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

October 22, 2007  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino  
Guests: Tim Nietupski, Shawn Martin, students from Minnechaug

1. Minutes of October 15, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
2. Bobcat Track Loader: The Board reviewed the spec sheet and memo from Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent as requested relative to the need for equipment for the Highway Department. They would like additional information on a backhoe attachment.
3. Selectmen's Account Spreadsheet: Jane Budynkiewicz put together a spreadsheet detailing all of the Selectmen's accounts which allows for an instant status check on what has been spent out of the allocated funds.
4. "Welcome to Hampden" Sign Status: The Board discussed the constant vandalism of these signs and the associated expense that comes with replacing them. The Board feels it necessary to let sponsors know up front the cost of replacing them and the possible recurrence of vandalism.
5. Traffic Control Police Details: Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent submitted information from a news report regarding the high cost of police detail work for construction projects that is being looked into on a statewide basis. The Board asks that the information be forwarded to the Wilbraham Selectmen for discussion at the Regional Selectmen's meeting on Thursday, October 25.
6. Mass Health Reform Vote – 125 Cafeteria Plan: The Board voted to accept the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for the Mass Health Reform. A motion was made by Rick Green that the plan be accepted and made available to town employees for the purpose of purchasing their own health insurance, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

7. STM Warrant Article 1: The Board received a letter from the School Superintendent explaining the discrepancy in the assessment voted at Annual Town Meeting and the amount that should have been voted. This will be discussed at Special Town Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
8. Generator Status: The engineers at Lindgren and Sharples stated that the pad specs for concrete work were part of the specs given at the time of bidding. The Board will work on lining someone up now to do the pouring while the weather still allows.
9. Town House Repair: Dave Markham gave a price to do the entire rebuild of the cupola (\$9,000), which includes demo work, and removal of the old cupola. The Board will get 3 prices for the job. Dave is working on forms for Joe Grant to pour and then install damaged pieces.
10. Tabor Schedule: John will review for distribution at the Department Head meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
11. Hometown Hero Award: Reminder Publications is seeking input from the Board on someone in town that they feel is qualified for a hometown hero award.
12. Green Meadows Field Clean Up: Jerry Gagliarducci will get back to us with some grading concerns, but the clean up will happen.
13. Advisory Committee: The committee has interviewed two applicants and will make their appointment know at their next meeting.

Thornton W. Burgess Pipe Repair: A motion was made by Rick Green to accept the quote from Acurate Mechanical Corporation as presented to the HWRSD in the amount of \$13,900 less the HWRSD's portion of (\$5,000) to pay for the replacement of the steam pipes at Thornton W. Burgess School, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Community Board: The Board will ask that Gary Mayotte, owner of the Village Mart allow the town to install a community board so town postings are protected as they are in the locked community board in the Plaza.

#### Calendar

Casino Meeting: October 24

Regional Selectmen Meeting: October 25

Flu Clinic: November 8

Department Head Meeting: November 13

Bulk Day: December 1

School Committee Meeting: October 23

ATM

Painting of Academy Hall

**Note:** Add Hunting on Town Property bylaw to Regional Selectmen's agenda

Board of Health: The Board of Health Agent has requested a variance for 23 Fernwood Drive as the owners were unable to do a standard perc test as the property is too wet, and they are seeking a variance for a soil test for evaluation purposes. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve a variance for a soil analysis test for septic system test due to the high water level of the property, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

State Reimbursements: Rick talked with Representative Mary Rogeness about \$17,000 shortfall in police account as well as highway shortfall of \$14,000 from money anticipated to be reimbursed to the respective departments. This information will be incorporated into a letter that will be sent to Rep. Rogeness for her help in moving along.

Main Street: There has been work on a well on Main Street that the town has no paperwork on. Lorri McCool will check on the well location.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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