

Approved 9/30/08

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

September 22, 2008  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Rick Green.

Board of Health: Vinnie Villamaino remarked that Dave Crombie, resident at 93 Carmody Road will be issued a Solid Fuel Stove Permit that is in full compliance with the new regulations. This is the second permit issued under new regulations for these stoves.

Transfer Station Note: The Board discussed the need to include additional money for transfer station bags in the approved enterprise fund budget as this is a year that we have to purchase bags.

Home Occupancy Business: The Board received notification that Mr. Moriarty from Wilbraham Road has been performing tattoos at his home on Wilbraham Road. The Board of Health will send a letter telling him to discontinue the practice immediately as they are doing so without a permit.

South Road Property: Sherry Himmelstein came before the Board to discuss property owned by David Smith which has just come out of Chapter 61 tax classification. Sherry and her husband have an interest in purchasing the property to protect it and keep it as "open space". Since the town has a right of first refusal on Chapter 61 property for a one year timeframe, Sherry is requesting that the Board act on the request and sign off on the release when it comes through this office. She could then purchase, put conservation restrictions on it and put it back into Chapter 61 tax classification.

The Board then asked about the Kibbe property that was purchased with some town funds and how the sale of that was going. Sherry had interest from two separate parties, but it appears that negotiations have stalled at this point. Sherry emphasized that the conservation restrictions are very tight on the property and MA Audubon would not allow any building and/or use of the property outside of those boundaries prohibited by the restrictions.

Simkins Farm: The Board then discussed the property known as "Simkins Farm" consisting of 30+ acres which is currently for sale. Sherry has been asked by residents to try and protect the property since it is on an aquifer.

Cemetery Commission Correspondence: The Cemetery Commission submitted a memo to the Board requesting additional money for clerical work and money for a cemetery fence, with no supporting documents. They would like these items to appear as warrant articles for Special Town Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Highway Department: Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent submitted two memos to the Board requesting approval on the following:

- Allen Street Traffic Markings: A resident at 343 Allen Street requested that the posted passing zone in front of his home be changed to a “no passing” zone. The Board discussed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the double solid line to the town line, as recommended by the Highway Superintendent, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Hampden Housing Authority: The Highway Department has provided sanding and salting services to the Hampden Housing Authority for some years, the last year at a cost per event of \$35.00. Given the cost increase of material, Dana asked that the Board approve his increasing the amount to \$50.00 an event. The Board concurred with his recommendation. Dana will notify the Hampden Housing Authority of the increase.

Police Department:

- Budget Recap: Jeff submitted his monthly budget recap for the Board to review.
- Chief's Contract: Jeff submitted his current contract to the Board with his proposed revisions. He also submitted a “boilerplate” contract that he would like to use instead of the one currently in place. The Board had requested that a review be done by Attorney Erhard, which has been done. The Board will now familiarize themselves with the comments from the attorney and will discuss at a future meeting.
- Chief's Performance Review: The Board has work to do on this issue as well.
- Fire Department Paging Policy: The paging policy for the Fire Department has been rewritten and has now been signed by all parties, Fire, Police and the Board.

Black Horse Tavern: Food Permit, Entertainment License, General License (for jukebox), Common Victualer's License, Automatic Amusement License: All of these permits and licenses were submitted for approval by Tim Dineen for the Black Horse Tavern. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve all permits/licenses for the Black Horse Tavern, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of September 3, 2008. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 8, 2008. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to accept the minutes of September 8, 2008, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Green Meadows School: Fencing – Rick will pursue with Bonnie and School Committee.

One Day Liquor Permit: The Log Cabin catering a wedding on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 8:00 pm at residence 37 Genevieve Drive. – a motion from John Flynn to grant a one day liquor license to Log Cabin (check on insurance certificate for all liability) and certification that bartender is trained in alcohol service, second by Vinnie . VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Warrant Review: As a result of news releases, the State monies anticipated earlier in the warrant process have now been modified.

Personnel Committee: Don Collins, Bill Gouzounis and Tom Argenio came into the meeting to discuss the status of their review of the merit/step increases for town employees. They will continue to work on the process and meet again with the Board.

Note: Post meeting for 10/2 at 4:00 pm for BOS and Executive Session

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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