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

April 6, 2009
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 by Rick Green at 6:30 pm.

Annual Town Meeting: The Board members did a final review of the ATM and STM Warrants and signed copies to be posted around town in 5 locations.

COA Director: Rick Green had a conversation with Becky Moriarty regarding her leave of absence later in the year. She is working on a plan for the continued operations of the senior center in her absence. Once it's completed, it will be submitted to the Board.

Fiscal 2010 Chapter 90 Apportionment: The Chapter 90 apportionment for fiscal year 2010 is \$195,499. This is incorporated into our existing 10 year Chapter 90 contract.

Library Budget Status Response: The Library responded to a request from the Board as to any possible money coming back to the General Fund. As with most departments, there is little chance of that happening.

Correspondence:

- Charter License Renewal: Fully executed license renewal received from Charter for a five year license.
- Highway Superintendent's Letter: Letter will be reviewed at a later date.
- Fire Department: Discussion of Municipal Hearing Officer
- School Committee Correspondence: Letters regarding the proposed new school.
- Charter Communications: Charter is in the process of financial restructuring.
- Community Gardening: The Board reviewed a resident's request to start a community garden on town owned property. It was presented to the Conservation Commission and they have requested an opinion from the Board. The Board is in favor of the plan and will send a note to Beryl Doten stating that someone needs to be in charge of the project. It was determined that with town owned property,

those working the garden will be covered by town insurance. The Board will also send a note to Conservation Commission.

- Housing Court Reminder: The Board received a reminder from Town Counsel regarding the discontinuance of operations of an outdoor furnace. The letter will be forwarded to Lori McCool, BOH Agent so she can check on the operations as well as the dismantling of the furnace.
- Wilbraham Road: A resident has made a request of the highway department to add a berm along his property boundary to prevent water from collecting over his well location. This is not a situation where the berm has deteriorated, and not been replaced. It was never there in the first place. Dana Pixley will review the situation to determine the pitch of the road to see if the town has any responsibility to remedy the problem.
- 32 Wehr Road: A request has been made for a “Disabled Person” sign installation on Allen Street. The Board will respond that Allen Street is a road without benefit of a sidewalk and not the kind of road Request: the Board will write a response.
- Proposed Farmer’s Market: Bill Joy, Traffic Safety Officer, stopped in to state his issues with the proposed Farmer’s Market on Main Street and the parking capabilities. A note will be sent to Lance Trevallion and ask his opinion on the proposal.
- Simkin’s Farm: The Board will invite members from the Historical Commission, Historical Society and Community Preservation Committee in to discuss possible uses for the Simkin house on Allen Street.

NOTE:

Memorial Park Opening – April 6

Chief’s Schedule @ FBI conference/back 4/9

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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Administrative Assistant

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