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

April 22, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

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

6:30 pm Town House Building Committee: Bob Burger, Gilles Tanguay, Ray Andree: The members came before the Board to discuss the next phase of improvements slated for the Town House. There is a warrant article for Special Town Meeting requesting \$44,860 to fund renovations for Phase 3 of Town House improvements. This would fund a new HVAC system for the upper floor of the town house, repairs to the women's bathroom, including a baby changing station, repairs to the men's room, replacing the stove exhaust in the Melville Room, and repairing the rain damaged wall near the auditorium and then painting the wall.

Town Treasurer, Tracy Sicbaldi: Tracy brought a bond in for the Board to sign.

7:00 pm Historical Commission: The Board asked that the commission come in to discuss the ongoing maintenance of Academy Hall. There is a warrant article for Special Town Meeting to fund the painting of the building and given the historical nature of Academy Hall, the Board wants to ensure proper precautions are taken and the correct specifications are known to those who quote the job. Connie Witt will contact a source who has done historic building painting in the past for those specs.

7:15 pm Department of Environmental Protection: The Board requested help from DEP members to determine what remediation might be done to improve conditions of the Scantic River from the storm damage in 2005. Mark Stinson and Bob McCollum from Wetlands and Waterways Division of DEP came to respond. John asked about the silting problem at the Chapin Road Bridge and whether dredging was possible. The response was that there are two permitting processes that have to be achieved; the Wetlands Protection Act and the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The DEP members questioned why the river's condition is a problem. Unless there was some catastrophic impact from the silting or from the channel of the river having changed,

there would be no cause for remediation. The question of whether new development had made a change to the watershed was posed, and the response was that present conditions were most likely just a result of the storm and flooding that occurred.

The project could be reviewed, but when asked about private property, the response was that the process and necessary funds would make it prohibitive for the homeowner to pursue on their own.

Bob McCollum did state that he could assist should the town need help with the permitting process to repair Glendale Road that occurred with the embankment caving in as a result of the storm. What repair has been done, is a temporary fix and it was understood by the town at the time of repair, due to the proposed costs associated with a permanent repair.

Bob offered to look at the watershed for the last two years and would need site identification, a topographic map with numbers on it for identification purposes.

It was determined at the end of the discussion, that there is little threat to town infrastructure. Noting that, the Board will not pursue any further.

Police Association: The Board received a request from the Police Association requesting permission to purchase and operate the soda machine in the Town House. In the past, the Police Association received a percentage of proceeds from the machine, but the current owner has not continued to offer that benefit. The Board reviewed the request, but want additional information from the Association, such as the suggested prices for the products that will be sold. Once additional information is received, the Board will make a decision on the request.

Minutes: The minutes of April 14, 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.

The Executive Session Minutes of April 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.

Highway Bid Recommendations: The Board received recommendations from Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent on material and service bids opened on April 16, 2008 for the following materials.

A motion was made by Rick Green to award all bids as recommended by Dana Pixley, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

They were as follows:

Bituminous Concrete, rolled in place, The Lane Construction Corporation, \$60/ton,

Bituminous Concrete, at the plant, Palmer Paving, \$59/ton,

Catch Basin Cleaning, National Water Main Cleaning Co., \$119/hour,

Street Sweeping, JR Sweeping, \$125/hour,

Trap Rock, John's Trucking of Agawam, Inc., \$17.55/ton,

Winter Road Sand, John's Trucking of Agawam, Inc., \$12/cy,
MC Cutback Asphalt, All States Asphalt, Inc.

Bond Cancellation: The Board received notice from an insurance provider that a used car licensee's bond had been cancelled. The Board will send a letter stating that all privileges to sell second hand vehicles in town are revoked until and unless a bond is submitted to the Town.

Keno-To-Go Decision: The Board received notice from the State about allowing Keno-To-Go games for those vendors currently selling Keno in their establishments. The Board had no need to reply, as inaction was sufficient to voice their approval of the game.

Board of Health:

Variance at 474 Glendale Road: The Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool reviewed a plan requesting a variance for two requirements at 474 Glendale. The first was to allow a soil analysis to be performed as ground was too wet to perc and the other was requesting a variance to allow the installation 80' from a well, rather than the required 100'. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the variances requested, as recommended by Lorri McCool, BOH Agent, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Outdoor Boiler Regulations: After holding a public hearing on the revisions to the current regulations, the Board voted to approve the new regulations. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the new regulations, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Red Sox Letter: The Board was asked to send a letter to the Boston Red Sox requesting that Hampden be a stop on the tour of the championship trophy for the World Series. A letter will be sent this week.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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