

Approved 5/19/08

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

May 12, 2008  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino (out of Town)  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by John D. Flynn.

6:30 pm      Town Planner Calendar Presentation: Amy Scott and Beth Pieca came before the Board to discuss the Town Planner Calendar, which is calendar designed to note all community dates as submitted by committees, organizations, etc. The Board will provide their meeting information for printing when requested.

6:45 pm      VFW Memorial Day Parade: Art Booth and Charlie Wood, VFW Commander came before the Board to discuss the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am. The Board and the VFW will work together to orchestrate the day, to include the Hot Dog Social immediately following the parade. The Board will contact Park and Rec and RAH about inviting teams to march and ensuring that everyone knows the “tossing” of candy is prohibited.

7:15 pm      Richard Jonelius, Used Car Permit: Mr. Jonelius came before the Board to discuss an application for a used car permit. He resides in Somers, CT, and owns property in Hampden. The Board informed him that his first step in the process was to make an appointment with the Planning Board first, before going any further.

Minutes: The minutes of the following meetings were reviewed as approved as follows:  
➤ May 5, 2008 : A motion was made by Rick Green to approve with correction, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.  
➤ April 14, 2008: The Board of Health Public Hearing minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve the minutes, second by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

End of Year Transfers:

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$3,636.00 from 42.0 Public Grounds, to 21.3 Cemetery Expenses, second by John Flynn. Vote: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$500.00 from 015383, Sr. Center Maintenance to Sr. Center Utilities, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$2,000 from Reserve Fund to Sr. Center Utilities, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$5,340 from 17.2 Employee Benefits to 43.1 Highway Maintenance, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$5,000 from 34.0 Ambulance Subsidy to 41.1 Tree Warden Expense, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$550.00 from the Reserve Fund to 48.1 Highway, Building Utilities, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$500.00 from the Reserve Fund to 43.0 Highway Maintenance, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$1,182.62 from 36.0 Street Lighting to 42.0 Public Grounds, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$5,000 from 8.1 Law and Claims to 35.0 Gasoline Account, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Motion made by Rick Green to transfer \$306.34 from the Reserve fund to 7.3 Unemployment Compensation, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Colonial Village Mowing: Residents had concerns about the mowing of the town owned property in Colonial Village and made several calls to the Selectmen to seek a resolution. Dana Pixley and Rick Green had talked about possible solutions and it was suggested that the mowing of the Transfer Station be paid through the Enterprise Fund, allowing those funds to be used for the mowing of Colonial Village. A motion was made by John Flynn to charge the mowing of the transfer station to the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund and direct the Highway Superintendent to start the mowing of Colonial Village immediately, second by Rick Green.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A memo will be sent to the Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent advising him of the change.

Garden Club: Ginny Blake came before the Board to ask about erecting a barn façade for the garden club's tour.

Correspondence:

SVRHT/Regional School District Letter: The Board will make public their support of the HWRSD's letter requesting additional options for health care be made available through SVRHT.

Girl Scout Bottle Drive: The Girl Scouts have requested two dates for use of the Transfer Station so they may conduct a bottle drive to benefit their troop. The dates are for 5/31 & 6/28. The Board will notify the Girl Scouts that they are in support of their efforts.

Fire Department Dinner: The Board was invited to the Annual Fire Department Dinner to be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The full board will attend.

Brown Tree Complaint: The Board received a request from the Highway Superintendent for direction as to how to proceed with a request made by a resident for a tree removal. This will be discussed at next week's meeting.

Holster Purchase: The Police Department will be purchasing new firearms for the department. The Police Association will be responsible to purchase the holsters.

License Attachment: A liquor license has been served with a lien prohibiting the sale or transfer of that license until a debt has been paid.

Soda Machine Information: The Police Association had requested permission to purchase the soda machine in town hall and the Board requested pricing information before approving the purchase. The Association stated that the prices must be kept in line with area prices and as long as they were, the Board has no issue with it.

PVTA Proposed Rate Increase: The Board has been notified that there is a proposed increase in rates, which will be discussed at public hearings this summer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B. Courtney  
Administrative Assistant

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