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## TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

#### MINUTES

August 18, 2008  
6:00 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent Villamaino, John D. Flynn,  
Guests: Katie Breault, Wilbraham/Hampden Times, Edward Gorski, Tom Cohan,  
Charter Cable Company

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Rick Green.

Vincent Villamaino was not present at the opening of the meeting due to a business commitment; he arrived at the meeting 6:21 p.m.

Tom Cohan, Charter Cable Company:

The contract was looked at by the Selectmen. Paragraph 13.1 was accepted as written. Paragraph 13.3 will be looked at in more depth. Tom will come back to the Selectmen with a proposal to set up a bulletin board for the town which may include a video feed and will bring a representative to discuss the bulletin board in more detail.

The contract will have a six (6) month timeframe in which to get the "bulletin board

The Selectmen expressed the need for free internet access in the three (3) town buildings: the Town Hall, 625 Main Street, the Senior Center, 104 Allen Street and the Fire Station, North Road. The Town Hall must have three (3) drops, one for the Police Department, one for the library and one to service the rest of the departments.

Tom Cohan will come back to the Selectmen after Labor Day.

Public Hearing to Adopt Hazardous Mitigation Plan:

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Edward Gorski was the only resident present.

The plan was prepared by Pioneer Valley Pioneer Commission (PVPC), Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent, John Flynn, Selectman, Deb House and Kathy Foster, Planning Board Clerks, Melissa Lail-Trecker, resident. It was explained this plan would put Hampden in a better position to receive grant money. The floor was opened for questions.

Seeing no questions, a motion was made by John Flynn to accept the plan as presented to the Board, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Entertainment License Extension Request:

The Board received a written request from the Hampden Country Club for outside entertainment on Friday nights from 6:00 at 10:00 p.m.

A resident from Raymond Drive wrote a letter requesting that the music be turned down and stopped at 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. John spoke to a resident of Raymond Drive. She told John she has central air and does not spend a lot of time outside so the sound does not bother her. If others don't have central air and spend time outside she could see where it might bother them.

A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the amended license with the stipulation it will be good only for the rest of the calendar year and the outside patio must lower the volume and cease operations at 10:00 p.m., seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Conservation Commission: Bart Lipkens, a resident in town, had expressed an interest in serving on a town board, and was told about the need to fill a position on the Conservation Commission. Unfortunately, he determined that he does not have the time to devote to the group, but may be interested in a year or two.

Board of Health Variances:

134 Thresher Road: A variance has been requested due to the ground water separation. A motion was made by Rick Green to grant a variance for the installation of a septic system with a 1 foot reduction for ground water separation, based on the recommendation of the Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

43 Carmody Road: A variance has been requested due to a septic system being less than the required 100' from the well location, but more than 50'. A motion was made by John Flynn to grant a variance for the installation of a septic system which is less than 100' from the well based on the recommendation of the Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

V.F.W. One Day Licenses:

There are two (2) license requests for the use of the Pavilion at the VFW for a one day liquor license. There are as follows:

- September 10, 2008, 6:00pm to 10:00 pm for the Lions Club Steak Dinner,
- October 11, 2008, 12 pm to 12 am for a wedding,

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant a one day liquor license to the VFW for the pavilion for the above referenced dates, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

West Nile Virus Bird Procedure:

The police were called to the Country Club for a bird staggering on a green. The police responding by destroying the bird and an employee of the Country Club disposed of the bird. The police requested a procedure from the Board of Health for bird calls.

A written procedure was put into place by Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent for any future calls. Lorri reminded all the bird cannot pass on the virus it comes from the mosquito.

Gateway / DLS Plans

John D. Flynn will be the point person on for this.

Road Detail Discussion:

Jeff Farnsworth, Chief of Police submitted proposed language drafted by the Police Union's attorney relative to road detail work to be done by flagmen or policemen depending on the circumstances.

Selectmen have asked the police to be present at the next Board meeting to discuss the details in depth. An option may be having police work details that would require more than four (4) hours work, on a main road, as determined by the Board of Selectmen and any project under four hours would be up to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Vacation Leave for Highway Superintendent:

The Selectmen will request that the Highway Superintendent designate a contact person to be in charge of the department when he is going to be out on vacation or on a personal day.

Free Cash:

The free cash stabilization has been certified at \$237,294. The Board will meet with Advisory Board and with Cliff Bombard in mid-September to formulate a plan. Both the Assessors and Police are in need of new servers, there should be \$10,000 put into snow and ice as well.

Special Town Meeting:

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to hold the Special Town Meeting on October 27, 2008, John Flynn seconded it. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board will make all departments aware of the date of September 27 for getting articles to the Selectmen for inclusion in the Town Meeting. Offer to help Advisory with posting meeting Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> with Selectmen's meeting posting, setting the date for the meeting on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Louvers for Generators:

The Board decided to do nothing at this time regarding louver at the Town Hall per recommendation of Gary Courtney, Inspector of Wires. The louvers for the generator at

the Senior Center will be left up to the discretion of Becky Moriarty, the Senior Center Director.

TWB update:

Awaiting the building committee to come back to the board with their list of priorities and estimated costs.

Flag for Joe Henry's son:

John Flynn made a motion to sign in the white area by the grommets, flag to be given to Sergeant Joe Henry's son who will be serving in Iraq. The flag will fly over his base in Iraq. The Selectmen will ship it to him.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Budynkiewicz  
Board of Health Coordinator