

Approved 10/20/08

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

MINUTES

September 15, 2008
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn
Rick Green was not present, due to a prior commitment.

Guests: Advisory Committee; Timm Marini, Doug Boyd, Carol Fitzgerald, Jamie Collins.
Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard, Town Treasurer Tracy Sicbaldi

The meeting was called to order by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:01 pm.

6:00 pm Special Town Meeting: Advisory was asked to attend this meeting for a discussion of the proposed warrant articles for Special Town Meeting on October 27th. They reviewed the articles along with some of the cost estimates available. These numbers will be better defined as time goes on. The Town Accountant and Town Treasurer were both here to discuss the free cash number as well as the amount currently in the stabilization account. Warrant must be posted by October 10th. Advisory Hearing will be posted for October 14, 2008.

6:30 pm Paul Gagliarducci, HWRSD Superintendent: Dr. Gagliarducci came before the Board to give an update on the School Building project. There are two districts that are in the early stages with the state, and Norwood is the first. The negotiations with that district will set the tone for our own negotiations. The model they are currently working on does not allow for "room to grow" for the region and that would have to be addressed. The model is three floors with a large media center, and may not work for our needs. If the Superintendent's office is located in the building, we would probably not be reimbursed for that cost. The pool would be included in the cost of the building, but would not be a reimbursable item. Dr. Gagliarducci hopes to have an agreement before February, allowing sufficient time for the election. The reimbursement number has not been fully determined, but will be in the range of 50 to 70%.

Dr. Gagliarducci will forward information from the MSBA, which is a PowerPoint presentation.

Tracy Sicbaldi, Town Treasurer

- Bond Balance/Bond Allocation: Tracy reviewed final numbers for bonding for infrastructure improvements this year.

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Police Department:

- Cruiser Accident: There was a minor accident in the parking lot of town hall.
- Radio Communication Estimate: The chief submitted a cost estimate for a new radio system of \$175000 to \$200,000.
- Press Release for Traffic Hazards

Housing Court Judgment: The Town was successful with the housing court decision regarding the operation of an outdoor solid fuel furnace.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B. Courtney
Administrative Assistant

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