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

November 20, 2006
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green
Guests: Council on Aging Board Members, Becky Moriarty, COA Director

6:45 pm Council on Aging Board: The COA Board came before the BOS to recommend the appointment of Karen Leger for the position of the under 60 member of their board.

A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the appointment of Karen Leger to the under 60 position on the Council on Aging Board, and was seconded by John Flynn.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Becky received an email from the State regarding the \$100,000 grant that is on hold pending resolution of the Governor's budget funding. If that money does not come through, the Sr. Center will need funding for the generator as well for emergency purposes. The board is looking into the possibility of purchasing a generator that will handle the Town House, the Fire Department and the Highway Department. The generator at the Fire House currently would then be moved to the Senior Center.

Becky reported that the Flu Clinic was a success with almost 200 residents receiving the vaccine.

Rick Green then discussed the possibility of keeping the Center open longer through the use of trained volunteers. Given the potential of only a 2.5% increase for budgets, Rick posed the question of whether the building might stay open longer if trained volunteers could be used.

Pat Clark suggested that with longer hours, utilities would increase, and wondered if the budget could bear it.

The board discussed the use of volunteers and there is some disagreement about whether a paid employee would have to be in the building or not. The consensus seems to be that a paid staff member would have to be in place.

Duane stated how pleased he is with the services currently provided for our Seniors.

The food program, support to those with special needs, health support and financial assistance, as well as the social aspect of the Center are a full complement of programs that serve our residents.

Rick agreed that he feels the COA Director, Becky Moriarty as well as all who contribute time and energy to the Center do an outstanding job. He wants to be proactive now, and look at long term to ensure focus and funding remain a priority for our seniors and the Center.

Shirley Gouvan suggested writing an article for the Scribe asking if readers if they have a special talent, the Center would welcome them sharing it with the seniors. People of all ages are welcome at the center to share their experiences.

Duane remarked on the success of the Veteran's Day Program and recognized the speaker who was very well received by those in attendance.

Rick Green asked whether an endowment fund had been or could be established for the Senior Center.

1. Minutes of November 6, 2006: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as corrected, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
2. Connery Auto Used Car License: An application was before the Board for an E-Bay business, home occupation which is zoned residential. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the permit subject to the conditions placed by Planning Board, subject to no repairs on site, and only one car on site, second by John Flynn. Vote: All in favor and so voted.
3. Roof Replacement Bid Results: Five bids were received for the roof replacement at the Town House. They were received from: Greenwood Industries Inc., JD Rivet & Co., D&M Exterior Renovations, LLC, Commercial Roofing & Contracting, Inc. and Morris Roofing and Sheet Metal Corp. A motion was made by Rick Green to award the bid to Morris Roofing and Sheet Metal Corp. including the two alternate project items, listed in the bid, subject to the review and approval by the architect, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Building Inspector Change: Lance Trevallion will start in the position of Building Inspector on December 5th, from 6 to 8 pm and will continue on Tuesday nights on a weekly basis. A sign will be posted noting the change effective December 5.

Green Meadows Septic: The sieve analysis was done on the Title 5 sand and the results were sent to Gary Weiner for his opinion. Ed Cenedella is talking with Civil Engineering who may do the design for the new septic. Holes were dug to the appropriate depth on the site during the week, and the water never permeated into the sand.

Tall Pines Conservation Easement: This office will check on the status of the easement with Town Counsel, Dave Martel.

Allied Waste: We are awaiting a proposal from Allied Waste for different sized containers. Generally good comments from residents as to the opening of recycling center every weekend.

Pioneer Valley Mutual Aid Agreement: The agreement voted at Special Town Meeting needs to be signed. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the signing of the agreement, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Outdoor Fire Furnaces: Both Building Inspectors will be contacted to inquire as to their experience with complaints with these.

Fire House and Town House: Both septic systems were pumped.

Hampden Discount Liquors, Mountain View Corporation: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the annual liquor license renewals, and was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Street Lights: John Flynn has investigated actually adding new locations, as conditions have changed over the years.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn at 9:45 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: all in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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