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

September 4, 2007
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Vincent J. Villamaino. Absent: Richard R. Green
Guests: Ed Gorski, Reporter for Wilbraham-Hampden Times

7:00 pm Patricia Pomeroy and Dorothy Fritts: The organizers of The Big H Arts Festival came before the Board to discuss the status of the Arts Festival scheduled in town on September 22nd and 23rd. The Selectmen have agreed to have trash receptacles placed where food will be located (outside of the church area) and at the entrances to Academy Hall and the Town House. There will be no food or drinks allowed in either building. Patricia will get a map to the Board for location purposes. Vinnie Villamaino stated that he would bring one of his trucks to the site so as trash needed to be emptied, the bags could go directly into trucks for disposal at the Transfer Station. They then discussed the need for traffic cone placement from the church to the intersection of Main and North Road, and between the Highway Department and V. Villamaino, we are certain to have enough for proper coverage.

The Board will ask that the Chief come in for the last meeting with the organizers prior to the event to discuss options for traffic control. One thought was to block traffic from leaving the Town Hall via the Main Street entrance. This will be discussed further.

The organizers will be back before the Board on 9/17 at 7:30 pm for one final time.

7:15 pm Building Inspector, Lance Trevallion: Lance came before the Board to propose changes to the fee schedules for inspections. Changes were made to bring some consistency to the permit fees. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to accept the proposed changes to the fee schedule, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool: Lorri was asked to come before the Board with information collected from surrounding towns relative to their regulations for Outdoor Wood Furnace operations. The information was collected, but Lorri's concern is how to enforce regulations and what criteria will be used. Board of Health enforcement is always quantitative and this enforcement is new territory for Lorri.

It was determined that the areas which will govern their use are: acreage, minimum distance from neighbors/another dwelling and a specific timeframe for operation.

Fire Chief Peter Hatch also sat in for the discussion and stated a specific burning season should be mandated and a specified distance from another dwelling. Peter will attend the next meeting to discuss further.

The existing moratorium will remain in effect for the time being and the Board will make a decision over the next one or two meetings.

Lorri will check with Rick Green to schedule a date for a public hearing so the residents have an opportunity to review the proposed regulations. The Board hopes to have it scheduled for 9/24.

Green Meadows Septic Installation: Green Meadows septic needs a Certificate of Compliance for an as-built plan from the installer. There was discussion about the invoice being higher than what was contracted and Lorri will review with the engineer and Mike Messier prior to paying for any extras.

Landfill Monitoring Proposal: Mike Framarin, Water Operator sent a proposal for the October monitoring phase at the landfill. The groundwater analysis fee is \$3,195.00 and necessary documentation and analysis for DEP submittal is \$3,550.00. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to accept the proposal from Mike Framarin dated August 30, 2007 in the amount of \$6,745.00, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of August 27, 2007: A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Vinnie Villamaino, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Resident's Sign Request: Residents from St. Germain Road sent a request for two "Reduce Speed for Children" signs. This will be forwarded to Safety Officer, Sgt. Joy for his comments. Should Sgt. Joy recommend the sign installation the Board would support that recommendation. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino, contingent upon the recommendation of the Safety Officer, to allow the installation of such signs, the cost of the signs being borne by the residents and the sign installation being done by the Highway Department, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Paper Recycling: The town offices currently recycle their paperwork and will work with the Senior Center to help in their recycling needs as well.

Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative: The Board received a proposal for LPVEC to act as our agent for natural gas purchasing for three town locations at the Town House, Fire Station and Senior Center. The collaborative secures bids for over 60 participants. The bids will be opened by LPVEC on September 17th and awarded for the next three year period. A motion to sign the proposal to bid was made by Vinnie Villamaino and seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Generator Bids: The engineering firm of Lindgren & Sharples, who designed the specs for the two generators, will make a recommendation to award the bid to the Board. We should have that recommendation prior to the next meeting on September 10th.

Regional Meeting: The Board was invited by the Monson Selectmen to attend a regional meeting for those communities who would be most affected should the proposed Palmer Casino become a reality. The meeting will be held at the Monson Free Library on September 12th at 7:00 pm. One of the Board members will attend.

Board of Health Variance Request: The Board received a request for a variance for a septic installation at 52 Main Street. The owner has no other available location to install the system and therefore request a variance to locate more than 50 feet from their well, but less than the required 100 feet. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to support the recommendation of Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, and grant the variance at 52 Main Street for the septic system installation within 100 feet of the well, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Chief Farnsworth: The Board would like the Chief to come to the next meeting to discuss parking issues as they relate to fire lanes, handicap parking, parking on sidewalks as well as the issue of snow removal.

Mountain Road: The Board requested an update from Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent on the drainage work being done by Scott Rumprik on Mountain Road.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm by Vinnie Villamaino, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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