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

March 16, 2009
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

Donald Dorn: Resident Donald Dorn came before the Board to ask about firearms that had been removed from his home some years ago. He listed specific questions he wants answers to and they are as follows:

1. Was Jeff Farnsworth the Chief on May 5, 2006
2. Mr. Dorn's permit was taken away from him, who received the guns from the State Police?
3. He wants a receipt for what was received.
4. His permit was denied for life and Mr. Dorn wants to know why. Is it town law or state law?
5. Did the state deny the permit or was it our Chief of Police?
6. Mr. Dorn had a charge of assault and battery against him in 1956 (Don's letter states same) Why was the permit denied?
7. Did the town know of a warrant to look for a body? (That was state police business.)
8. Mr. Dorn has paperwork regarding an assault and battery charge in Longmeadow when he was 17. Don has something from the city that shows everything was dismissed. Don also stated that there are 2 guns missing.
9. Did state police keep them? They didn't show a warrant, they took the guns, they were looking for a body; searched his drawers looking for ammunition. (Don is going to take information to a State Senator.)
10. Are permit fees refundable?

Don said that he had six guns, but there are only 4 listed on the intake list. We will have answers for Don within a week.

Don asked about a tree that's in the river near his house. Rick will visit Don's house on Wednesday morning to view the tree and how it may or may not affect the river's course. The Board will respond to Don's concerns by next Monday.

Stormwater Committee: Joe Kruzel, Karl Sternberg, Phil Grant, Duane Mosier, Dana Pixley were present at the request of the Board to determine what funds are available and the committee's plans for the coming year. There is approximately \$27,000 in the accounts, and not much has taken place in the past year. The group agrees that until we

are notified of further mandates, they would rather not spend unnecessarily. It was noted by Duane Mosier that a selectman should serve on the committee and John Flynn agreed to do so. The Board asked that given Duane's experience and knowledge of the subject matter that he continue to serve as well, which he agreed to do. The EPA is developing a new set of regulations in May further action by the Town. Joe Kruzel suggested that we might seek a variance when the time comes. It was agreed by all that for the time being it is not necessary to meet again until we hear from EPA of new regulations.

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard was present and asked about the committee's objection to using those monies that are left from the first 5 year funding. Some funds had been used for catch basin hauling and disposal of material. At the end it was recommended that the last appropriation for \$23,500 should remain and existing funds from the first five year appropriation be returned to the general fund (estimated to be \$4,000).

Advisory Committee & Town Accountant - Revenue Recap Review: Doug Boyd stated that Cemetery Commissioner Judy Hatch met with CPC to discuss funding for cemetery fencing. Cliff mentioned the possibility that our funds may be further reduced if the Governor's plan for taxing meals, etc. do not come to fruition. Cliff will revise the Snow and Ice account up to \$177,000 and reduce the revenue sheet by \$88,000. He also stated that in comparison to other communities, we are in a reasonably good shape. Cliff will revise the revenue sheet and get copies to all. We currently have a \$75,000 shortfall that he anticipates can be covered.

2009 Road Construction Projects: The Board reviewed the road projects proposed by Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent for the 2009 construction season. This list is revised after a road trip by the Board and Dana Pixley earlier today. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the plan as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. See attached plan.

Police Revolving Accounts: These accounts were reviewed and do not have to be placed on the warrant for annual town meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of March 2, 2009 were reviewed and a motion to approve as presented was made by Vinnie Villamaino, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The minutes of March 9, 2009 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve was presented, second by John Flynn, second Vinnie Villamaino, VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

HWRSD Budget: The budget was reviewed and a copy was sent to Advisory and Town Accountant.

NOTE: The School Resource Officer funding will be added as a warrant article as well as the DARE article.

Correspondence:

- School Committee Minutes: Reviewed without comment.
- Planning Board Minutes: Reviewed without comment.
- Zoning Decision: Reviewed without comment.
- Veterans' Officer Submittal
- Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace Letter: The Board received a letter from the Wallace's regarding the use of their outdoor wood burning furnace. They have asked for relief in coming into compliance with the town regulations. Since this case has already been before the courts, the Board will respond that the Wallace's must comply.
- MRHS Building Meeting: The Building Committee meets again on March 26th
- Paper Shredding Event: The Town of Longmeadow will have an event on May 2 that Hampden will participate in.

Trench Permitting: The Board will invite Lorri McCool, BOH Coordinator to come in to discuss trench permitting.

Veterans' Officer: Rick Green is waiting to hear from other communities as to a meeting date to discuss how to proceed with the officer.

Revolving Accounts: The Board will revise the warrant to incorporate each account into one question.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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