

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

January 7, 2008  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green  
Absent: Vincent J. Villamaino  
Guest: Michelle Aveyard, Wilbraham-Hampden Times

The meeting was called to order by John Flynn at 6:40 pm.

6:40 pm      Police Chief: Chief Jeff Farnsworth came in to discuss several issues.

Phone Changeover: The telephone changeover will not alter the police lines and everything should remain relatively the same.

Policy: A policy for Winter Road Conditions was drafted by the Chief for the Selectmen's approval. There were a few minor changes that the Board requested. The Chief will make the revisions and return the edited policy for the Board's vote and signature.

Warrant Article: There was discussion of a warrant article for ATM for the new video surveillance camera for the Police Department to mirror the one at Memorial Park.

DARE Funding: It was agreed that DARE will continue to be a separate line item in this year's budget, as it was last year. The possibility of moving it into the budget after next year was also discussed, depending on how it is received by the town's people.

Connect CTY: The possibility of adding Connect CTY as a separate line item in the police budget is being investigated.

911 Call: The Chief reported an occurrence that happened at Monson Savings Bank on Friday, January 4, 2008. Officer Brett Purchas and Sergeant William Joy responded to a call of a woman falling. When they reached the destination the woman was not breathing and had no pulse. They immediately began CPR and used the defibrillator. When the ambulance arrived she had a pulse and was breathing. The ambulance driver commended the two officers on a job very well done. The hospital called on Monday, January 7, 2008 to let Hampden PD know the woman was moved from intensive care and was going to be okay.

The Chief told Selectmen this was the second time something of this nature was done by Sergeant Joy.

Safety Hazards: The Selectmen stated Officer Scott Trombly did a great job on getting most of the basketball hoops moved from town property where they create a safety hazard. A follow up letter should be drafted by the Police Department and sent to those residents not in compliance to move the remaining hoops.

River Park Drive: Donald Dorn has spoken to the Selectmen in regards to the agriculture land on Carmody Road. Both the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission met in a joint meeting because there are concerns the land is not being used properly and the Conservation Commission was going to draft a letter to the land owner about the use on the property. The Selectmen will look into the progress made by the Conservation Commission.

Generators: The Town Hall generator has arrived and is on the skids on the pad with hopes of completion within two weeks.

The Senior Center generator has no delivery date as of yet, underground work has to be done and the pad has not been poured.

Board of Health: The Regulations for the Boilers have been approved by the DEP and posted. The Board of Health worked diligently to compile the information and draft fair regulations. The open meetings, the Hampden Fire Chief, the Board of Health members and Agent, along with the Board of Selectmen all provided great input in the process.

The Board of Health is confident and stands by the work done to create the Regulations. They were created to protect the public health and to address quality of life issues. Some people may not be able to meet the criteria in the Regulations; however the Board was guided by the research that was done. It was an evolution that took approximately two years. Once the Regulations were approved by the DEP the entire Regulations had to be published.

It is inevitable that not everyone will agree with the current regulations, but the Board stands in support of them.

A motion was made at 7:30 pm by Rick Green to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Cable Contract issues without return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, John Flynn yes.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Budynkiewicz  
Board of Health Coordinator

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