

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

July 9, 2007
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino
Guests: Michael Framarin, Ed Gorski, Nadine Kennedy, AFSCME representative
The meeting was called to order by John Flynn at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Rick Green to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a grievance issue for a Police Dispatcher. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

A motion was made by Rick Green to leave Executive Session at 7:18 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: Rick Green yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

7:00 pm Mike Framarin, Water Operator: Mike was invited in to be introduced to Vinnie Villamaino and explain what duties he performs for the Town. The three water systems that Mike handles have won state awards for excellence and the Board congratulated him on that.

Mike has been re-appointed as Water Operator for the Town and there was discussion about the method of payment currently used. As an outside contractor for the town, he should receive a 1099 form in the future. A motion was made by Rick Green to change the payment procedure for the town's Water Operator to that of an outside contractor and was seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Transfer Requests: The Board reviewed the final transfers necessary prior to fiscal year end reporting. A motion was made by Rick Green to recommend to Advisory to approve the following transfers:

from Reserve Fund for Town House utilities	\$1,161
from Reserve Fund for Veterans Benefits	\$204
from Reserve Fund for Highway Building Maintenance	\$217.53
from Street Lighting to Law and Claims	\$1854

The motion was seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Wood Burning Furnaces: The Board reviewed area community's regulations, both proposed and enacted, relative to wood burning furnaces and agreed that they will continue to wait for DEP recommendations to come out this summer. The Board will establish regulations for the town at that time.

Howlett Hill Road update: The Board reviewed an update from Town Counsel, Dave Martel regarding the court case. One of the Plaintiff's motions has been denied by the judge and we are awaiting the final court decision.

Fernwood Drive Drainage Review: The Board received a letter from Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent with a report generated from our town engineers, Tighe and Bond detailing possible remedies for the poor road drainage. There is a very real possibility that any remediation might not even get permitted and if it did, the costs for such permitting could exceed \$40,000 prior to the start of construction. The report will be sent to Fernwood Drive residents who attended a Board meeting recently to inquire about drainage improvements.

Board of Health Variance: An application for septic design at 23 Stafford Road was submitted and requires a variance. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve a variance as recommended by the Board of Health agent, for a soil analysis at the site instead of a traditional perc test, as the ground was too wet to perc, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Executive Session Minutes: The Executive Session Minutes of June 18, 2007 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.

Chapter 61 property proposal: The Board received an email request from a landowner for clarification of Chapter 61 classification. The Board will respond that once a plan is final and presented in accordance with the law then it will respond accordingly.

Assistant Treasurer: The Board received a request from Town Treasurer, Tracy Sicbaldi requesting the appointment of Judy Mikkola as Assistant Treasurer as the Treasurer has received a letter of resignation from Pat Smith who served in that capacity for some years. The Board responded that as an elected official, Tracy may recommend the appointment and the Board will generate the necessary appointment slip.

Green Meadows Septic Replacement: The Board reviewed the bids for the septic replacement and will make their final determination once fully reviewed with the Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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