

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

October 31, 2005
7:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: James D. Smith, Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn

James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

7:00 pm Beth Burger, Library Trustee: Beth came before the Board to give an update on the conditions of the library. The Board of Trustee's voted to allow the Friend's of the Library to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Sessions Room. A note was made that there have been a few leaks in the library on the ceiling tiles.

7:15 pm Donald Dorn, Resident from River Park Drive: Mr. Dorn came before the Board to discuss the conditions at his home as a result of his neighbor's septic system and the recent flooding that occurred in Town. He contends that as a result of the design which had been permitted through Conservation, he lost possessions on his property due to the faulty design of the system.

James suggested that Mr. Dorn approach Conservation Commission and enter into discussion with them so they can understand his current situation.

7:30 pm Cynthia Bailey: Cindy came before the Board to discuss the next Book Swap with the Friend's of the Library. In December the book swap will include a holiday party. They are requesting that the book swap be held in the hallway and not in the Auditorium, so they can hold a couple of events for the children.

Peter Hatch, Fire Chief came before the Board to make them aware that he cannot attend Special Town meeting on November 7th and wanted the Board to know that his budget for heating was approximately \$3,500 last year, so any money requested in a transfer would cover what was needed at the Fire Station.

A motion was made by John Flynn to go into Executive Session at 8:15 pm for the purposes of negotiating with Scott Trombly for the Chief's contract with a return to Open Session, seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Duane Mosier yes, James Smith yes.

8:00 pm Executive Session – Scott Trombly, Police Chief

A motion was made by John Flynn to leave Executive Session at 9:20 pm and return to Open Session was made by John Flynn, and seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Duane Mosier yes, James Smith yes.

OPEN SESSION

A discussion about Street Lights determined that a number of lights could be funded through a transfer from another account, should the Town vote at Special Town Meeting to transfer the money. Once voted, MA Electric can be notified to turn them on immediately. John Flynn and Chief Trombly will work to identify the most critical locations.

1. Deficit Spending Decision for Storm Damage: The Town has approximately funds available that might be appropriated within 2.5, money coming in for excise taxes and new growth has exceeded what was anticipated.
2. Vote to reappoint Scott Trombly: The Board voted to extend the term for Scott Trombly. A motion was made by Duane Mosier to extend the appointment of Scott Trombly as Chief of Police until November 10, 2005. Second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
3. Board Volunteer Offer from Bill Olmstead: Bill Olmstead sent a letter to the Board as well as Hampden Housing Authority volunteering to serve on the Housing Authority. The Board will send a note to Bill acknowledging receipt of his letter and suggesting he contact Christine Evans, Housing Director regarding a date to come into the Board of Selectmen's meeting.
4. Variance on Lot 5 Mountain Road: The Board reviewed a variance request from property owner, Bonnie Leaning, so she can extend her perc test approval. A motion to extend for one year with no further extension to be granted without resubmission of paperwork and a reevaluation of the site was made by Duane Mosier, with a second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
5. TWB Boiler Project: A bid came in under the anticipated \$200,000 threshold for a new boiler at TWB. The bid is for at approximately \$198,000.
6. Regional Selectmen's Meeting: Meeting scheduled for November in Longmeadow.
7. Letter from School Superintendent, Paul Gagliarducci. Re: Minnechaug project: The Board received a letter from Dr. Gagliarducci regarding architectural drawings that the District wishes to move forward on. The Board will respond in a letter that they support the School's desire to move forward with the study, but want the school to pay for it out of their own budget. Copy Wilbraham BOS in letter.
8. MEMA, Disaster Mitigation Planning: The Board received a letter from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission inviting the Town to participate in a group to work on Disaster Mitigation. The Board will seek direction from Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard as to how to pay for this.
9. Police Budget: The Board reviewed the status of the budget.

A motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn meeting at 10:35 pm, second by Duane Mosier. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Duane Mosier yes, James Smith yes.

Respectfully submitted:

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