

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

December 4, 2006
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Duane Mosier.

Present: Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green
Guests: Cliff Bombard and John Matthews, Doug Farmer, Wilbraham-Hampden Times

6:33 Walk-In Cliff Bombard: Cliff came to the Board to let them know the tax rate will be set on Wednesday, December 6 at 9 am. Cliff told the Board it is an interesting process and recommends the Board sit in on the meeting.

6:40 Walk-In: John Matthews 28 N. Monson Road: John Matthews came in to voice a concern regarding a home occupation on 42 North Monson Road. This is a dumpster business in a R-6 zone. There are three trucks in and out of that property. A full dumpster came onto the property Monday, December 4, 2006 in the evening. There is storage on the property of empty dumpsters to the best of Matthew's knowledge. There are also stacks of material on the ground. This was all observed from the property line and no one entered the property at 42 North Monson Road.

The Board suggested contacting the Building Inspector to handle the situation. The Selectmen will meet with the Building Inspector for his report. The Board thanked Matthews for his attention to this matter.

7:10 Tax Classification Signing: The document must be signed and brought in for the Tax Rate meeting on Wednesday morning.

7:15 Conservation Restriction- Tall Pines: John Flynn reported talking to Dave Martel, Town Counsel who reviewed the Restriction and saw no negative consequence to the Town's signing. This restriction keeps existing open space open and locked up so it cannot be changed and will always remain open space. The Board of Selectmen must vote and sign and return to Conservation Commission for their endorsement.

Motion: Rick Green made a motion to approve the Conservation Restriction subject to any changes recommended by Dave Martel and/or recommendations from the Conservation Commission, John Flynn seconded it. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

7:25 Liquor License: The liquor licenses were presented to the board for approval. Motion: Rick Green made the motion to approve the following licenses; Hampden Grog Shoppe, Scantic Grille, Village Food Mart and La Cucina de Hampden House, John Flynn seconded it. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

7:35 Roof Replacement Timeframe: An award letter should go out for the roof replacement. The Board will meet with the roofers at 8:30 am on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. Near the end of the week Joe Grant will be starting the chimney work.

7:40 Sumaria Software Installation: The Board is waiting for a date on the meeting with Sumaria. Tracy Sicbaldi told the Board the meeting should be some time this month.

7:45 Department of Local Services Report: For the next meeting the Board would like to get started looking at the D.L.S. Report and decide which factions will be worked on and by whom: either committees or by the Selectmen.

7:50 Health Insurance: Pam Courtney would like the Board to do a final review of a memo on health insurance options. The Board agreed to have the memo distributed.

7:55 Chief Farnsworth Review: Duane Mosier brought with him the form used in the past for the previous Chief's review. This will be a starting point. The Board will fine tune the form at the next meeting and schedule the Chief for the meeting on December 18th.

8:00 Generator: There are a few options for receiving used equipment with good hours still left on them. All options are still being reviewed.

8:05 Other Business: John will attend the Planning Board meeting Wednesday evening.

Zoning: Rick reported that he has received two complaints from residents regarding Hampden Sign Company; specifically the trailer behind the building, currently used for storage. The question is if it violates zoning setbacks restrictions. There is also a question if a permit has been issued for the trailer from the Planning Board.

Zoning: Another complaint Rick received was on the McNamara building on East Longmeadow Road.

The Board agreed to send a note to Lance Trevallion to review these two properties as well as other zoning issues that have been pending.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn at 8:10 pm, seconded by John Flynn.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane M. Budynkiewicz
B.O.H. Coordinator

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