

HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, August 13, 2012  
6 P.M.  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of 7/9/2012
2. Old Business
  - A. Papermill Road Park Planning Update
  - B. Dorothea Dix Park Update
  - C. Open Space Connectivity/Plan Discussion
3. New Business
4. Public Comment
5. Committee Member Comments

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

HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, July 9, 2012

Attending:

Councilor Jean Lawlis	Librarian Debbie Lozito
Councilor Shelby Wright	Susan Lessard, Town Manager
Councilor Janet Hughes	Interested residents
Recreation Director Kurt Mathies	

1. Minutes of 6/20/2012 – Minutes of the Special Services Committee held on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and approved.
2. Old Business
  - A. Papermill Road Park Planning – Recreation Director Kurt Mathies gave the Committee an update on the state of the park and its challenges and limitations, which include lack of maintenance resulting in blowdowns and brush, extensive poison ivy, and very limited parking space availability. He reported that the Boy Scout troop had expressed interest in helping to rehabilitate the park so that they could use it. He has arranged for the poison ivy to be sprayed and once that is eliminated other work can be done there. It is a park that is not widely known in the community and due to its more remote character, can at times be a location for less than desirable behavior. The Committee indicated that this could be changed if the park were cleaned up, more widely used, and advertised. An article will be put in the next newsletter about the park. This item will be updated at the next Services Committee meeting.
  - B. Updates – The Recreation Director provided the following updates:
    1. Dead trees impairing paths in Dorothea Dix Park have been marked for removal and Bruen's Tree Service will be removing them.
    2. He purchased twelve trees from Forest's Edge Greenhouse to replace some of those lost at Dorothea Dix Park.
    3. Another clean up will happen at Dorothea Dix Park later in the summer.
    4. The use of the old Hampden Academy by recreation programs will be discussed at the next Planning & Development Committee meeting so that Kurt can plan on what information will be included in the next program mailing.
3. New Business
  - A. Survey topics – Community Survey

- a. What recreational services do you use?
  - b. What would you be willing to pay for them in property taxes, fees, etc.?
  - c. What recreational opportunities should the Town offer?
  - d. Should the Town continue to offer bus service?
  - e. Should the before/after school program be expanded?
- B. Library – window sill damage (added to agenda at meeting)  
The Librarian explained that the person replacing the trim boards had discovered that one location had rot behind the trim resulting from water infiltration. The problem can be resolved by replacing the board behind the trim and adding rain gutters over the area. The Librarian will have additional cost estimates for the Finance Committee on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> in the event that the repair cost greatly exceeds the original estimate.
4. Public Comment – Resident Terry McAvoy expressed concern and frustration over the Town's Subdivision Ordinance which requires either a dedication of open space (public or private) or a cash payment fee-in-lieu of open space when a subdivision is done. The Committee explained the origin of the subdivision regulations and Mr. McAvoy was encouraged to research on the State website the requirements related to subdivision regulations.
5. Committee Member Comments – None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard  
Town Manager

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1. Dorothea Dix Park harvesting & trails
2. HA Reuse
3. Pocket Parks
4. Rules for accepting land – fee in lieu
5. Open space plan
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