

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

October 20, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn
Guests: Ed Gorski, Katie Breault, Wilbraham-Hampden Times, Tyler Witkop, Intern for Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Advisory Committee: Carol Fitzgerald, Doug Boyd and Jamie Collins stopped in to discuss funding the stabilization accounts for Special Town Meeting. The recap sheet will be re-done by Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant prior to the Special Town Meeting. It was agreed that \$94,000 would be recommended for Article 8 and Article 9 would request that \$212,000 be put into stabilization to help with our cash flow and to allow us to borrow from it if need be. It will be recommended that \$25,294 be put into the Reserve Account. After approval at town meeting, the Board will request that \$21,800 be transferred into Highway Maintenance for unforeseen expenses.

Correspondence:

- Winter Conditions Update: The Board has drafted a memo to go to Jeff Farnsworth, Police Chief regarding new bylaws approved at Annual Town Meeting regarding snow/ice left in roads obstructing plowing and a winter parking ban that goes into effect every November.
- Centennial Commons: Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent received approval from Centennial Commons, Senior Housing Complex to continue sanding the roadway for each storm event, with the agreement to pay for such service (as has been done in the past).
- Budget Impact: A memo has gone out to all department heads asking for input as to what they estimate the impact of the State budget cuts will be to their budgets. Jeff Farnsworth anticipates almost a 70% reduction to community policing.
- MSBA PowerPoint Presentation: The Minnechaug Building Committee forwarded a presentation regarding the Massachusetts School Building Authority program.

Minutes:

- September 15, 2008: Minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Rick Green was not present at the meeting and therefore abstained from the vote.

- October 6, 2008: Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve with correction, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- October 14, 2008: Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Building Use Request: A resident requested use of the auditorium and the Board approved.

Deferred Compensation Plan Decision: The Board met with five different representatives from five plans, who presented their services for the Town's employee's retirement plan, to replace the existing service provided by Nationwide. The employees have received a poor response from Nationwide, a lack of service, etc.

A motion was made by John Flynn to award the deferred compensation plan to SMART Plan, a State approved compensation plan, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Town Hall Improvements: Ellen Bump, Library Director asked about the security camera scheduled to be installed at the front door of the town house. Pending Special Town Meeting approval, the improvements will be scheduled for completion.

Boiler Room – Electrical Needs: Ed Poulin will be contacted to assess the conditions of the electrical system in the boiler room.

Special Town Meeting: The motions will be completed and distributed this week for the Board, Advisory, Moderator, Clerk and Town Counsel's approval.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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