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

April 13, 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 at 6:30 pm by Rick Green.

Simkin House Discussion: The Board invited members of the Historical Commission, Historical Society and Community Preservation Commission in to discuss the possible opportunities for the town's use of the Simkin House. The Community Preservation Commission was approached by the Historical Commission as to possible funds for the moving of the house to property at the Senior Center.

Doug Boyd, did not initiate the proposal and the Commission only considers proposals, further to that, the issue has been tabled.

At this point, the timeframe is too short to prepare anything for town meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter received from the Historical Society stating that the current location of the museum suits them very well in that when town events are held, the museum is located in the midst of those events and accessible to those wishing to visit. Connie noted the difficulty in accessing the current museum, with the steep stairs and that the use of the Simkin House would allow for the collection of furniture, farm equipment, etc. as well

Rick suggested that whatever information the board has shall be disseminated to both groups.

Truck Payment: Tracy Sicbaldi, Town Treasurer, presented the Board with a last interest payment for the highway truck of \$11,400. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the last payment for the truck, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Used Car License: DJ Automotive made a name change to their license. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the license as proposed, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board discussed the existing licenses on Commercial Drive and will ask Lance Trevallion if the licenses to operate are being adhered to.

Correspondence:

1. Arbitration Date: The grievance arbitration will be held on May 13, 10 am in this office.

2. Census Taking: There will be census workers around town for the census taking and the Board has asked that the Wilbraham–Hampden Times put a note in the paper to make residents aware of it.
3. Veterans' Annual Report: The Board reviewed the annual report and Rick noted that he will be meeting with other communities to discuss the veterans' agent.
4. Western MA Electric Hearing: The WMEC will hold a hearing to discuss their proposed – May 13, 7 pm Wilbraham Middle School
5. Gym Divider Information: The Board received a quote for the gym divider just under \$10,000, and the District said they would pay the first \$5,000. We will determine if the vendor is on the State approved list and proceed from there. It appears that it may be \$120,000 to \$125,000 for the proposed work at TWB.
6. Howlett Hill Memorandum: Dave Martel, Town Counsel responded to the court that they not allow any additional review of material be done by Markham's attorney.
7. COA
 - Utility Transfer: The Board will get an estimate from Becky Moriarty as to how underfunded the utility account is for the center.
 - Leave of Absence: The Board also reviewed her leave of absence and will draft a letter of approval to her.
 - Bylaw Changes: The Board would like to meet with the COA board members to discuss the bylaw changes and will contact Bill Olmstead and Ed Norman regarding any interest they may have in serving on the board.
8. 4th of July Parade: The Board will again participate in the East Longmeadow July 4th Parade.
9. Minutes of April 6, 2009: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
10. School Committee Correspondence: The Board discussed the borrowing of funds to cover the architectural design fees for the new high school and understand that the study has to be done to determine the feasibility of the school. These fees would fall under the reimbursable program at 63%. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to support the School Committee vote under Chapter 71, Section 16(d) to incur debt for the purpose of constructing a new Minnechaug Regional High School in the amount of \$500,000, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Neighborhood Meeting: A group of residents will meet in the auditorium on April 14, at 7 pm, to discuss traffic and other issues relative to the proposed rezoning of the Hampden Nurseries property. The group has extended an invitation to the selectmen to attend.

School Zone Sign: A resident asked about the installation of a school zone sign on North Road for the Green Meadows School. The Board will look into that. The Board also received a request to have the crosswalk in front of TWB painted. These items will be related to Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent.

Conservation Restriction: The Land Trust has asked for the Selectmen's signatures on conservation restrictions for property on Chapin Road. The documents will be reviewed by Dave Martel prior to the Selectmen signing.

Contract Status: The Board will check in with the IBPO as to comments on the contract and will ask the Dispatchers when they would like to start negotiations.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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