

Approved 6/11/08

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

June 2, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn (out of town)

The meeting was called to order by Rick Green at 6:30 pm.

Police Department: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract issues at 6:30 pm with return to Open Session, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino yes, Rick Green yes.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session at 6:40 pm, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino yes, Rick Green yes.

Police Budget: The department is in the black with their budget, and don't anticipate any transfers prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Veteran's Reimbursement: As a result of the meeting held between communities sharing the Veteran's Agent, Bob Mathison will compile copies of all that has been filed with the state and get that information to the Board by the 11th to then be reviewed by Cliff Bombard and Tracy Sicbaldi.

Year End Transfers: The board reviewed the status of accounts and will finalize transfer requests at the meeting on the 11th and get those to Advisory on the 16th.

Transfer Requests: The Board reviewed the request for a transfer in the amount of \$874 from Office Equipment Maintenance to Unemployment Compensation. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to transfer the amount of \$874 from OEM to UC, to be forwarded to Advisory for approval, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board reviewed a transfer request and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to transfer \$845 from Office Equipment Maintenance to Town House Maintenance to pay for the cost of a new outdoor directory sign, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The request will be submitted to Advisory for approval.

Cemetery Commissioner: Resident Edward Norman sent a letter of intent to serve on the Cemetery Commission. Rick Green spoke with Dick Hatch, Cemetery Commissioner as to the Commission's recommendation. Dick's response was that there is an interest and they would be pleased with the additional member.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Edward Norman to the position of a Cemetery Commission for a three year term, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Town House Parking Lot: Vinnie brought up the idea of expanding the town hall parking lot, providing an additional entrance and additional spaces. The project has gone out to bid and is due to be opened on 6/12 (without the proposed additional parking). It will be discussed further at the meeting on 6/16.

MIA Credits: The Town received credits in the amounts of \$111 towards our Property and Liability coverage and \$315 towards Worker's Compensation due to proactive programs.

School Building Authority Letter: The Board received a letter from the School Building Authority approving the District's choice of project managers should the school project go forward.

Transfer Station Stickers: The Board of Health will continue last year's practice of giving transfer station stickers to the volunteer fire fighters who want them.

Transfer Station Building: The Board again discussed the installation of storage building at the transfer station. There are some concerns with the location of the building that should be discussed first with Dana Pixley. Vinnie will contact Dana about this. With the establishment of the enterprise fund, any monies accumulated may be used for capital improvements. At present we have about \$20,000 in excess funds that could be used for the building.

Board of Health

196 Allen Street: A variance was requested by the resident due to the groundwater separation. A motion was made by Rick Green to grant a variance based on the Board of Health's recommendation to allow the system installation with a lesser groundwater separation, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

7 Northview Terrace: A variance was requested by the homeowner for a lesser distance between well and septic system that is required. A motion was made by Rick Green to grant a variance for the septic installation in a location less than 100' from the well, but greater than 50', seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Tree on Brown's Property: Vinnie Villamaino talked with Bill Brown about the issue with his tree and the messages he left for town employees. If this office does not hear

from B. Brown by June 11, 2008, he will be put on notice that his tree poses a safety hazard and he will be liable for any damages incurred as a result of the tree's condition.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. VOTE:
All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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