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

March 23, 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

Farmer's Market: Two town residents, Judy and Karen Hatch came before the board to discuss a proposed Farmer's Market to be open from May 23 to October 10, on Saturdays from 10 to 2 at 522 Main Street. The object is for local farmers/residents to sell their produce, providing a sense of community spirit, given that more people will be gardening and possibly have leftover produce to sell to the community. Glenn Roy, a guest working with the group to offer his expertise as he works with groups in Wilbraham, Indian Orchard, and is one of the founders of Western Mass Food Bank. The group has already contacted Hampden Nurseries, Bilton's and the Village Mart to run the idea past them and they have all given a positive response. A question which was brought up was whether or not the group needed their own certificate of insurance or whether they would be covered under the town's insurance. The question will be asked of MIIA.

Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed the warrant for last minute revisions and a motion was made by John Flynn to close the warrant, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino.  
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: The STM was reviewed. A motion to close STM warrant was moved by John Flynn, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

DARE Program: The Board will ask the Chief to propose the full amount needed for the FY10 year, rather than using some of the monies left from previous years. Any leftover monies from prior years will revert back to the general fund.

1. Circle View Drive: Home Business Complaint
2. South Monson Road: The Board received a complaint on a newly constructed driveway and have asked that it be forwarded to John Matthews for Ridgeline/Hillside and that he check with the State Forester.
3. Police Policy: The Chief presented two policy updates which supersede existing policies as related to Preliminary Breath Test Unit and the BATS Alcotest 7110 System Policy. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the revised policies as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

4. Accountant's Revenue Sheet: The Board reviewed the newly revised revenue sheet issued by Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant.
5. Town Report: Reviewed and ready to go to print on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
6. Housekeeping Items: The Board recommended talking to Dennis Chaffee, Sr. about the process of opening and closing Academy Hall on an annual basis. Also suggested we track postage use to have a more accurate budget number in the future. P&R have been using more postage recently and should be tracked (do they have a bulk mail permit?). The Board would like to see better use of the CTY notification system we have since it could be used for some many (get note to all employees, regarding the use of CTY and their potential use, if so, offer a class)
7. The Board has requested increased salaries for town employees.
8. Road Projects: The Board will talk to Dana Pixley about road detail costs and how to pay them. We will ask Dana to look at Mountain Road expansion for next year's projects, work on getting an estimate together in the event we could make use of some proposed blasting in the near future.
9. Senior Center: The Board will invite Becky Moriarty, COA Director to the next meeting to discuss the operations of the center while she is out on family leave.
10. Intersection Reconfiguring: The Board would like Dana Pixley to review the possibility of reconfiguring the intersection of Glendale and North Monson Roads and Wilbraham Road and Allen Street.
11. BOS Budget Submittal: Final numbers will be submitted this week.
12. DARE Question: The Board will check with Chief Farnsworth as to the appropriate number to fund.
13. Emergency Management \$6,500
  - Traffic Control, Somers Road
  - COA Interim Director
  - GASB

John Flynn will review getting a new server with Brett Purchas' guidance and also check on the use of the Sumaria system

Charter Cable: John Flynn will speak to Tom Cohan regarding speed of service for municipal buildings.

Note: Arbitration on May 1, 10:00 with Tammy Brynie

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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