

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

November 21, 2005
7:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: James D. Smith, Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by James Smith.

1. 7:00 pm Hampden Housing Authority: Cece Melville, George Stone and Miles Hapgood were present from the Hampden Housing Authority to discuss a replacement for the position left vacant by William Joy. They felt that Bill Olmstead would be the best fit for the vacant position. The group also mentioned that Ben Bump was in support of the choice as well. The Board of Selectmen supported the Housing Authority's decision. Miles Hapgood made the motion to appoint Bill Olmstead to the vacant position on the Hampden Housing Authority, until the next annual election, seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted by George Stone, Cece Melville, Miles Hapgood, Duane Mosier, James Smith and John Flynn.
2. 7:15 pm Linda Krawiec: Linda came before the Board to discuss some concerns about the winterization of Academy Hall and the uses allowed. Duane responded that he worked with Ed Harris to perform tasks necessary to winterize the building given the rising costs of energy to heat this winter. The water has been turned off and will be turned back on in April. The Board wanted to reduce costs given our budget constraints. This office will ask Mark Feeney what the building capacity is and have it posted in the building.
3. 7:30 pm Public Hearing – Verizon Pole on Thresher Road: Andy Hufnagel from Verizon came before the Board to request a pole installation for telephone service on the NW side of Thresher Road, pole number 9.5 which will span for electrical and telephone service.

There were no abutters present, and a motion was made by Duane Mosier to approve the pole installation as requested and was seconded by John Flynn.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
4. 7:45 pm A Better Hampden, Dick Jones and Rita Vail: The next scheduled forum for the group "A Better Hampden" is January 18th at 7:00 pm at TWB. The group requested that James Smith, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Kathy Pessolano, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, COA Board members and Library Trustees be present for questions from the residents.

The group is also working on circuit breaker tax reductions along with the COA and the Board of Assessors in presenting a seminar on December 9th at 1:00 pm for tax assessments.

5. 8:00 pm Chief Scott Trombly: The Chief came before the Board to introduce Cory Darrah as a candidate for the shift left vacant by Kayse Rosati. Cory has current certifications. He currently works for AMR, has an extensive background in dispatching, was a full time dispatcher in Paxton. He has worked for CJ's Towing in Springfield, and is interested in a permanent part time position. He works 2-10:30 at AMR, and states there would be no conflict with his current job. He has 911 certification, and will need a review of our system.

A motion was made by Duane Mosier to appoint Cory Darrah to a permanent part time Police Dispatcher position pending refresher completion, and contingent upon training completion within 30 days, effective until June 30, 2006. Second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Tim Lord will maintain his part time dispatcher status, but has resigned his permanent part time.

There was also discussion with Chief Trombly to notify the Sergeant in charge to sign off on any necessary paperwork in his absence.

A motion was made by Duane Mosier to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations and Bank Alarm Response Policy with the Police Chief at 8:55 by Duane Mosier with return to Open Session, second by John Flynn. VOTE: Duane Mosier yes, John Flynn yes, James Smith yes.

A motion was made by Duane Mosier to leave Executive Session at 9:30 pm and return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Duane Mosier yes, John Flynn yes, James Smith yes.

6. Fee Schedule: The Board was approached by the Fire Chief to review inspection fees in Town. The Inspectors will be asked to get fees from surrounding communities, and the Board will revisit the topic at the December 19th meeting.
7. Committees: The Board requested that Doug Farmer from the Wilbraham-Hampden Times write an article on volunteers needed for committees in town in the following areas:
 - Communications
 - Transfer Station
 - Town Report
 - Energy
 - Town Events
8. School Building Study: The Board discussed the possibility of an override vote for the High School design fees and the need to coordinate with Wilbraham as to how to structure the vote.
9. Minutes of November 7, 2005: The minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made by Duane Mosier to approve as corrected, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

10. Minutes of November 14, 2005: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve as corrected, seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

11. Chapter 61A land, Glendale Road: There is interest by a buyer to purchase a portion of property currently in 61A, to ensure a percable lot. The buyer would need a portion of land released from 61A, which is now part of racetrack. Minnechaug Land Trust is typically notified of any land that might remain. Prior to the Board making a decision regarding Right of First Refusal for the Town, MLT will be notified.

The Board discussed a request to deficit spend out of the Snow and Ice Account by Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley. A motion was made by Duane Mosier to allow Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent to deficit spend in the snow and ice account, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board also discussed a request to deficit spend the Highway Maintenance account by Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent, due to the flood event damage. A motion was made by John Flynn to allow Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent to deficit spend the Highway Maintenance account in an amount not to exceed \$77,000, seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The boiler at TWB was discussed. The contract is not yet finalized, but once signed, will receive a \$17,000 credit from Bay State Gas Company.

The Board discussed the Chief's current appointment and based on the need for further negotiations determined that the appointment needed to be extended. A motion was made by John Flynn to reappoint Scott Trombly as Police Chief until December 5, 2005, seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion to adjourn was made by Duane Mosier at 10:15 pm and was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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