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

August 27, 2007
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino
Guests: Allan Kinney, Bob Page, Dick Jones, Ed Gorski

6:30 pm Allan Kinney: Resident of Wilbraham and Vice Chair of Concerned Citizens of Wilbraham asked for time on the agenda to read a statement he wrote regarding school budgets. His statement contends that teachers have not been held to the same budget increase as town employees and if the School District budget is more than a 2.5% increase, any additional amount should be put to an override vote.

Dick Jones attended the meeting, stated his past experience of 10 years as Chair of the Advisory Committee and his resentment of a Wilbraham resident coming forward suggesting how the Board and town should run their business. He does not feel that we want to have an adversarial relationship with the Superintendent of Schools or the School Committee.

6:45 pm Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman: Eva came before the Board to discuss amendments to by-laws and responses from the Attorney General's office. The AG's office is requesting an attested copy of our updated zoning map, attested zoning by-laws (with changes from the April Town Meeting). The Board directed her to check with James Sewall Co. about the map and will need to meet with the Stormwater Committee to discuss some changes the AG has requested prior to final approval from them.

7:00 pm Hampden Housing Authority: Hampden Housing Authority Board members came before the Board to discuss their recommendation for the vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Olmstead. George Stone, Cece Melville and Benjamin Bump submitted their candidate for the position and agreed unanimously that Kathleen Flynn should be appointed to the position. John Flynn recused himself from the vote at this point. The Board of Selectmen had reviewed the candidates as well, and concurred with the Housing Authority's recommendation.

Vinnie Villamaino made the recommendation to appoint Kathleen Flynn as a new member of the Housing Authority's Board effective today, until the next election is held, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes, George Stone yes, Benjamin Bump yes, Cece Melville yes.

7:15 pm Lori McCool, Wood Furnace Regulations: Monson is making a final decision next Wednesday as to how they will proceed with their regulations. Lorri is concerned about enforcement of regulations. Lorri will research surrounding communities and try to have information ready to present for the meeting of September 4th.

Minutes of August 20, 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.

VFW Pavilion Permits: The Board received a request from the VFW for pavilion permits for two events. The first is for September 14, 2007 from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages under the pavilion.

A motion was made by Rick Green to grant the VFW a one day permit allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on Friday, September 14, 2007 from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am under the pavilion, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Rick Green to grant the VFW a one day permit allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am under the pavilion, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence from Senior Residents: The Board received a number of requests from senior residents asking for extended hours at the Senior Center. The Board will forward these requests to the Director, Becky Moriarty and ask for her feedback on the issue.

Town Hall Quote Review: The Board reviewed the quotes received for scaffolding for work proposed to the front of the building and the cupola. Lynn Ladder submitted a quote for the entrance work in the amount of \$3,100 and Marr Scaffolding resubmitted a quote in the amount of \$3,375. Rick Green made a motion to award the job for the scaffolding for the fascia work only to Lynn Ladder for the amount of \$3,100, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board discussed the cupola work and an option other than scaffolding. Quotes have been around the \$4,000 amount to scaffold the job. John suggested that a crane be used for the job. Rick will contact Earl Harris about using a crane.

Joe Grant will go on the roof to inspect the conditions of the front of the building to ensure there are no potential hazards that need to be taken care of now.

Academy Hall: Gus Mancuso, town resident contacted Linda Krawiec after reading about the problems with bats and has offered to do the necessary cleaning and replacement of the damaged screening for a nominal fee.

MRHS Building Project Update: There was discussion about the status of the MRHS Building review. We continue to wait for news from them.

Mountain Road Improvements: The Board discussed paving recommendations made by Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent regarding improvements to Mountain Road now that drainage work has been done by a property owner. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve chip stone paving of Mountain Road, in the amount of approximately \$17,000 to protect drainage work recently completed, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Highway Department, New Equipment: The Board has discussed the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department. Dana Pixley responded that given current staffing in the department, a bobcat might be a more versatile piece of equipment to own. The Board has asked that Dana pursue costs of the equipment and get back to them with his recommendation.

Connect-CTY: The Board has asked that Chief Farnsworth give them a date as to when training for the new Connect-CTY system will take place. This system will allow for an announcement to be made to notify all residents, a few residents, or residents from the same street of a particular message, such as road work, road closure, and car accident. It is the same type of system that the School District currently uses for school announcements.

Attorney General Bylaw Acceptance: The Attorney General's comments to the Stormwater Bylaw were returned with five pages of changes. The Board will request that the Stormwater Committee attend the meeting on September 10 to discuss current issues.

Fernwood Drive: The Board has asked that they be put on the Conservation Commission's September 19th agenda to discuss a possible remedy for Fernwood Drive drainage.

Fall Town Meeting: The Board discussed the possibility of a fall town meeting on 10/29/07. The warrant would have to be posted by 10/15/07. There are a few items that need to be handled; \$15,000 due the School District which was not reflected accurately in the Town Meeting minutes, a new phone system for the Town Hall, Highway Department equipment and a possible upgrade for the Police security camera system.

At 7:50 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Rick Green, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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