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

July 30, 2007  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino  
Guest: Ed Gorski, Doug Farmer, Wilbraham-Hampden Times, Rachel Smith,  
Wilbraham-Hampden Times. Doug introduced Rachel as his replacement at the W-H  
Times. The Board welcomed Rachel and congratulated Doug on his promotion.

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

6:30 pm Linda Krawiec, Historical Society: Linda was invited to the meeting to discuss maintenance issues at Academy Hall. Ed Harris alerted the Board to some maintenance issues, one of those being the need for commode replacements in both bathrooms. Claude Bisson has replaced one of the commodes and has another ordered. There is concern about seepage on the left side of the house, may need a leeching galley to prevent the drainage from seeping into the cellar. There was also discussion about replacing gutter, the fact that the building needs painting in the future, and the porch needs to be painted in the very near future.

Linda will check on who might help with porch painting, and the Board suggested that the Scouts are always ready to help with a project of this nature. Linda mentioned the ongoing issue with bats in the building that had been dealt with a few years ago and Rick stated that he would contact Glenn Olesuk from town for his advice.

The Board discussed the months the building will be open to the Historical Society and general public. They will keep it open April 1 through October 31 (weather dependent). At that time the building will be winterized.

Procedural change for Academy Hall: Future reservations for the use of Academy Hall will be made through this office and Linda Krawiec will be contacted as well. Keys will be given to the Police Department as well as the alarm code in the event the alarm goes off and this office is not available.

Town House Building: Ray Andree came before the Board to discuss a new phone system for the town house. John met with Jim Tremble from Valley Communications to work on reducing monthly costs as well as acquiring a new phone system. Part of our high costs are due to the number of trunk lines we have. Currently a trunk line and voice mail are \$30/month. John would recommend that we reduce our trunk lines to 8 and will wait to get a proposal for a new system at \$300 month with the reduced number of trunks.

The town offices would lose individual phone numbers and callers would be routed through a menu for various departments by an auto attendant.

Ray talked about the electric bill and it was noted that the library is the heaviest user of electricity due to air conditioning. Ray suggested installing a 7 day thermostat for the library.

A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the purchase and installation of a programmable thermostat for the library in the amount of \$200.00 from the town house maintenance account, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- DEP “Mass Recycles Paper” statewide initiative: The Board reviewed the notice from DEP and will work to support the recycling initiative both town wide and in the town offices.
- Charter Communications: The Board received notice of our license expiration with Charter and will schedule a meeting with Bob Spain from Charter to see where we stand and how to move forward with our licensing agreement. Once that date is set (in September), we will notify the Cable Committee so they can attend as well.
- Country Club: The Hampden Country Club wishes to make some changes relative to carts crossing the road and will contact the Board regarding possible crossing plans at the club.
- National Grid Hazardous Tree Removal Program: Dana Pixley spoke with a representative from National Grid regarding this tree removal program. He submitted information to the Board should they wish to meet with National Grid. The Board does not feel it is necessary to do so.

Fire Alarm Bill: The fire alarm in the Police Station was struck by lightning which cost \$950 to replace. The Board has asked that Peter Hatch contact any one of them in the future at any time, should the need arise.

Green Meadows Card Installation: The Board will ask that Ed Cenedella have the Regional School District bill the Town for the installation of security card readers at Green Meadows at a cost of \$5,000.

Green Meadows Septic Installation: The sand has been tested, construction is progressing, and someone from Presby Systems (the system being installed) has been at the site to review the installation.

BOH agent will be out of town when the job is finalized and a Presby representative will oversee the installation. Rick has talked with the crew regarding finishing the grading of the field for soccer and will get a cost estimate for that work.

A letter will be sent to Ed Cenedella regarding the pumps that have been removed from the old system. The Board wants to ensure that the pumps are inventoried so as to not lose track of them.

The Board also discussed the pipe failing at TWB that was replaced recently and needs to be replaced again. Ed Cenedella is reviewing possible causes and the Board wants a satisfactory answer before paying any bills.

- Minutes of July 9, 2007: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Executive Minutes of July 9, 2007: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve with change, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Minutes of July 16, 2007: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- BOH Variance for 67 South Monson Road: Rick Green presented a septic plan application for 67 South Monson 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.

VFW Pavilion Vote: The Board discussed the request by the VFW for one day permits for the Pavilion.

A motion was made by Rick Green to issue the VFW a one day permit to sell alcoholic beverages in the Pavilion on Saturday, August 4, 2007 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Rick Green to issue a one day permit to the VFW to sell alcoholic beverages in the Pavilion on Sunday, August 5, 2007 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Future Agenda Items:

Plumbing Inspector Appointment

Hunting Bylaw

Outdoor Wood Furnaces (end of August)

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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Administrative Assistant

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