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TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES

July 27, 2005
7:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: James Smith, Duane Mosier, John Flynn

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by James Smith.

7:00 pm Planning Board Appointment: The Board attended the Planning Board meeting for the purpose of reappointing Anthony Bongiorno as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board. A motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Anthony Bongiorno as an alternate member of the Planning Board until June 30, 2006. Second by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board returned to the Selectmen's office to continue their meeting at 7:15 pm.

Items for Discussion:

Vote on Liquor License: An application for a one day permit for Balance Massage Therapy and Skin Care was before the board. The business requested a one day license to serve wine and hors d'oeuvres on August 6, 2005 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Board discussed pertinent issues; there is adequate parking and the hours of the event were reasonable. A motion was made by John D. Flynn to grant the license, and was seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard came before the Board to discuss the Town's certification of free cash (which is a negative balance of 20,162). There will be no money to discuss transferring at our October town meeting. Since there is no money available, there is no opportunity to move any around. Motor vehicle excise collection this year was greater than expected. One component of the free cash equation is overlays from the Assessors, and there was no overlay in 2005.

Jeffrey Liquori Interview: Jeff came before the Board to express an interest in serving on the Conservation Commission. The Board asked if he had any background in conservation. He owns a small environmental firm in Chicopee that remediates spills, tank removals, Title V work, and sewer work. He has a contractor's license and is familiar with DEP, silt fencing, and site work. James asked about his willingness to

attend whatever training is offered by DEP and Jeff stated that he would attend whatever is available. He plans to attend the next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting to express his interest to them. Once he has met with the Commission, the Board would look forward to their recommendation to add him to the Conservation Commission.

Police Search Committee: The Personnel Committee will be notified of the Board's desire to have them conduct a first interview with candidates for the Chief's position.

Phone Proposal: This office will contact another phone company for a quote for the service in Town Hall. The Board will vote at their next meeting as to which company to proceed with.

Patricia Smith, Clerk for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Treasurer: Pat submitted her letter of resignation from her position effective August 5th

Special Municipal Employee: A motion was made by Duane Mosier for the Board to reaffirm the position of Clerk to the Town Tax Collector, and Clerk to the Town Clerk to be designated as a Special Employee position. Seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board will speak with Personnel to set policy for Department Heads regarding job postings within Town.

A motion was made by John Flynn to enter Executive Session at 8:00 pm without return to Open Session, for the purpose of discussing the Acting Chief's salary. Seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: James Smith yes, Duane Mosier yes, John Flynn yes.

Respectfully submitted:

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Administrative Assistant

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