

Approved July 23, 2007

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

July 2, 2007
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino
Guests: Ed Gorski, Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant

6:30 pm Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley: Dana came before the board to discuss proposed detour routes while doing road work on East Longmeadow Road, starting on July 9th. His plan is to close the road, install ROAD CLOSED signs with a detour sign and use Highway members to control any internal traffic from residents. He does not feel it necessary to have police perform detail work at the construction site as the road will be closed to traffic and clearly marked.

Chief Farnsworth made the point that cars will follow construction trucks as they come into the construction lane. He insists that people will not read the signs and that an officer is necessary to control traffic. Jeff then stated that MA State Law prohibits anyone other than police officers from directing traffic. He went on to state that it is against the law for Highway workers to direct traffic.

The Board discussed and concluded that based on the existing law that police details should be posted at each end of the construction project for the East Longmeadow Road and Somers Road projects. They determined that if East Longmeadow or Somers (CT State Police) required an officer that this would be one of the two officers hired and the other would be from the Hampden Police Department.

The direction is to post an officer at each end of the closed road, and use Highway Department members to control the roads in the middle to direct traffic out. The consensus is to post the officers where the road is physically closed, not at the detour signs. The Chief stated that if a detail needs to be cancelled, a three hour advance notice is required.

The Town of East Longmeadow requested that an East Longmeadow officer be used on the East Longmeadow side of the job.

Somers Road: A Connecticut State Police Officer told Dana Pixley that at Stafford and Somers we may have to post a CT officer at the location. Dana will follow up as the construction date approaches.

Police Chief, Jeff Farnsworth: The Chief brought in William E. Jacques as a candidate for a Reserve Officer's position. The candidate is an East Longmeadow resident, and is currently employed as a Monson police officer. The Board is in support of the Chief's recommendation and a motion was made.

Rick Green made the motion to appoint William E. Jacques as a Reserve Officer with a probationary period of 60 days, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Mountain Road: Warren Black from Mountain Road came before the Board to discuss the road work needed for Mountain Road, whether he can get a permit for a home occupation, and a complaint regarding a home occupation on Mountain Road. The Board suggested that he meet with the Planning Board regarding the home occupation permit and the complaint should go to the Building Inspector.

Year End Transfers: The Board will finalize transfers needed for Veteran's benefits as well as Law and Claims.

1. Bid Award for Bituminous Concrete: The Board reviewed the recommendation made by Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley to award the bid for bituminous concrete at the plant to Berkshire Asphalt, Co., @ \$38.00/ton and rolled in place to Palmer Paving Co. @ \$56.12/ton. A motion was made by Rick Green to award bids as stated, and was seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
2. Plumbing Inspector: The Board received a letter from the Plumbing Inspector stating a lack of sufficient time to continue acting in that position and requesting that he not be reappointed for this fiscal year. The Board will advertise for a plumbing inspector.
3. Minutes of June 18, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
4. Minutes of June 20, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as corrected, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
5. Minutes of June 25, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
6. VFW Invitation: The Board received an invitation to rededicate the bridge at the VFW and to celebrate the 60 year anniversary of the Post. The Selectmen will attend.
7. AFSCME Correspondence: The Board reviewed letters relative to dispatcher issues that will be discussed in Executive Session.
8. July 4th Parade Reminder: The Board will march in the East Longmeadow parade on the 4th.

9. VFW Pavilion Permit: The VFW requested a one day liquor license for the pavilion for July 14 and October 13 from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the permits, and was seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
10. Tennessee Pipeline Maintenance: A notice was received relative to maintenance work to be performed by Tennessee Pipeline from July 9 through September 07.
11. Generator Proposal: The Board reviewed the initial proposal from Lindgren & Sharples for the generator specs in the amount of \$7,000. Rick spoke to Dino D'Angelo, from the firm and they have agreed on a price of \$4,000. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the proposal, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
12. HWRSD Assessment: John spoke with Business Director, Beth Regulbuto regarding the discrepancy in the assessment due and will bring it forward at the Special Town Meeting to secure the necessary required funding.
13. Town Hall Exterior Work: John will contact Joe Grant for a quote to do the masonry work to correct the spauling work. Rick will contact Gilles Tanguay for specs for the cupola.

Rick Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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