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

January 13, 2009  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn

Executive Session, Ely Grievance:

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:30 pm to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a grievance issue with Officer Todd Ely, with return to Open Session, second by John Flynn. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes, Rick Green yes.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to Executive Session at 7:20 pm, with return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes, Rick Green yes.

Donald Dorn, Riverside Park: Mr. Dorn came before the Board to discuss ongoing flooding issues surrounding his property. He has been flooded out three times in the past year and is seeking help from the town to resolve the problem. The Board has met with Mary Rogeness and Gale Candaras who suggested we go to the DEP for answers. We will also seek assistance from the Army Corps of Engineers. The board will send a letter requesting assistance from our state senators and will contact Mr. Dorn over the next few weeks to give him an update.  
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Mr. Dorn will check with the building inspector for permission to locate a storage box on his property to store some of his garden equipment, etc.

Chief's Contract Review: The Board reviewed the status of the contract with the Chief and will schedule their next negotiation session with him.

Dog Barking Issue: A resident stopped at the office to complain about the issue of a barking dog. The Board heard the complaint and will inform the resident that we spoke with the owner of the dog and will ask that he let us know if the problem persists.

Minutes of January 5, 2009: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Executive Session Minutes: The Executive Session minutes of January 5, 2009 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence:

- Highway Plowing Policy: The Highway Superintendent submitted a policy related to damage that may occur to public property as a result of sanding and/or plowing the roads. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the policy, with a slight change, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. This policy will be publicized in the near future.
- Response from Treasurer: The Board had asked that the Treasurer give a status report of the stabilization funds to make sure all transfers into the account had been done.
- IBPO Negotiation Dates: The Board will schedule a date with the IBPO to work towards finalizing the officer's contract.
- MIIA Renewal: The town has been offered a flat rate for the next two coming years as an incentive to sign now. The Board will sign to hold the price.
- Generator Maintenance Agreement: The Board discussed the maintenance agreement for the new generator in the town hall for one year. There is money in the street lighting account to fund this. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to sign the agreement, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Cemetery Plowing: The Board continues to seek assistance from the commissioners to bid this work so a contract may be awarded. Rick will contact Dick Hatch tomorrow.
- Letter to GOAL: A letter has been drafted by Rick Green to respond to the issues raised by the residents in attendance at a recent meeting with the Selectmen. Their concerns stemmed around the process through which they had to go through to obtain a license to carry a firearm in town. This letter will address these issues and will be forwarded to the representative from GOAL who originally contacted this office and who will then disseminate the information to those residents.
- Vestibule Work: The Board discussed the renovations to be done to the vestibule, and whether or not the heater should be repaired/replaced.

NOTE: Ashland School Tour: The Building Committee for Minnechaug High School will tour the model Ashland School on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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