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

MINUTES

January 22, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino
Guests: Michelle Aveyard, The Wilbraham/Hampden Times

John D. Flynn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

6:30 pm Police Union and Nationwide Deferred Comp Account: Representatives, Ed Salerno and Mark Jones from Nationwide Retirement Solutions came before the Board to explain some discrepancies in accounts held by the Police Department. Also in attendance was Brett Purchas representing the Police and Tracy Sicbaldi as Town Treasurer. Mr. Jones will make contact with the home office and the representative that the Treasurer had dealt with and will get a summary report to the Police Department. Any reports or correspondence should be copied to the Board of Selectmen as well. Ed Salerno has retired and the new representative for the Town is John Turner.

Phone Installation: The Police inquired about setting up a voice mailbox for the Fire Chief. Brett Purchas will follow up with that and train Peter Hatch on its use.

Minutes: The minutes of January 14, 2008 were reviewed. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Rick Green at 7:00 pm to go into Executive Session with return to Open Session for the purpose of discussing Executive Session Minutes of January 14, 2008, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes.

A motion was made by Rick Green to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session at 7:05 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes.

Mailbox Policy: The Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley submitted a policy to formalize the Town's past practice relative to mailboxes, stating that should a box be damaged due to the Highway Department's equipment, the Highway Department will replace and install a new mailbox. Should the resident take on that responsibility, they must provide a receipt to the Highway Superintendent for reimbursement and perform the installation themselves. The reimbursement would not exceed \$50.00. A motion was made by Rick Green to formalize the existing verbal policy and approve the Mailbox

Repair/Replacement Policy as drafted, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Pending List: The Board will continue to work on pending items.

Business Permits: Dave Martel, Town Counsel has been asked how the Board can handle two situations regarding business owners and their permits. Once the Board receives a response, action will follow.

Tree Removal: The Board has been asked about the removal of a tree in the Scantic River and contacted Phil Grant, Conservation Commission member regarding its removal. Phil gave his verbal approval based on the changes a tree can make to a river. The board will contact Dana Pixley, in hopes that the tree crews can help take it out

Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces: The Board is very confident that due diligence has been done on this subject. By January 24, the Board of Health will issue an order to cease and desist operations of all such furnaces to those owners not in compliance with the new regulations within 10 days of receipt of the order. If not in compliance, the matter will be turned over to Town Counsel.

Chapter 61 Property: The Board has been requested by the property owner, Dave Smith to vote on its right of first refusal for property located at 142 South Road, classified as Chapter 61 land. After a review by the Board and by Minnechaug Land Trust, a motion was made by Rick Green that the Board votes not to exercise its right of first refusal on 142 South Road, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Used Car License: Lance Trevallion came before the board to report on his findings from a site inspection at a used car dealer. Lance did not see any zoning issues other than a need for permitting the parking and housing of oil trucks at this site. Lance will contact the dealer and refer him to the ZBA for proper permitting.

Emergency Lighting: Lance also notified the Board of the need for additional emergency lighting in the Town House. There may be lights in one of the closets and if not; the lights will be purchased and then installed.

Casino Task Force Meeting: The next meetings are scheduled for January 30 and February 27 at 7:00 pm at the Monson Free Library. In the future they will be scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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Administrative Assistant
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