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

September 25, 2006
7:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

The meeting was not posted, but the Board met, reviewed items and no votes were taken.

Present: Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green

Guests: Becky Moriarty, Director, Council on Aging, Virginia Schneider, Pat Clark, John Shay, Rita Vail, Dick Gouvan, Shirley Gouvan, Deanna Vermette, Helena Nossal, Peter Nossal, Mary Malinski, Cliff Bombard, Tracy Scibaldi, Cynthia Bailey, Ed Gorski, Doug Farmer, Wilbraham-Hampden Times

7:00 pm Council on Aging: The board members came in to discuss the money from the State (so-called an earmark) available to the Senior Center and how it will be managed by the Town Accountant. Duane's understanding is that a project is presented to the State and once it is approved; the State will then release the funds. Cliff Bombard responded that if we spend money on a project for which we are not reimbursed, that amount will hit our free cash. The Council on Aging is compiling a list of projects needed by the Center so we receive our reimbursement by June 30th. Cliff will set up a special revenue account to allow the money to be spent prior to reimbursement. Cliff will also contact the State as to proper procedures. to Becky did get clarification as to how the money can be spent and it is for Senior Center use only. It was suggested that Becky add lock boxes to her list of needs since the Police Department does not fund this expense.

The Board then discussed the Building Rental/Use Policy drafted by Council on Aging members and it was noted by Rick Green that insurance to cover the user should be a requirement in the policy. People could use their homeowner's policy or submit a certificate of insurance. The policy will be revised for final approval by the Board.

7: 25 pm Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant: Cliff would like to initially work with the Town Treasurer and Clerk on the new Sumaria program until the end of the fiscal year so they can all familiarize themselves with the program prior to bringing other departments in for training.

7:30 pm Green Meadows Bond Discussion: The auditor will receive final documentation this week to provide to the School Building Authority. The Board

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discussed what questions will be necessary for the warrant article for Special Town Meeting.

Cliff Bombard suggested that we have two different articles on the warrant; to raise and appropriate the cost of the bond and how to manage any monies coming back to the Town.

8:00 pm Russ Morton, Plan Certification: Russ Morton, builder from South Ridge Road came before the Board with an as-built plan showing what improvements have been made to date on work required for the Special Permit for a common driveway issued to him. After reviewing the plan, the Board determined that all of the required work has not been completed and as a result the Cease and Desist order cannot be lifted. Russ stated that ledge on the property will not allow him to build the driveway to grade without doing some blasting. The Board stated that he must perform the work according to the conditions of the Special Permit unless he appeared before the Planning Board for an approval for a change in the plans.

Another condition that has not yet been completed is the re-establishment of the swale in front of Coyne's property. John Flynn will contact the Coyne's to let them know that this work must be performed and will be performed by Russ Morton.

The issue of driveway construction was then discussed and the point made by Russ Morton's son-in-law was that other driveways on South Ridge Road do not currently conform to Town standards, yet those residents have Certificates of Occupancy. The Board will ask Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent for a list of driveways that are a concern to him. Once received, that list will be forwarded to Mark Feeney, Building Inspector with the request that he inspect the driveways to determine if they are within required standards or not.

Minutes of September 19, 2006: The minutes were reviewed, but not voted on.

Executive Session Minutes September 5, 2006: The minutes were reviewed but not voted on.

Letter from Frank Pychewicz re: School Doors: The Board received a letter from Frank Pychewicz regarding security of doors in the Regional School District. The Board gave the package of information to Superintendent, Paul Gagliarducci to research and get back to us.

Warrant Review: The Board reviewed the warrant and will add an article to turn on additional street lights in town.

Planning Board Hearing, September 27th: The public hearing on the 27th will discuss two proposed zoning articles as well as this general bylaw article, the Right to Farm Article. The Board will attend.

South Ridge Road: The Board received a letter from Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent on a cost estimate and possible State funding to re-pave South Ridge Road prior to winter. If State aid were to be used, a complete repaving project would need to be performed, rather than just sectional repairs. The Board will discuss further how best to proceed.

IBPO, Stan Weinberg memo: The IBPO has not yet finalized their contract and our labor attorney, Stan Weinberg sent a memo to their attorney advising them to get the necessary signatures so the contract is final.

Highway Superintendent: The Board will meet with Dana Pixley as a group to start the contract negotiation process with him.

Town Building Access: The Board discussed the accessibility of our police department to enter into town buildings in the event of an emergency. At present, the Police Department does not have keys to all buildings. John Flynn will follow up with the Police Chief.

River Clean Up: Duane Mosier will meet with the river clean up group to figure out the logistics for the clean up. A member of the Conservation Commission will address the group as well to let the volunteers know the parameter of their work to be done on Saturday, September 30th. Inform the Highway Superintendent that there may be debris that volunteers are unable to get to the transfer station and the Highway Department may be asked to pick up.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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