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

**MINUTES**

March 9, 2009  
5:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn  
COA Board Members: Deanna Vermette , Virginia Schneider, Rita Vail, Kathy Foster, Karen Leger, Dick Gouvan, Brian MacLeod, John Shea, Patricia Clark, Shirley Gouvan  
COA Director: Becky Moriarty

Council on Aging Board Members: Becky presented her level funded budget as well as the 5% reduction as requested by the Advisory Committee. She did mention that salary increases were not a part of her budgeting process. Rick responded that the Board of Health Coordinator and Administrative Assistant offered not to take an increase in this budget cycle and that the Board members offered to use their salary increase as a way to fund the staff's increase. The formula grant was reduced from \$7/elder to \$6.50/elder.

The Board then discussed the status of the Senior Center's accounts. Becky stated that she may have some money left in building maintenance which could be used to offset the increased costs in her utilities this year. Additional monies were spent for the use of heating coils installed on the roof as well as the many severely cold days this winter.

The Board then reconvened in the Melville Room with the Advisory Committee to review the COA budget and Selectmen's budget.

Verizon Pole Petition: Andy Hufnagel, Right of Way Manager from Verizon was in to present a petition to install a new support pole for a new house being built on Rock-A-Dundee Road. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the pole installation as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Trench Permit Law: Deb House has agreed to handle the permitting process for the Building Department and had some questions about how it should be handled. The Board would like to further research the new law and how the inspections should be handled. The Board will find out what other communities are doing.

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard came before the Board to discuss the revenue sheet for this year's budget as well as looking at where we ended up at the end of the last fiscal year. John also asked for the four page recap sheet that Cliff puts together. Cliff will also look on the ledger sheets to see if there are open warrant articles with funds available that the town could vote to go back into the general fund and used elsewhere.

1. June 25, 2009 Event

2. Stormwater Committee: The Board discussed the funds available to the group from the first five year plan, as well as the proposed plans for the coming five years. Rick related that a board member should become a member on the committee. It was recommended that Duane Mosier stay on the committee and John Flynn agreed that he would work on the committee.
3. National Grid Energy Program: John Flynn has a meeting with a rep from National Grid to check on energy related programs and what might be available to help the town. Rick Green was approached by a resident from Somers Road who offered to help with our energy needs.
4. School Committee Minutes, School District's Audit, School Assessment Memo, School Resource Officer were reviewed.
5. Chapin Road Cemetery Letter: The Board received a letter sent to both the Cemetery Commission and the Selectmen stating their discontent with the conditions of the cemetery on Chapin Road during a burial.
6. Plowing/Sanding of Private Properties and Sand/Salt Policy: Two letters were received from the Highway Superintendent regarding private properties and the new policy regarding the town using a sand/salt mix for residents use, instead of the straight salt previously available.
7. Agricultural Burning Permit Letter: The Board received a letter regarding a permit request for agricultural burning; a permit the board was not aware of. The Fire Chief will be contacted for explanation.
8. IBPO Status: The IBPO representatives are in receipt of the proposed language changes to the contract and this Board awaits their agreement to the language.
9. Traffic Violations: The violation books have been received by the Police Chief and a memo was forwarded to the Chief enumerating the occasions for which violations may be written as well as the fines associated with the violations.
10. Board of Health
  - Trench Permit Application: John will contact our MMA rep to see how other towns are handling the new process.
  - Disposal Works Installer's Permit – signature to approve required.
  - Septage Hauler's Permit – signature to approve required.
  - Septic System Permit – signature to approve required.
  - Paper Shredding Event – the Town will share the date chosen by Longmeadow for a free paper shedding event on May 2.
  - Monitoring Proposal for Transfer Station: The Board reviewed the proposal from Mike Framarin for the April monitoring and testing of the Transfer Station, which includes analytical testing fees for Con-Test in the amount of \$8,227 and \$3,800 for sampling, scheduling and preparation fees. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the proposal submitted by Mike Framarin for the April monitoring and testing of the Transfer Station, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

NOTE: Public Hearing for re-zoning at Hampden Country Club and Hampden Nurseries on March 11, 2009.

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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