

Approved 2/21/08

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

February 11, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

Guests: Ed Gorski, Michelle Aveyard, Wilbraham-Hampden Times

6:30 pm Hampden Country Club: Bill Tragakis and Nick Cardenale came before the Board to discuss another road crossing for golf carts. It would essentially serve as a one way crossing, with a speed bump and any required signage. Chief Farnsworth is in to give his opinion on the crossing. The location has been reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Officer, Sgt. Joy. The Board did ask that a sketch showing the exact location of the crossing be submitted for our files.

A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the cart crossing as approved by the Police Chief and Public Safety Officer, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

Country Club Water Needs: There was some discussion about additional water needed for the golf course in the summer months. Nick will do further research on an existing well on T.W. Burgess School property and get back to the Board.

7:00 pm Dispatcher Radcliffe Kenison: Overtime discussion.

A motion was made by Rick Green to go into Executive Session with return to Open Session for the purpose of discussing potential contract issues, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

At 7:30 pm, a motion was made by Rick Green to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of February 4, 2008 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.

Unregistered Vehicle By-Law Decision: The Board has two by-laws relative to unregistered vehicles that will be reviewed and voted on at the February 19th meeting so they can go into the warrant for annual town meeting.

Fire Department Call Procedures: The Board has been copied on a letter to the Fire Chief from the Police Chief regarding procedures and will ask that the two departments work out the procedures so operations can run smoothly.

Grant Request: Interoperable Communications: The Board reviewed a grant submitted by the Police Chief for new radios for the Fire Department.

Correspondence:

Representative Mary Rogeness: Rep. Rogeness sent a follow up letter to the Board on the issues discussed; drainage issues in town and receiving grant money owed to the Police Department. John stated what a pleasure it was to have Mary stop in and give an update on the state's business. As a follow up, the Board will request that Mike Gorski attend the next meeting on the 19th to give advice on the drainage remediation.

Regional Select Board Meeting: Longmeadow will be hosting the next Regional Selectmen's Meeting on 2/21 or 3/5.

Hampden County Retirement Board: The Longmeadow Board of Selectmen will host a presentation by the HC Retirement Board on Monday, 3/17 at 7:30 pm.

Library Legislative Breakfast: The Hampden library is hosting a legislative breakfast on Friday, March 7 at 7:30 – 9:00 am. Senator Gale Candaras, Representative Mary Rogeness and Representative Angelo Puppolo are scheduled to attend.

South Ridge Common Driveway: The Planning Board forwarded a copy of a report from the engineer from Tighe and Bond on the condition of the common driveway and the need for erosion control. The Board will ask that the Planning Board get some hay bales and stone in to control the erosion.

Gasoline Account: Dana Pixley sent a memo to alert the Board to the fact that there will be the need for additional funds in the gasoline account prior to year end.

DRAFT School Budget: HWRSD submitted a draft budget for review by the Selectmen. A budget review date with Advisory has yet to be set.

Warrant Review: The warrant will undergo further review prior to a March posting.

Building Inspector's Vacation Schedule: Lance Trevallion has submitted a vacation schedule to the Board listing appropriate coverage while away.

Thornton W. Burgess School: The need for a new generator at the school prompted the Board to want to revisit the conditions of TWB and any capital improvements needed. There was a group some time ago who worked together gathering a list of needs and the

Board would like to reestablish the group (and/or find new members) who would be interested in serving in this capacity. Noel Pixley, Superintendent will be contacted for his input.

Rick Green emphasized the commitment of residents who have always supported the ongoing needs of the schools to maintain them in good condition. The Town has always addressed the needs of the schools as they arise and the community remains committed to worthwhile projects.

Academy Hall: The Board again discussed the need for some estimates and specs for the bat clean up of the building as well as the exterior painting that should be done this year. The Historical Society will bring the estimate forward to the CPC in hopes of receiving funds for the painting project.

Future Schedule:

Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 (due to Monday holiday)

Thursday, February 21st, Cigarette Seminar for vendors in town, 7:15 pm

Monday, February 25th at 6:00 (COA and Highway Budget Review with Advisory)

Monday, March 3rd at 6:00 (Police Budget Review with Advisory)

Wednesday, March 5th, Regional Selectboard Meeting, Longmeadow, 7 pm

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green at 8:00 pm to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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