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

April 7, 2006
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

6:30 pm Chief Farnsworth: The Chief came before the Board to discuss a number of issues. They are as follows:

Minnechaug School Resource Officer: The Town of Wilbraham spoke at meetings and to the press regarding funding from Hampden for a school resource officer to be present at Minnechaug Regional High School. Rick commented that the Wilbraham Selectmen have not approached Hampden Selectmen about the issue and Hampden would like to meet with Wilbraham Selectmen to discuss further. The Board will invite them to the next BOS meeting.

HWRSD School Safety Meeting: There is a safety meeting scheduled for May 27 at the Mile Tree School at 6:00 pm. This is the second year that the meeting will be held which consists of Fire/Police/Selectmen/School Personnel discussing the safety of our schools.

Hampden Library Director, Ellen Bump: Ellen came in to speak about security in the Town House, specifically the front entrance when the library is open at night. When the new camera system is installed at the Town House, the Board will install a camera at the front entrance.

MIIA Driver Training: The Chief has talked with MIIA and they will provide driver training for the Police and Fire Departments with a simulator for on-road experiences. The training will result in a credit on our insurance premiums.

Basketball Hoops: The issue of basketball hoops in the public roadway has been discussed for some time. The police department has noted them as a safety issue and the highway department had some damage done to a town dump truck while street sweeping. The police department was successful in notifying owners that hoops that are moveable must be moved out of the town's right of way. There are other hoops that have been permanently installed and the Board has been provided a list of those owners. Dave Martel, Town Attorney will be notified of those owners and will be asked to send a notice letter telling residents that the hoops will need to be removed.

Board of Health

Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace: The Board received correspondence from a homeowner questioning the last day of the burning season as they wondered why a resident who was not in compliance with the current regulations was still burning their furnace.

Hollow Road Discontinuance of Maintenance: The Wilbraham Board of Selectmen sent a letter of consent to be signed by the Hampden Selectmen, agreeing to the terms of the discontinuance of maintenance. The Board will invite the Wilbraham Selectmen in to discuss the letter of consent.

Town Hall HVAC Quote: The Town Hall Building Committee received a quote for three different options for air conditioning units at the Town Hall. One is to replace the existing rooftop unit for \$16,700, the second is to install a unit for the auditorium for \$31,127 and the third will be an estimate for the 1st floor of the town hall.

Chapter 90 Allocation: The Board received notice that the tentative amount of \$196,991 will be allocated to the Town in Chapter 90 money.

Advisory Hearing 7:00 pm

A motion was made by Rick Green to move the meeting to the auditorium for the purpose of the Advisory Hearing for Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Budget review, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

NOTE: Laughing Brook Opening April 26th.

The Board returned to the Selectmen's Office and a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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