

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

5:30 P. M.

MEET AT THE PARKING LOT – HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

The Committee will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. to car pool to the Papermill Road Recreation Area for a walk-through of the site. The general public is welcome to participate in this walk through. Following the walk through, the Committee will reconvene at the Town Office at approximately 6:30. A previously scheduled Communications Committee meeting will be held at that time, followed by the Services Committee agenda:

1. Minutes of September 10, 2012
2. Old Business
 - A. Papermill Road Recreation Area
 - B. Old Hampden Academy – Recreation Dept. use
3. New Business
4. Public Comment
5. Committee member comments

HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, September 10, 2012

Attending:

Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor Tom Brann
Mayor Janet Hughes

Recreation Director Kurt Mathies
Councilor Shelby Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. Old Business

- A. Papermill Road Park Planning Update – Recreation Director Mathies gave a presentation of the history of this park and outlined potential connectivity of it with other open spaces via easements from property owners, with input from the snowmobile club.

There was a discussion of access issues at the park, trails, the need for clean-up, tables and benches, restroom(s), and sustainability. There was also discussion of the need for a budget for this project and the possibility of having a parks committee and/or a Facility Parks Supervisor position as staff for the upkeep of this and other parks. The Services Committee will visit Papermill Road Rec Area at 5:30 prior to the next meeting on Monday, October 8th. Committee members should meet at the Town Office at 5:30 to car pool due to limited parking availability. The general public is invited to attend.

- B. Dorothea Dix Park Update – The shed is up and the infrastructure should be complete in time to weatherize for the winter season. Recreation Director Mathies reported that usage of the park is on the increase. The Committee discussed the idea of a Volunteer Appreciation Day. Susan Mock, whose grandfather built the gate at the park, proposed the replacement of the original balls on the gate and the rock wall to get it back to the original form. The cost estimate for that work is \$3600, and she offered to pay half if the other half was raised.

- C. Open Space Connectivity/Plan Discussion – Much of this item was discussed under the Papermill Road Park agenda item, however there was a brief discussion of the trail development that had been in the planning stages for the land in the four mile square area that the Town is deeding to MSAD#22.

2. New Business – Two items were introduced to be included on the next Services Committee Agenda: Park and Ride from the school parking lot, and the idea of holding a farmers market year round in the Skehan Center.

3. Public Comment – Terry McAvoy asked the Committee how many parks the Town has.
4. Committee Member Comments – None

Motion by Mayor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Wright to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Shelby Wright

Task Items:

1. Dorothea Dix Park harvesting & trails
2. HA Reuse
3. Rules for accepting land – fee in lieu
4. Parks Department
5. Sports Fields
6. Marina Area – Waterfront park
10. GIS/IT support