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

February 21, 2006

625 Main Street

7:00 pm

Town House

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

7:00 pm Walk Ins: Cynthia Bailey and Ray Andres: Cynthia Bailey encouraged the Board to restore funding to the library in FY07. Ms. Bailey and the Board discussed library re-certification and acquiring qualified individuals to run the library.

7:30 pm Pole Petition, Howlett Hill Road: Lisa Jasinski came before the Board with a pole petition for Mr. Markham's property on Howlett Hill Road. Residents, Bob Majkut and Bob Sagan were present for the hearing and Bob Majkut expressed concerns about the pole placement, questioned what trees would be cut or trimmed and stated that Mr. Markham had been driving on his property.

Lisa Jasinski explained that she thought only one tree would need to be cut down and the rest of the work would involve trimming of trees.

Mr. Majkut also stated that he believes Mr. Markham is living on his property. The Board responded that they had dispatched Mark Feeney, Building Inspector to the site and he did not find this to be the case.

John Flynn suggested that the residents meet on March 2 to review the pole placement and whether it might be moved to another location. At the same time, any other concerns could be addressed as well.

Duane Mosier stated that the hearing would be continued until March 6, 2006 at 7:00 pm if all parties were in agreement. It would be continued until March 13, 2006 if a resolution had not been reached.

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8:00 pm Park and Recreation Board Replacement: Chris McDonald and Harold House came before the Board to discuss a replacement for the vacancy created by Mike D'Agostino's departure. They recommend that Bob White be appointed to the board. John Flynn made a motion to fill the position held by Mike D'Agostino by Bob White until May 2, 2006, seconded by Duane Mosier. All in favor and so voted.

Easement to Verizon for Cell Tower: The Board reviewed and signed an easement granting Verizon rights to access property at the cell tower to bring a land line to the tower.

Infrastructure Action Committee: The Board reviewed the letter submitted by Dana Pixley regarding proposed members as well as an outline of a ten year plan of improvements to the infrastructure. A motion was made by John D. Flynn to appoint the following residents to the Infrastructure Action Committee: Harold House, Billy Bond, Billy Skinner, Vinny Villamaino and Kevin Munsell. Motion was seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Storm Event Letter: – The Board reviewed the letter from Dana Pixley regarding the storm event in October. The Town will receive at least 75% and as much as 87.5% reimbursement for storm repairs.

Chief's Vacation Notice: The Board reviewed Jeff Farnsworth's vacation time request.

Assessor's Letter: The Board had requested an explanation from the Assessors as to annual inspection costs. The Assessors believe it will be beneficial to the town to budget on an annual basis for this state mandate.

Letter from Congressman Richard. Neal re: James Collins: The Board reviewed the letter from R. Neal concerning James Collins. Duane stated that Mr. Collins' property has increased in value approximately \$75,000.00 over the last three years. They also stated that the Board of Assessors met with Mr. Collins between January 6, 2006 and February 21, 2006 when his abatement request was accepted.

Warrant Review: John Flynn provided proposed amendments to the By-Law to the board concerning "Earth Removal" and "Planned Unit Residential Development".

Budget Review: The Board reviewed the proposed budget. John Flynn proposes taking excess money from accounts to purchase police cruiser at Special Town meeting before

the annual town meeting. The board also discussed the community is going to have to decide on what they want to be funded and work with known financial figures and not rely on possible funding from the state.

The following agenda items were held until the March 6th meeting when James Smith would be present.

- Minutes of January 30
- Minutes of February 6
- Chief's Awards Policy

8:45 pm A motion was made by John Flynn to go into Executive Session without return to Open Session. Second by: Duane E. Mosier. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Duane Mosier yes.

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher W. Thompson
Board of Health Coordinator