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

August 7, 2006
7:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green
Guests: Becky Moriarty, Ed Cenedella, Ray Shankel and Linda Hess

7:00 pm Senior Center Update with Becky Moriarty, Council on Aging Director :

The Board reviewed the emergency opening of the Senior Center due to the power outage. It was decided that should the need arise again, the Board of Selectmen would hold a caucus and vote to open the Center. Becky would then handle it from there.

Becky is also checking on the price of a generator for the Senior Center and will contact Gary Courtney who is researching another generator for the Town.

The Water Operator for the Senior Center is still pursuing necessary permits from the DEP. Becky will contact them this week. If she receives no response, other options will be pursued.

7:20 pm Chapter 61A Kibbe Property Kibbe on South Road:

Resident Linda Hess requested that a decision on her family's Chapter 61A property on South Road be made as soon as possible. They are under contract with a purchaser and are anxious to close on the purchase. She asked if the Hampden Land Trust had the interest and the money to make the purchase of this land. The Board requested Linda come back to the Aug. 21st meeting and they would have answers for her on the Right of First Refusal from the Town's standpoint, including the Hampden Land Trust.

7:25 pm Ed Cenedella, Green Meadows Septic Update:

Ed Cenedella reviewed a report from consultant Mark Darnold, from The Berkshire Design Group, explaining the failures in the septic system.

The Board asked Ed to come back before them on August 21st and solicit three bids for fixing the current system, and also the cost of moving the leaching field to a new location.

7:55 pm Ray Shankel - Zoning Enforcement Officer:

Ray Shankel expressed interest in becoming the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Board explained the job and issues the job may entail.

The Board suggested Ray talk to Mark Feeney, Building Inspector for the Town of Hampden and Lance Trevallion, Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Wilbraham and come back to the August 21st Selectmen's Meeting.

8:05 pm BOS to Fire Department:

The Board continued their meeting at the Fire Department. The Fire Department had concerns about being notified to respond after a car accident. The Fire Department will create a procedure for the Selectmen's approval.

The two groups reviewed the procedure conducted for burning permits and are looking at alternative methods. The town does have another radio frequency that is in sync with the Police Department and this would make it easier to communicate with each other.

Infrastructure Improvements: The next step will be considered at the Selectmen's Meeting on August 21st.

Town Meeting Warrant Articles: There will be a notice to all departments regarding Special Town Meeting on October 30th, and any warrant articles they might want considered.

MIIA: The FY' 07 insurance will be reviewed by Rick Green and the Highway Superintendent. The Board will also start the review of the Highway Superintendent's contract.

Water Commission Opening : The Board received a letter from Edward Hatch, who requested consideration for the appointment to fill the vacancy on the Water Commission. The Board discussed the other two applicants.

John Flynn made a motion to appoint Edward Hatch to the Water Commission, Rick Green seconded it. VOTE: Duane Mosier yes, Rick Green yes and John Flynn yes.

Simplex: The Board discussed the contract for the fire panel installation with SimplexGrinnell Company. Rick Green stated some concern in canceling a contract after it had been signed. The Board discussed the re-stocking fee Simplex offered to allow the Town to cancel the contract; however that dollar amount has not yet been determined by Simplex.

John Flynn made a motion to void the contract with Simplex and to pay the 20% re-stocking fee and to accept the bid from Com-Tel and Rick Green seconded it. VOTE: Duane Mosier yes, Rick Green yes and John Flynn yes.

Highway: The Highway Superintendent drafted two letters regarding driveways. The first letter would inform the resident that their driveway is not in compliance. The second letter is a follow up and/ or escalation letter to the resident.

The Highway Superintendent recommended the hiring of Jason Walbridge for a vacant spot on the Highway Department. After some discussion John Flynn made a motion to hire Jason Walbridge per the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, Rick Green seconded it. VOTE: Duane Mosier yes, Rick Green yes and John Flynn yes.

Mark Feeney - Spray Park: Mark Feeney came into the Selectmen's meeting to discuss the Spray Park project. He asked if Chris Haluch would need a Special Permit to remove dirt from his property and take it to the Memorial Park. John Flynn suggested he bring it before the Planning Board for a decision.

A motion was made by Rick Green 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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