

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2014

6:00 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES 12-30-2013
2. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Communications
    1. Newsletter topics
    2. U-tube/video streaming update/Twitter
  - B. Re-appointment – John Skehan Library Board of Trustees
  - C. Re-appointment – Ruth Stearns Library Board of Trustees
3. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Eric Ellingwood (Resident) request to clear trail – Town Office/Pool property
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, December 30, 2013

Attending:

Councilor Greg Sirois  
Councilor David Ryder  
Councilor William Shakespeare  
Councilor Jean Lawlis  
Councilor Ivan McPike

Town Manager Susan Lessard  
Resident Terry McAvoy

The meeting was opened at 6:04 p.m. by Chairman Shakespeare.

1. MINUTES 7-8-2013 – The minutes of the 7-8-2013 were approved with no changes.
2. MINUTES 8-12-2013 – The minutes of the 8-12-2013 meeting were approved with no changes.
3. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. UPDATE – PARKS – The Town Manager presented a report submitted by Jeremy Jones on activities related to Papermill Park from September through December. (copy attached)
  - B. UPDATE – SKEHAN CENTER OPERATION – The Town Manager presented a report on the activities at the Skehan Center as well as an update on the financial status of the center. (copy attached). Committee members asked questions related to the financial stability of the operation, monitoring of the budget, and potential use of the facility by the VFW during Children's Day in 2014. The Manager explained that under the terms of the Town's lease that the property owner has the right to request usage of the Skehan Center for up to three days with six months' notice. The property owner has already requested usage of the facility for the Children's Day period in conjunction with a Champion the Cure Challenge in which they participate. Concern was also expressed over insuring that damage does not occur to the gym floor when events such as auctions or the annual baby clothes sale are held.
  - C. MAINE TRAILER – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES – The Town Manager explained that she had talked with both Maine Trailer and their financing partner, BBC Capital and that it was not possible for the company to pay \$60,000 in personal property taxes at this time. However, they could agree to pay the 2012-2013 personal property taxes in full in the amount of \$40,990.31 via certified check by 12/31/13 and pay \$1000 per month from January through June, and to apply any/all BETR reimbursements received from the State of Maine to the 2013-2014 personal property taxes. The agreement also states that failure to meet any of the conditions would result in the reinstatement of liens for the 2013-2014 tax with the Secretary of State. Motion by Councilor McPike, Seconded by Councilor Ryder to approve the revised payment agreement. Unanimous vote in favor.

D. CANCER CONCERNS – COLDBROOK ROAD – REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL – The Town Manager explained that she had written two emails to Molly Schwenn at the Maine Center for Disease Control but had had no response to either email. Committee members indicated that the Town should continue to promote more healthy lifestyles as a method of helping to reduce the incidence of cancer locally, but that there was nothing more that the Council could do at this time.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Terry McAvoy asked how street lights were paid for and how we reported those that were not working. The Town Manager explained that we paid a per-light charge and that complaints of malfunctioning streetlights were referred to the Police Department who reported them to Bangor Hydro. Specifically named was the streetlight at the Mayo Road/Route 9 intersection that dims and goes out frequently. The Town Manger said that she would make sure it was reported but that given the current ice storm conditions, it could take some time before it was addressed.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilor Shakespeare asked when it would be possible to do the recognition for Richard Newcomb that was approved at the last council meeting. The Manager indicated that she had ordered a key and it should be here within a week or ten days. It was suggested that the second meeting in January would be a good time to do the presentation. Councilor Shakespeare stated that he would contact the representative of the Newcomb family about attending the meeting.

Councilor Ryder asked what the status was of getting Council meetings available via computer instead of just through the cable channel. The Town Manager indicated that the Town does have a you-tube channel where meetings can be uploaded for viewing at a later date. She will check with Matt Thomas who has been heading that program to see what the status of it is. The upgrading of internet speed at the Town Office should help with both the live-streaming idea as well as uploading meetings to You-tube.

Councilor McPike commended Marshall at the Transfer Station for assisting him when he took his trash to there. He said he was very helpful.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard  
Town Manager





Check One:  Initial Application  Reappointment Application

A-3-b

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
APPLICATION FOR TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NAME: SKEHAN JOHN W.
ADDRESS: 22 Mountain View Drive Hampden 04444
MAILING ADDRESS (if different):
TELEPHONE: 945-9652
EMAIL:

OCCUPATION: RETIRED EDUCATOR

BOARD OR COMMITTEE PREFERENCE:

FIRST CHOICE: Dyer Library Trustee

SECOND CHOICE (OPTIONAL):

How would your experience, education and/or occupation be a benefit to this board or committee? Served as Trustee for several years

Are there any issues you feel this board or committee should address, or should continue to address?

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD
LURA HOIT MEMORIAL POOL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
FRIENDS OF DOROTHEA DIX PARK

3 YEAR

DYER LIBRARY
RECREATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF APPEALS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TREE BOARD

5 YEAR
PLANNING BOARD

FOR TOWN USE ONLY
Date Application Received: DEC 31 2013
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ACTION: DATE:
COUNCIL ACTION: DATE:
NEW APPT REAPPOINTMENT DATE APPOINTMENT EXPIRES: