

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

July 24, 2006
7:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green
Guest: Doug Farmer, Wilbraham-Hampden Times

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Duane Mosier.

7:00 pm Walk-Ins

Police Chief Farnsworth:

- Vehicular Pursuit Policy: The Chief submitted a modified policy for the Police practice while pursuing vehicles which provides some additional safety measures for the Department. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the policy as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Extra Duty: The Chief requested that the Board make a decision on his working additional functions within the community, wherein he gets compensated for the function. The Chief agreed that he will of course meet his time commitment for the department. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the Chief's continuing to work additional functions, and was seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Employment Agreement: The Board discussed the term, "student" used in the Employment Agreement which has been reviewed by Stan Weinberg. The Chief will move forward with the agreement and bring it before the Board for final approval. The Board will work with the Police Department to get the contract moving.
- Phone System: The Chief discussed the business lines going down when the Town House lost power. An electrician should trace out the lines to ensure the generator capability in handling them.

Fire Alarm Panel: The Board discussed the issue of the Fire Alarm panel housed in the Police Station, being damaged during the last storm. The Board contacted a number of security companies to get quotes for a repair/replacement of the system. After review of those numbers, Rick Green made a motion to contact Simplex to replace the fire alarm system (panel) in the Police Department, and to investigate adding Academy Hall on the panel, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Jonathan Niccum, Colonial Village: The Board received a phone call and visit from the Niccum's from Colonial Village regarding the mowing of the circle of property on Colonial Village. This office had contacted the Highway Superintendent prior to Mr. Niccum's appearance before the Board. Some years ago, the public grounds account was reduced and a list was made at that time as to what properties would continue to be maintained. The property in question was not on that list. This information was related to Mr. Niccum.

7:15 pm Connie Witt, Scantic River Clean Up: Connie came before the Board to discuss a river clean up scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2006. The clean up is scheduled to go from 9:30 until 2:30 or so. They intend to clean the entire river and to remove whatever can be picked up by hand. They will not use trucks or equipment other than boats. The Board will donate bags, and ensure the transfer station is open and available to handle all material collected, and will make a highway truck available if necessary. The Lions have been contacted as well as the Scouts for any level of participation they may be interested in.

7:30 pm Council on Aging

- Appointments: Rick Green wanted to discuss the process through which an appointment is made for the Council on Aging. Rick would like to ensure the two boards meet to discuss any appointment recommendations. COA Board members assured the Selectmen that the letter sent was their recommendation and not a letter of commitment to the appointee. In the future, COA agreed that communication would be improved on this practice. The Board currently has a vacancy for the under 60 appointee and are seeking someone to fill that position. Shirley Gouvan and Al Ouimette have agreed to stay on for an additional year.
- Senior Center Funding: The Board received a letter from the State Controller specifying that the \$100,000 grant is a one time deal and not for operational purposes. The money will go into a restricted account, but is encumbered to be used for the Senior Center. We will wait until the check comes in with whatever caveats attached to it, in its own fund, earning its own interest.
- Grand Re-Opening of the Senior Center: The Board acknowledged the success of the turnout for the event.
- COA: The Council on Aging would like a letter from the Board stating where the money from the State grant will go and how it will be used.

8:00 pm Russ Morton, South Ridge Road: Russ came before the Board to inform the Board of his progress on the common driveway. The catch basin is in, piping is in, and gravel is in for the swale. He also stated that Charter Cable workers relocated the cable line, and crossed the drainage again which has prevented Russ from completing his work. The cable company is one issue that is out of Russ' control. He has installed rip

rap, silt fences and hay bales in an effort to prevent run off from hillsides. A stone swale will be constructed prior to the construction of the last home.

Russ is looking into additional perc tests up on South Ridge Road and potentially there are three lots left.

Russ is showing a good faith effort to get the work done and the Board is not anxious to fine him The catch basin drainage system has been cleaned out by the Town and if all properties are properly controlled, they will not fill in with silt as quickly.

John Flynn inquired about the Kibbe property which Russ currently has under contract. At this point, Russ states that he is willing to entertain preserving some open space, create a few frontage lots, some estate lots, and is open to continuing the conversation at some later date.

Highway

- Suspension Policy
- Enforcement Issue
- Drug and Alcohol Testing

The issues referenced above are topics that need to be addressed by the Personnel Committee and the Board will invite them in to do so.

Zoning Enforcement: The Board will invite Ray Shankel in for the meeting on the 7th regarding the Zoning Enforcement Officer position.

Spray Park Status: The DEP permit has been received, and Conservation has signed off. The Board will check to see if P&R holds the permit. The existing fence will remain in place during construction and Mark Feeney will be the project manager for the job. He will ensure that it will be a controlled construction site. The Board confirmed that transporting the muck from the pond to Green Meadows School to be used as fill can be done and was told that the work could be complete within a 2-3 day timeframe.

Chapter 61A property, South Road, Kibbe: The formal notice allowing 120 days for the Town to respond to a right of first refusal has been sent. The Board will wait to hear from the Land Trust to determine any potential interest they may have in preserving the property. Once known, a letter will be sent to the property owner.

A motion was made by John Flynn to go into Executive Session at 9:05 pm for the purpose of discussing contract issues with the IBPO, with return to Open Session, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Duane Mosier yes, Rick Green yes.

A motion was made by Rick Green to return to Open Session at 9:20 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Duane Mosier yes, Rick Green yes.

Green Meadows Bonding: The Board again discussed the Green Meadows bonding issue and confirmed that Steve Nembirkow intends to finalize the bonding issue prior to his leaving his position for the School District on August 17th.

The Board will extend an invitation to a representative from Eastern Bank, to the School Committee (Scott Chapman) to finalize the details.

South Ridge Road: John Flynn will contact property owners on South Ridge Road to discuss the issue of drainage swales and the need to keep them operational for proper drainage on the road. He will pursue a site visit for August 7, 2006.

Fall Town Meeting: A memo will go out to all departments notifying them of the timeframe for submission of warrant articles for fall Town Meeting scheduled for October 30, 2006.

BOH Transfer Compliance Review: The Board of Health has been made aware of an annual review that must take place at the Transfer Station and Duane will investigate necessary procedures, etc.

The Board will invite Mike Ford and Bob Lague in to discuss their appointments as the Plumbing and Electrical inspectors.

Rick Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm and was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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Administrative Assistant

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Mike Clancy, Attorney for the IBPO will provide a letter to the Board relative to holiday compensation days that been accumulated, and to be paid at the rate at which they are earned. For any days not used, the value will revert to the value as of April 17th.

The IBPO will also provide the Chief with language to be added to the department's Policy and Procedure Book.

Mike Cooney will work with the Chief on language and will speak with Mike Clancy, Esq. about finalizing documentation on July 25, 2006.

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