

Based on the first Town Council Meeting of 2008, committees seem to be on everyone's mind. Many citizens are asking which committees are necessary for good government. The Hammonton Democratic Club fully supports the idea of reconstituting the Municipal Utilities Authority Commission (MUAC). MUAC had been part of Hammonton's Town Government for many years before it was disbanded recently. MUAC's purpose was to provide oversight of the Town's Water and Sewer systems. Mayor and council appointed individuals to MUAC for set terms.

MUAC serves two purposes. First, it takes the politics out of the management of Hammonton's infrastructure. MUAC allows for deliberation and decisions to be made with regard for the long-term benefit of the Town instead of short-term gain. Second, MUAC provides a more robust check on the oversight of multi-million dollar projects. Hammontonians could rest easy knowing that the Council reviews MUAC's financial management and MUAC makes unbiased recommendations to the Town Council.

We understand that the local GOP also supports this initiative. We hope that the Hammonton First Party will "see the light" and make this a tri-partisan undertaking. Let's create a consensus for good government in Hammonton. If you would like to discuss this issue or any other issue, we encourage you to attend the next meeting of the Hammonton Democratic Club on Tuesday, February 12 at the Hammonton Public Library at 7:30 pm.

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