

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

December 29, 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.

- Grievance Procedures: A letter has been drafted to IBPO attorney regarding grievance filed by Police Officer. Letter will be revised to reference specific language in the contract and then sent.
- Right of First Refusal: Hampden Nurseries Property: Property notification will be forwarded to various departments for any interest in the property. They will be notified, and seller will be notified once voted.
- Culvert Improvements: Rick Green, Dana Pixley and Tom Couture met today to discuss possible remedies to the Main Street culvert improvements. It was determined that undertaking the first task in the proposal from Tighe and Bond will be sufficient to determine the best solution to the problem, then other steps can be undertaken and presented at Town Meeting. Tom Couture will have that proposal by next Monday. It appears to be in the vicinity of \$3500.
- Parking Violations: Dave Martel suggested a couple of revisions to the existing violation form currently in place. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to amend the traffic rules and orders as adopted 9/14/50 by the Board of Selectmen, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. We will wait to hear from Dave Martel after the form has been reviewed and approved by the courts.
- HWRSD Updates: Retirement announcement of Dr. Paul Gagliarducci. Rick stated Dr. Gagliarducci's success in keeping the school budgets down and that he is a forthright, decent gentleman, and speaks in plain talk for everyone to understand. John Flynn noted that he has been a fantastic superintendent, served as a positive force in the school district as well as a resident of the town, worked diligently as a taxpayer and manager of the school district, and wishes he would stay a few more years.

- Dumpster Contract: A local vendor visited the police dispatcher and asked about the contract for our town hall dumpster. The Board suggested that vendors be contacted regarding all town dumpsters; Park and Rec, Senior Center, Highway Department.

Veterans' Service Officer: We have been notified that the reimbursement forms have not been sent in a timely manner which prohibits our town from getting the reimbursements from the State. The Board will send a letter to other towns asking if they have been notified in the same manner. We will schedule a meeting to discuss the issue and determine a resolution to the problem.

NOTE:

Building Committee Meeting: January 15

Ashland High School Tour: January 17<sup>th</sup>; Vinnie will attend.

Charter Cable Hearing: January 5

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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Administrative Assistant

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