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

December 11, 2007  
11:30 am

104 Allen Street  
Senior Center

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino  
Michelle Aveyard, new reporter for the Wilbraham-Hampden Times arrived.

John D. Flynn called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and thanked Becky Moriarty, Senior Center Director for hosting the meeting.

11:30 am Rick Kapinos and Mike Cronin: RAH members and sports' coordinators came before the Board to discuss the condition of TWB's Gym Floor. The subject has been brought up before and the conditions continue to deteriorate. The floor is extremely slippery, not allowing for traction for players. Principal Noel Pixley is aware of the conditions and the custodial staff works on it every couple of days. As noted, the gym is used daily as well as in the evenings. It poses safety issues due to the proximity of the bleachers and the court.

There was an evaluation done some years ago and the replacement was brought up at town meeting twice and voted down both times. In 2005, the replacement received a favorable vote on the floor at Town Meeting, but was defeated in an override question at the election. The Board would like to hear from Park and Rec as to any recommendations they might have. It was also suggested that Bob White be contacted for estimates received in past years. It should also be determined if there is a moisture issue affecting the floor.

Note: Add TWB FLOOR to ATM warrant article.

SNOW AND ICE ACCOUNT: A letter of request was received from the Highway Superintendent to deficit spend the Snow and Ice Account as necessary as the current funds will be depleted over the next two weeks.

A motion was made by Rick Green to allow Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent to deficit spend the Snow and Ice Account, second by Vinnie Villamaino.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted. This money comes out of next year's revenue for the overage.

POLICY: For highway snow and ice notification; a decision must be made as to who the responsible party is to notify Highway of dangerous road conditions. A request was made

by Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent for clarification of who is responsible for notifying the Highway Department of dangerous road conditions. John does not understand why we would deviate from the Police order from George Stone, Police Chief in 1991. The Board will reiterate to the Police Chief to stay with the 1991 policy.

The other issue is that of snow being plowed into the roadway creating a safety hazard. John thinks it is a police issue, as they can stop if they see it happening and tell the homeowner that it must be cleared away. This office will contact other communities to see how they handle the situation.

November 20, 2007: The minutes of November 20, 2007 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.

November 26, 2007: The minutes of November 26, 2007 were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn.  
VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Vinnie Villamaino was not present at the meeting.

Assessor's State Forms: The Board was asked to sign off on the Assessor's submittal to the State for our tax rate schedule.

Bulk Waste Day: Approximately 40 residents took advantage of the program offered at the Transfer Station for bulk waste removal. In addition 90 blue recycling bins were distributed for household recycling. The success of the program and the bin distribution were due to the efforts of Jane Budynkiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator.

October Storm Reimbursement: The Town received \$6,282.00 in reimbursement from the State/MEMA for the October storm clean up costs. The Board would like the status of this account from Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant.

Generator Status: The pad is ready to be poured at the Town House and then will be poured at the Senior Center. The generator is due in for the Town Hall the first of 2008. A question remaining is whether or not the existing exhaust pipe can be reused for this generator. Gary Courtney will be Clerk of the Works for the project. Another issue was confirming with the engineer that the downsizing had been approved by the Board.

Council on Aging: There is an opening on the COA Board for an under 60 member. Anyone interested should submit a letter to the COA who will then bring their recommendation forward to the Board of Selectmen for appointment.

Senior Center: A wireless internet access has been set up at the Senior Center, allowing seniors to bring their laptops in to work on them.

Planning Board: The Planning Board continues to be short a member. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest to the Planning Board.

Cable Ascertainment Hearing: The hearing is scheduled for 12/20 at 6:30 pm. Our cable contract is up for renewal and we will be looking for a short term lease (3-5 years). Charter Cable will offer some sort of discounting to the Sr. Center as well as people with fixed incomes.

Representative Mary Rogeness will be at next meeting on 12/17 to give an update on her work in the State.

Appointment: A motion was made by John Flynn to have Rick Green serve in the capacity of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, while John is out of town for the weekend, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Meeting: Kathleen Flynn thought the idea of having the meeting at the Senior Center was a good one, and then made the point that additional coverage in the papers would have made it more of a success and perhaps better attended.

### 2008 Licenses

General Licenses: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits and fees having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Common Victualler's License: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits and fees having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

Entertainment License: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits and fees having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

Disposal Works Installers Permit: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits and fees having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

Used Car Dealer's License: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits, fees and bonds having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

Permit to Operate a Swimming Pool: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits and fees having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

Automatic Amusement Device License: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits and fees having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

Septage Hauler Permit: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits and fees having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

Liquor License: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all licenses subject to all permits and fees having been received and in order, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

At 12:30, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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