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

May 29, 2007
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino
Guests: Scott Chapman

6:30 pm Scott Chapman, School Committee Chair: Scott came before the Board to update them on the School Safety Conference he attended with Chief Farnsworth. He feels that HWRSD is in line with other schools attending the conference as to the level of safety planning and preparedness. There was also discussion about the security card system for schools as well as motion detector system as an added security measure.

Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant: Cliff came before the Board to state that revenues appear to be \$40,000 less than last year's due to excise revenues being down.

Police Department: Sgt. Joy came before the Board with Jason Roath, recommending that he be appointed as a Student Officer, replacing the appointment of Michael Lynch for a probationary period starting when he completes the Police Academy training. The necessary waiver from the State has been received.

A motion was made by Rick Green to appoint Jason Roath as a Student Officer for the Police Department upon completion of Academy Training, with a one year probationary period until June 30, 2008. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made at 6:45 pm by Rick Green to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an IBPO grievance brought forward by Todd Ely, with return to Open Session, seconded by Vinny Villamaino. VOTE: Rick Green yes, John Flynn yes, Vinny Villamaino yes.

A motion was made by Rick Green to leave Executive Session at 7:10 pm with return to Open Session, seconded by Vinny Villamaino. VOTE: Vinny Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes, Rick Green yes.

7:10 pm Cable Committee: Mark Barba, Phil Grant, Dave Lalonde and Duane Mosier came before the Board to discuss next steps for the cable negotiations. Rick will investigate with other providers to see if there is any interest in providing service to the town. December is our contract expiration on the existing contract. Phil Grant suggested

that with the rapid development of new technology we should consider a shorter term contract.

Minutes of May 23, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve with amendments, seconded by Vinny Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Executive Session Minutes of May 23, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinny Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

7:30 pm Vinnie Mandolini, Fernwood Drive: Mr. Mandolini came before the Board to discuss his ongoing drainage issue on Fernwood Drive which he has complained about for some years. The Board stated that his road work is on the Superintendent's 5 year list and they thought it was slated for year two. Mr. Mandolin stated that the water builds up across the road when storms occur since he cannot drain properly. The Board will ask that Dana visit the site during the next storm to observe the problem. Rick suggested that it be discussed at the meeting with Advisory on June 18th. The Board also suggested that Dana Pixley pursue having engineering done now so the residents will know that progress is being made on the situation.

Hazard Mitigation Submission: The plan has been submitted to MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency), and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission expects a quick turnaround. MEMA will send a map of the Town with all appropriate landmarks shown, and the Board will then need to vote to adopt the plan.

South Ridge Road: Letters have been sent to property owners regarding proper drainage/swale work that must be performed by them.

Water Operator: The Board will invite Mike Framarin in to meet Vinny Villamaino and discuss his work for the town.

Spray Park: The spray park is scheduled to open on June 16th.

Board of Health: Property at 61 Stafford Road requires a variance to install their septic system. Lorri McCool recommends that a variance be allowed as the ground was too wet to perc. The proper soil analysis was done.

A motion was made by Vinny Villamaino to allow a variance at 61 Stafford Road based on the recommendation by the Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made at 8:35 pm by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vinny Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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