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

**Town Hall, 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA 01036
August 24, 2009**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Guests: Richard Hatch Sr., Edward Norman, John Wilkinson, Cemetery Commissioners, Katie Breault, Wilbraham/Hampden Times, Edward Gorski

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery Commissioners: The report from the commissioners noted the fence is going up nicely in the cemetery on Scantic Road. The upright pieces were okay, but the lateral pieces are in bad shape. A few of the stones also needed replacing. The cost of the fence was \$12,000. The Town voted to approve an expenditure of \$8,000 and St. Mary's Church was going to give \$3,000 toward the cost. The remaining amount may come out of expenses or perpetual care from the cemetery account.

The software information has been mailed in and they should hear something in about a week.

At least three snow plowing bids should go out and the Commission should come back to the Selectmen with the recommendation on the choice for the job.

The Commission anticipates a short fall of approximately \$300 or more for clerical work for the fiscal year. The recommendation from the Selectmen was to wait until later in the year and find out what the exact shortfall will be.

Appointments: John Flynn made a motion to reappoint the Electrical Inspector and Alternate, Gary Courtney and Robert Lague, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, it was seconded by Richard Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Richard Green made a motion to reappoint the Animal Inspector, Shelly Sears effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, it was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

One Day License: The VFW applied for a One Day License for a benefit for Kyle Barton on Sunday, August 30, 2009. A motion was made by Richard Green to approve the One Day License, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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Municipal Meeting: All three Selectmen will be attending the MA Selectmen's Association Meeting on September 16th. John Flynn will be attending the Municipal Law Seminar on September 25th.

Planning Board Minutes and Notes: The Selectmen reviewed the minutes from the Planning Board meeting. A note from Planning asking for assistance from the Zoning Enforcement Officer for removal of the trailer on East Longmeadow Road was read. In the discussion that followed it was revealed the trailer has in fact been moved.

School Construction Project: Vincent Villamaino reported on a meeting he had with Dr. Gagliarducci reviewing questions that had come from a town resident regarding the high school project.

Howlett Hill Road Update: The decision of the Selectmen to discontinue maintenance for Howlett Hill Road stands and will continue.

Conservation Commission Update: The Selectmen are waiting for an update from the Conservation Commission on an appeal for a property on Commercial Drive.

Previous Bill Status: The bill from PVPC was paid but out of a different account.

Highway Reimbursement: The Highway Superintendent left paperwork for the Selectmen to sign for reimbursement and it was signed.

National Grid: A complaint was voiced from a resident regarding a power outage for 18 hours and National Grid not responding in a timely manner. John Flynn will check into it.

School Committee Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes.

Turkey Shoot at VFW: A motion was made by Rick Green to grant a General License to the VFW for the purpose of Turkey Shoots every Sunday starting September 13, 2009 through November 11, 2009 with the stipulations as follows: no firearms are to be brought inside the VFW Building, no alcohol beverages out of the building and a sound barrier curtain to be placed across the Scantic River, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

DUA: The Selectmen received a letter from DUA stating the appeal was denied.

Unregistered Cars: The list of unregistered cars that have had no response will be reviewed at the next Selectmen's meeting. There are some cars that Safety Office Joy will be asked to check on.

Academy Hall: It has been determined Academy Hall has lead paint; the bidders have been sent a new scope of work. The project is now awaiting bids to come in.

Tree Removal Invoice: Vinnie Villamaino will resolve this issue.

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Fire Department: Michael Gorski is waiting for a response from Dave Martel regarding a fire departmental question. He will then report back to the Selectmen.

Highway Summer Help: Timothy Miodonka had to return to college earlier than anticipated and not sure he will be able to return next summer; leaving a vacancy in the summer help for the Highway Department. The vacancy has been filled by Mark Brodeur. He seems to be working out so far.

Audit: The review from the audit came back from Dave Martel with favorable results.

Martin Farms and Somers Road: Dana Pixley and Jeff Farnsworth both received a letter from a resident reporting a potentially hazardous situation at the intersection of Martin Farms Road and Somers Road. The letter stated poor visibility due to overgrown bushes at a house on Somers Road making it dangerous when pulling out of Martin Farms Road onto Somers Road. The Selectmen have requested Safety Officer Joy to looking into this and return to the Board with his findings.

The Big H: The Selectmen have not heard anything regarding the Big H and will send out an email to Pat Pomeroy see if anything is needed to be done on their end.

Casino Task Force Notes: The notes on the Casino Task Force were reviewed. John Flynn's name should be added to the email notifications.

St. Germaine Road: After some discussion a motion was made by Richard Green to approve the addition of a stop sign at the intersection of St. Germaine Road and Stafford Road, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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Drinking Water Regulations: The Selectmen received proposed changes in the Drinking Water Regulations. A copy of the proposed new regulations will be forwarded to Mike Framarin, Water Operator and the Water Commissioners.

Variance: A request for a Disposal Works Construction Permit variance came in from 138 Stony Hill Road. After some discussion a motion was made by John Flynn to approve a one foot variance to ground water to avoid the pump system and the plumbing is also being raised 42" to accommodate the water separation it was seconded by Richard Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm., seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Budynekiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator

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