt;gisit@hampdenmaine.gov&gt;

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## Upcoming Legislation RE: Public Access Cable and Cable Franchise agreements

1 message

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**Kyle Severance** <gisit@hampdenmaine.gov>

Wed, Jan 9, 2019 at 10:12 AM

To: David.Haggan@legislature.maine.gov, Stacey.Guerin@legislature.maine.gov

Cc: Jim Chandler &lt;townmanager@hampdenmaine.gov&gt;

Dear Representative Haggan and Senator Guerin,

The purpose of this email is to seek your support on an upcoming bill regarding the discrimination of public access TV channels by Charter Communications (DBA Spectrum).

The Town of Hampden's ability to communicate and provide services to residents and businesses is continuously hindered by Charter's actions.

I am attaching a draft of the bill that has been submitted to the Revisor's office to address a number of non-compliance issues that have come up since Charter acquired Time Warner. It is designated as LR130 and sponsored by Senator David Woodsome (R) York.

If passed, a section of the bill will also enhance broadband expansion in rural communities. This will be accomplished by lowering the number of homes per mile that the cable operators are required to install and maintain in each town as each franchise is renewed. There are currently over a hundred expired franchises in the State (Hampden being one).

Serving on the Penobscot Cable Consortium, we have tried to renew agreements for many years and are simply ignored. Charter doesn't seem interested in cooperating with the local municipalities which granted them use of the Town's right of way in the original agreement. Now we are stuck and need the help of the State legislature.

This legislation is based on successful initiatives in Illinois and California and has received extensive review by notable cable law attorneys both here in Maine and in Washington, DC, so we are confident that it will pass any legal challenge from the cable industry.

Please consider these important updates to the Maine cable franchising statutes in Title 30A as we will need your support in the coming months. The bill contains a non-technical summary at the end for your reference.

Thank you very much for your service to our community. Your commitment to televised municipal meetings, open government and the enhancement of the culture of the community through the coverage of local events on a local television channel is appreciated!

Sincerely,

**Kyle Severance**  
*GIS/IT Specialist*  
*E911 Addressing Officer*  
*Town of Hampden, Maine*

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