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

**MINUTES**

October 14, 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 pm by Rick Green.

Guests: Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent, Connie Witt

Connie Witt: Resident of Main Street came before the Board to offer some information she gathered relative to available grants that the Town might be eligible for. Connie wants to ensure the Town doesn't get into something that puts us in a worse position. She explained that through her research if we get grant money from FEMA, they would expect us to relocate, rebuild, raise properties that are in the floodplain. The Hazardous Mitigation Committee worked with the PVPC in putting together a Mitigation Plan, accepted by MEMA and FEMA to put us in a more favorable position to receive grants.

Rick Green thanked her for her input and explained that a seminar is being held by FEMA on October 30<sup>th</sup> that he will attend. He will let Connie know what he learns from that seminar.

Council on Aging: The Board invited Rita Vail in to discuss her position as a board member on COA and whether she wanted to continue to serve on that board. Rick explained that given recent interest in serving on the board that all members with a term expiring were asked to meet with the Selectmen for a brief discussion. Rita is enthusiastic about continuing on the board, feels as though she has a lot to offer and that the Director has been well served by the Board. The bylaws are being reviewed at this time, and one of the items up for discussion is term limits for members. All interested parties have come before the board and a vote could occur. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Rita Vail for a three year term, from 08 through 2010, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Tracy Sicbaldi, Town Treasurer: The final amount to be borrowed for the bond is \$448,000 plus interest. Tracy will work on this with Maureen Pacella from Eastern Bank.

Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant: Cliff came in to discuss fiscal 08 bills for the Fire Department. The bills will be approved for payment.

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Highway Department: Dana Pixley was in to discuss a transfer from the Reserve Account for Highway Maintenance in the amount of \$21,800. This amount will cover increased costs of asphalt for road patching, for stump grinding and flood repairs.

He also mentioned the bid results for road salt at \$88.80/ton for this winter's salt, an increase of 33%.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm to attend the Advisory Hearing at 7:00 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

7:00 pm Advisory Hearing: The Board moved to the auditorium for the hearing and returned to their office at 7:30 pm.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to open the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence:

Smith Property, 142 South Road: Right of First Refusal: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to waive our right of first refusal for the purchase rights to 142 South Road, formerly classified as Chapter 61A property, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Highway Department: Dana Pixley submitted a letter regarding the replacement of trees in Colonial Village, upon receipt of payment by residents.

Dog Complaint: The Board was copied on a complaint regarding a dog. The problem is being handled by TJ O'Connor Animal Shelter.

Hollow Road: The Board will check on the status of the road maintenance ceasing when it meets with the Wilbraham Selectmen.

Outdoor Solid Fuel Furnace: The DEP has granted their final approval to the regulations and all that is required is the Board's signature and the posting on the Town Clerk's Board.

Minnechaug Building Meeting: The Building Committee will meet again on October 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss status of the project.

Generator Account: The Board needs a balance for the generator funds. There is a need for a new transfer switch which quotes are being sought on.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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