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

February 27, 2006
7:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: James D. Smith, Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn
Guest: Doug Farmer, Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by James Smith.

7:30 pm Reserve Officer Interview: Allisa Radula – Michael Cooney came before the Board to introduce Allisa for the interview process for the position of a reserve officer and dispatcher. He performed the background check. She has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. She needs minimal training which includes firearms qualification as well. She would work on a part time basis.

A motion was made by Duane Mosier to appoint Allisa Radula to the position of Reserve Officer Dispatcher for the probationary period of 90 days pending completion of required training and such appointment to last until June 30, 2006, seconded by John Flynn.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

8:00 pm Beth DeSousa and Sue Rauscher: Residents came before the Board to discuss their proposal for the spray park they are hoping to build at Memorial Park, using money granted by CPA. They have been asked to speak with Park and Rec regarding the procurement process. They may have to go through the Central Register posting for bids.

Meetings to be posted for Emergency Management and Infrastructure Committee for March 6, 2006.

- Budget Review: James reviewed general by-law as it relates to who drives the budget, selectmen or advisory. James and Duane feel that the mindset of the Town in the past few years has been to spend what we have in available accounts. James mentioned structural deficit that exists in the budget. Duane mentioned the need for money in stabilization as well as the reserve accounts. John talked about his meeting with advisory and their preliminary recommendations.
- Warrant Review: The Board reviewed the warrant articles in preparation for printing.
- Chief's contract: The Board will discuss in Executive Session.

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- Energy Efficiency Review: A representative from National Grid came into Town Hall as well as TWB to take give assessment as to changes we might make to save energy.

A motion was made by John Flynn to go into Executive Session at 9:35 to review Chief's contract, Dispatcher's contract and the IBPO contract, without return to Open Session, second by Duane Mosier. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Duane Mosier yes, James Smith yes.

Respectfully submitted:

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