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

July 13, 2009
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Title V Inspection: Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool came before the board to discuss the approval process for Title V approved properties. The Title V inspection is literally a snapshot of the leachfield as it exists on the day of inspection. It is cored and sampled and a determination is made as to whether it satisfies necessary requirements. If the house then remains vacant from the time of inspection, for several months, the current policy allows a time frame of real use before granting a FINAL approval for the system. The Board of Health wants to ensure the time limit of 3-6 month of full occupancy is adhered to so all future homeowners will understand this. Whether the money is held in escrow or however it is handled, will be between the purchaser and the seller to allow the availability of funding for improvements.

A motion was made by Rick Green to maintain a policy that mandates that Title V inspections done when a house is vacant, a follow up inspection will be conducted by the Title V Inspector within 3 to 6 months of a fully occupied house to ensure proper functioning of the system, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Council on Aging: The Director Becky Moriarty needs the Chairman's signature on a grant application that funds the Activities Director's work. The document was signed and will be forwarded to Becky for submittal.

Highway Department: The Board is in receipt of a letter from Dana Pixley regarding the hiring of Matt Frederick to replace Pat Markham when he retires from the department. A motion was made by Rick Green to support the conditions relative to the hiring of Matt Frederick as stated in the Highway superintendent's letter, (see attached) dated July 13, 2009, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Traffic Control Clarification: Rick Green has reworked the traffic control to be used during construction projects. See attached.

Note:

1. North Monson Road: The road construction start date is August 3rd

2. Arbitrator Award date: We anticipate the outcome of the case in for arbitration on July 13, 2009.
3. School Committee Minutes, School Committee Meeting, August 3rd. (Awaiting decision from SBA from July 29 as to reimbursement number)
4. SBA Proposal: Current lessee for Cell Tower submitted a letter offering to pay rent in one lump sum, if they could secure a perpetual easement or change the lease terms, neither of which the Board will entertain.
5. Selectmen Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2009: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
6. St. Germain Sign Response: The Board will review the site location and ask Dana if the intersection might be changed, to create a 90 degree angle, much like the change made in Sessions. The other option is to install a “blind driveway sign” instead of a stop sign.
7. Board of Health, Transfer Station Bags: The board discussed the surplus of small sized bags and whether to reduce the price to sell them before they suffered from dry rot, etc. A motion was made by Rick Green to sell the small bags for 75 cents per bag until the supply runs low, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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