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

June 8, 2009  
7:00 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green

The meeting was called to order by Vinnie Villamaino at 7:00 pm.

128 South Road: Representatives from Verizon came before the Board to petition to locate a pole for telephone service at 128 South Road. After review of the plan, a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the pole placement as shown, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Mountain Road: Representatives from Verizon petitioned for another new pole on Mountain Road. After reviewing the plan, a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the pole placement as shown, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

51 River Park Drive: Dave and Eileen Malinski came to the board because of some ongoing issues with their neighbor. Specifically those issues are the conditions of the abutting property, a sign that gets placed from time to time on the abutting property, unregistered cars and chickens that come onto their property from time to time. The Board cannot offer much as a solution as there are no bylaws regarding the conditions of property and unless there is a Board of Health issue, the town has no repercussions. The sign issue will be forwarded to Lance Trevallion for his input and the Board members will speak with the abutter about removing the sign permanently. The unregistered cars will be addressed once the police confirm their existence. The issue of chickens will be investigated to determine how they might be managed. Rick and Vinnie will address the situation with the abutter directly. The BOH agent will look into the issue of gray water coming from the house.

A motion was made by Rick Green to go into Executive Session at 8:07 for police negotiations with return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:15, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Fire Department: The transfer of funds was discussed again relative to the needs of the department prior to year end. They had unexpected expenses with the siren and the need

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for a new one. The Chief will be contacted for a final tally as to what additional funds will be needed.

Main Street Culvert: Title work has been performed by our town counsel and we currently have easements in place for the culvert location. The next step is for our consultants, Tighe and Bond to determine if a new pipe, larger pipe or a new location for the pipe would best serve our purpose, as well as be allowed through the permitting process. A change in the layout of the pipe would probably improve the drainage, but might require seeking permits that may never be approved.

Minutes of June 1, 2009: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, and seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Superintendent Feedback: The members who attended the meetings of the new candidates for Superintendent of School were asked to send their opinions on the preferred candidate. Both John Flynn and Vinnie Villamaino attended the meeting for candidate Steven Schafheimer; none of the Wilbraham Selectmen were present. John and Vinnie will respond to the request from the School Committee as to their choice of candidates.

Officer Request: Officer Mike Cooney just returned to full duty recently and has requested additional time in which to take his vacation time. The Board will allow that he take the accrued vacation time over the next two months. There was an additional request relative to holiday time and the payout of such and the Board will seek clarification from the Chief as to the cost of this request.

COA Letter: The Board received a letter from the Director, Becky Moriarty detailing exactly how the center would operate while she is on her leave of absence.

Miscellaneous:

- Gasboy Inventory System: The Highway Superintendent asked about the logging of information necessary for the gas dispensing system for the town vehicles. The Chief reported that the odometer on one of the cars was broken and the cost to repair too much. This office will check with the Chief to determine if it is under warranty for repair.
- Community Garden: Beryl Doten stopped in to request help with the mowing of the community garden located on South Road. Rick explained that the Highway Department has more than enough mowing of grounds right now and cannot take on more. Fred Shea will get back to Rick as to whether he can help or not.
- MRHS Debt: The Superintendent's office requested a letter from the town clerk certifying that no town meeting was held regarding debt incurred for the design fees of the new school.
- MEMA Grant Request: Rick reviewed a grant request form that he discussed with our local representative, Bruce Augusti. We can get \$2,500 from MEMA when we self fund \$2500.

- Road Construction Detail Work: The Board will check with Stan Weinberg, Labor Counsel as to the exact workings of detail work being handled by Police versus certified flaggers.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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