

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

July 23, 2007  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by John Flynn.

Guest: James Smith

6:30 pm        Tracy Sicbaldi, Town Treasurer: The Board has requested that warrant information be entered from the Treasurer's office on a Monday so they are available for the Board's review on Monday evening. Tracy will speak with Judy Mikkola, Treasurer's Assistant requesting same. The Treasurer has been contacted by Donna Easton-Vicalvi requesting documents provided through the Freedom of Information Act. Tracy was before the Board requesting direction as to how to proceed. John suggested she contact Supervisor of Public Records who can answer the questions/request made by Donna Easton-Vicalvi. Jim Smith was here to state that when the request was made for documents prior to the election, those documents were readily available and easy to find. Rick advised that a concerted effort should be made by the Treasurer to secure the documents, whether from ADP or the IRS and that a response should be sent to D. Easton-Vicalvi from the Treasurer stating that she is pursuing the information and to include any information she may have available at the moment.

Infrastructure Bond Status: Tracy gave a summary of a letter from our Bond Counsel stipulating necessary steps to be taken prior to any bond being secured. One request was for a detailed list of infrastructure projects as well as costs associated with the jobs. A list will be forwarded to Maureen Pacella at Eastern Bank to ensure it is what she needs for submittal to Bond Counsel.

7:00 pm        Patricia Pomeroy and Dorothy Fritts: Pat and Dorothy came before the Board to update them on the Hampden Arts Festival scheduled for September 23 and 24 at Town Hall and Academy Hall.

Scantic River Artists will be exhibiting their works as will students from Minnechaug. The group would like to erect a tent on the front lawn and do a barn raising. The Board is supportive of the event and will do whatever it can to assist in making the festival a success. The condition of Academy Hall was discussed and the Board is planning on having two new commodes installed in the next few weeks. The Board also discussed the need for police assistance and will ask the Chief if any community policing money would be available to help the two days.

The event will run on Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00 pm and Sunday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Federated Church will be holding a breakfast and dinner during the festival.

1. Household Hazardous Waste Day: The date has been scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> in Wilbraham.

2. Kathleen Rochford: Virginia Schneider has resigned from her position as Deputy Clerk and the Board will appoint Kathleen Rochford as her replacement, based on a recommendation from the Board of Registrars.
3. Welcome to Hampden signs: All of the WELCOME TO HAMPDEN signs were recently vandalized and the Board will get a list from Dana Pixley and ask if those businesses that have sponsored the signs in the past would be interested in funding the replacement of those signs.
4. Minutes of July 2, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve with corrections, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
5. Generator Bids: The Board is waiting for clarification from Lindgren and Sharples who are working on the specs for the Town House and Senior Center generators.
6. Transfer Station Upgrades: The Board is working on removing trailers from the site and are seeking bids from three vendors. The money received for the steel will be used to get a building for the Recycling Center staff.
7. Public Safety Building Meeting: The Board would like to work with a few community members and the Police and Fire Chiefs to discuss the need for a public safety building to house both Fire and Police Departments. Art Booth and John M. Flynn will be contacted for their interest in participating and meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
8. Resident's letter re: North Monson Road: The Board reviewed a letter of complaint regarding property owner and ongoing business operations which should be resolved August 15<sup>th</sup>, at the latest.
9. Fire Fighters: A request was made by firefighters for a free transfer station sticker. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow any firefighter to get a free transfer station sticker, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
10. BOH Variance Request: Rick Green presented a septic plan application for 307 Sessions Road that requires a variance. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant a variance for installation based on a recommendation from the Board of Health Agent allowing for a soil analysis rather than a perc test, since the soil was too wet to perc, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board will follow up on the following items:

- Hampden Housing Board replacement
- Academy Hall Repairs
- Step Raises for Employees
- TWB Pipe Repair
- Valley Communication – telephone system
- Town Hall Computer System
- Park and Rec security camera

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela B. Courtney  
Administrative Assistant

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