

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

March 24, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Vincent J. Villamaino

Absent: Richard R. Green

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by John D. Flynn.

6:30 pm Fire Chief, Peter Hatch: Peter Hatch came before the Board to discuss the process for issuing burning permits. The system has worked for years, and although there are additional calls placed through dispatch, it seems to be the only way in which to track the calls. The Board concurs with the Chief and the procedure will remain the same.

7:00 pm Vinnie Mandolini, Fernwood Drive Drainage: Mr. Mandolini came before the Board to discuss drainage issues that he has dealt with since he moved into his home on Fernwood Drive. After reviewing the situation again with Mr. Mandolini and detailing that any possible improvements would require DEP and Conservation approvals, and would be at a cost prohibitive to the project, Mr. Mandolini asked what would be done by the town to remediate his problem. The assessment made by the engineer suggests that the houses were developed in a wetland and at this point, there is little that can be done that would be affordable. Mr. Mandolini has asked that an additional 75' of pipe be added to the existing drainage. The problem is that there is little change in elevation throughout and drainage is difficult at best. The Board suggested that Mr. Mandolini return for our next meeting for any additional information.

7:15 pm Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces: The Board of Health will hold a public hearing on April 14th to discuss revisions to the regulations for the operation of the furnaces.

Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard: The Board discussed a HWRSD invoice and how it would be paid and when the current accounting programs would be available for departments to input their individual invoices into the system. Cliff would like to run the program for a year before allowing access to employees.

Transfer Requests:

- Academy Hall Maintenance: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to request a transfer from the Advisory Committee in the amount of \$4,000 to Academy Hall maintenance to pay for bat remediation, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- Tree Warden Expenses: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to request a transfer from the Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,000 to cover expenses for stump removal, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Highway Building Utilities: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to request a transfer from the Advisory Committee in the amount of \$1,700 to pay for anticipated utility bills through the end of the fiscal year, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The requests were discussed with the Advisory Committee and all were approved on this date.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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Administrative Assistant

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