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

October 1, 2007
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino

6:30 pm Public Hearing for Outdoor Wood Furnace Boiler

Present: Jim and Dorothy Kibbe, Lynn Wallace, Dave Converse, Gina and Michael Moauro, Rick Rubin, reporter for the Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Rick Green opened the hearing by explaining the work that had gone into the compilation of regulations for the installation and operation of these furnaces. The Board of Health reviewed the regulations from surrounding communities brought forward by the Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool. The group worked to remain fair to property owners; to those residents already operating these units; as well as maintaining a balance for quality of life and health issues for those potentially affected by the operation of these furnaces.

The Department of Environmental Protection may still come out with their regulations, which may be more restrictive than what the Town is proposing right now.

The protection of the public health is paramount to the Board of Health and they did take the comments from residents seriously before drafting regulations.

Dot Kibbe commended the Board for their thoughtfulness in trying to allow some burning, and being considerate of stove owners as well as neighbors of those who burn.

These regulations (once voted by the Board) will be filed with the State along with the hearing information and the process the Board of Health undertook to get to this point.

Dave Converse from Glendale Road is an engineer and has completed an EPA questionnaire to measure particulates based on the Wallace's usage. He submitted information to the Board for their review. The information suggests that the height of the stack reaps a bigger benefit than the setback requirement

Lynn Wallace questioned whether the NESCOM information had been reviewed or relied upon for facts as she wants to ensure all information was taken into consideration before coming up with these regulations.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the Regulations Governing the Installation and Operation of Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers and Furnaces, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

RAH Board Members: Members came before the Board inquiring about permitting requirements to hold a Casino Night fundraiser on November 9th. They were directed to go through the Police Chief for permitting information for this type of event, and get raffle permits through the Town Clerk.

MEMA Storm Reimbursement: Rick met with Bruce Augusti for October storm reimbursement as well as ICS classes. John and Rick will contact Senator Candaras and Representative Rogeness for their help with the reimbursement.

Regional Selectmen Meeting: Wilbraham has offered to host the next meeting on October 25, at 7:00 pm. The Board will get agenda items (Regional Human Resource Manager) to the Wilbraham office.

Ridge Road Drainage: A resident requested permission to make a modification to the swale in front of his home and after a review by Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent the following motion was made. A motion was made by Rick Green to allow the modification to the swale, as recommended by the Highway Superintendent, contingent upon any adverse effects upon the drainage be corrected by the owner, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of September 24, 2007: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Tabor Pay Rates: Helena Nossal, employee at the Senior Center questioned the lack of increase in her step and grade for this fiscal year. The Board researched this and found that in prior years, the lack of adherence to the Tabor rates allowed some pay grades to be skewed.

Police: The Chief has submitted some changes to existing bylaws that will be discussed once Dave Martel, Town Counsel has had a chance to review them.

- Unregistered Motor Vehicles
- Hunting Bylaw
- Snowplowing language
- Connect CTY Training Date – October 11, 5:30 pm
- Monthly Spending

Permit for Lions Club: The Lions Club has requested a one day permit to sell beer and wine at Hampden Nurseries for the Fall Festival. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant a one day permit to sell beer and wine at Hampden Nurseries on Sunday, October 7, 2007 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Town House: Rick Green received a quote for the windows in the cupola and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to purchase the windows for the amount of \$804.37, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Generator Award Letter: The Board is awaiting the recommendation and details from Lindgren & Sharples, PC for the generator bid they worked on.

Special Town Meeting: A motion was made by Rick Green to hold a Special Town Meeting on November 5, 2007 at Thornton W. Burgess School at 7:00 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A notice will go to all department heads, elected officials requesting their need for warrant articles for the meeting. The request will seek financial articles that cannot wait until the Annual Town Meeting.

Town Treasurer: Tracy Sicbaldi came before the Board to request their approval to borrow money for road improvements from the Stabilization Account, in lieu of borrowing the funds from a bank. Rick Green made a motion to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow needed funds from the Stabilization Account, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Hollow Road: The Board has been asked to meet to meet with the Wilbraham Selectmen on site to discuss the conditions of the road being closed in Wilbraham as well as the dumping that has been going on there recently.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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