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

May 1, 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by James D. Smith.

1. 7:30 pm Lorri McCool, BOH Agent: Lorri came before the board to discuss revisions for Title V requirements. The DEP will now require additional holes being dug, which increases the agent's field time. At the time of the last revisions in 1995, the town revised the fee schedule as well. Lorri reported that surrounding towns have raised fees for perc observations, septic reviews, and the new code which went into effect April 21st. For septic repair work, if soil is too wet, BOH agent will be required to perform soil evaluations, as opposed to sending them out to be evaluated. Perc tests and soil evaluations for new construction require four observations to be done, which means more time in the field. James Smith made the motion to increase our fee schedule for Title V reviews to \$500 total with the following break out: \$300 for perc tests, \$100 for plan review and \$100 for final review, with 20% going to the Town and 80% going to the BOH agent, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Variance Request for 406 Wilbraham Road: Lorri McCool presented a plan requiring a variance for septic system. The front yard has a large slope and the system needs to be reduced a foot to alleviate the need to build out which will allow for a more natural slope. The owners are requesting a variance to allow for a 3' separation between the SAS and groundwater. A motion was made to allow a 3" separation between the SAS and groundwater at 406 Wilbraham Road. Second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

2. 8:00 pm Reserve Officer Interview, Michael Hutter: Scott Trombly brought Michael Hutter in for an interview by the Board. M. Hutter currently works as a correctional officer and is a resident of Wilbraham. He will need weapons training, some computer training, and first responders training, which he is scheduled to take June 3 and June 10. He also plans to have his medical

evaluation done by the end of June. He comes to the Board recommended by Sgt. Henry and Michael Cooney who did background checks and an initial interview with Mr. Hutter. The Board emphasized the importance of community policing in Town and our desire for the Police to be part of the community and the need for officers to get to know residents in Town.

A motion was made by Duane Mosier to appoint Michael Hutter as a Reserve Officer on probation for a period of 90 days contingent upon completion of training, subject to reappointment at the end of that time, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board reviewed the Town Meeting and items of interest raised at that meeting. One such item is the dog control officer and the need for the Board to have statistics readily available to enable an accurate response to questions asked. For future meetings, a book will be compiled for the Board's reference.

Duane Mosier has been in contact with the District relative to the ADA bathrooms upgrade. The Police will be notified to proceed immediately on the E911 upgrade.

The Board discussed the need for more timely ledgers, and the need for a software package that will allow communication between the assessors, treasurers, accountant, etc. The subject will continue to be researched.

3. Minutes for Review:

- April 6, 2006: 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.
- April 10, 2006: 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.
- April 11, 2006: 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.
- April 18, 2006: 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.
- April 24, 2006: 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.

The Board discussed the end of James Smith's tenure as a Selectmen and Duane remarked how appreciative he is of all the work James has done for the Town and the many good things he has done. John remarked how much he has enjoyed the last year

working with James and is appreciative of the commitment and devotion James has given to the job for the Town.

A motion was made by Duane Mosier to go into Executive Session without a return to Open Session at 9:00 pm to discuss the dispatcher's contract and was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Duane Mosier yes, John Flynn yes, James Smith yes.

Respectfully submitted:

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