

# TOWN OF HAMPDEN

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## Town House

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## Planning Board

Madison Pixley, Chair  
Christina Brodeur  
Patrick Coyne  
David Demers  
John Matthews

Associate Member, Joe Sibilia

### MINUTES OF THE HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD

Special Meeting –April 30, 2025

Town House

Approved 07/23/25

In Attendance: Madison Pixley, Chair  
Christina Brodeur  
David Demers  
John Matthews  
Patrick Coyne

#### General:

Call to Order – Madison Pixley opened the Special Meeting at 6:35 PM.

Mail -

Bills –

Review/Approve Meeting Minutes – John Matthews made a motion to approve the August 14, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes for Case 2024-E (with noted change); August 14, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes for Case 2024-F, and August 14, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes for Case 2024-G (with noted change); October 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and October 23, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes for Case 2023-D; December 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and December 11, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes for Case 2024-I; February 12, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes for Case 2023-D and March 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Christina Brodeur seconded the motion. All in favor so approved (5-0).

#### Order of Business

##### 1) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Bylaw – Review and make recommendations for Town Meeting.

Don Davenport will provide the Planning Board with a draft cover letter to review and approve which will be submitted to the Attorney General. Christina Brodeur made a motion to recommend the proposed Battery Energy Storage System bylaw at the May 12, 2025 Town Meeting. David Demers seconded the motion. All in favor so approved (5-0).

##### 2) Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Bylaw - Review and make recommendations for Town Meeting.

David Demers made a motion to recommend the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw at the May 12, 2025 Town Meeting. Christina Brodeur seconded the motion. All in favor so approved (5-0).

#### Old Business

Zoning Bylaw Section 4.3.2 – Amend Bylaw as there is a conflict with State regulations as interpreted by courts. Waiting for Town Counsel's comments.

John Mathews made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Christina Brodeur seconded the motion. All in favor so adjourned (5-0).

Submitted by Joanne Fiore, Planning Coordinator

cc: Assessor's Office

Building Dept

Conservation Commission

Highway Dept.

Moderator

Selectboard

Zoning Board of Appeals

Office File