

Approved 9/21/09

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

September 9, 2009
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

Advisory Board: Bob Howarth, our new Town Moderator joined the Advisory Board to discuss the process of special town meeting scheduled for October 5, 2009 and what comments would be allowed by the moderator. The question before the voters will be read, and no amendment to the question will be allowed. The question before the voters will be a simple yes or no vote and the Town Moderator will make that very clear at the onset of the meeting. He will then allow the School Committee to make a presentation before the vote is on the floor.

Two public meetings will be hosted by the Board of Selectmen for informational purposes only, one will be held on September 22 at 12 pm at the Senior Center and the other will be on September 29 in the Auditorium at Town Hall at 7 pm.

The Advisory Board will post their HEARING for Special Town Meeting for 9/21 at 7 pm.

Park and Rec Commissioners: Rick Kapinos, Marty McQuade and Bob White came before the board to discuss the recent resignations on their board. Huck House and Mark Goosens have stepped down from the board and Mike Cronin and Jay Ray have agreed to finish out their terms. The board will appoint Mike and Jay until the end of the term.

Linda Harris Lehman: Wilbraham resident, Linda Harris, daughter of Earle Harris, who is recently deceased came before the board to file a formal complaint about Dick Hatch, Chairman of the Cemetery Commission. When the family arrived at the cemetery for the burial of their father, the grave site was not in the right place. She called Dick Hatch an incompetent, said he had failed to perform, failed to resolve the issue, failed to give an explanation as to how the mistake occurred and failed to explain the remedy. Ms. Harris asked that the Board of Selectmen do something to remove the chairman from his position. The board explained that since the position was an elected position, the board has no recourse and no authority in the situation. She would at the very least like a public apology from Dick Hatch, as well as an affidavit stating the facts of the re-burial of her father in the correct location. She added that she holds the other two commissioners harmless.

John Wilkinson, one of the other commissioners was in attendance and when asked, remarked that the next cemetery commissioner's meeting would be held on Sunday, September 12 at 8:30 am in the town house. Ms. Harris said she would attend that meeting.

A motion was made by Rick Green to go into Executive Session at 7:02 pm to discuss dispatcher's contract 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 leave Executive Session at 7:30 pm and return to Open Session, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes.

Wilbraham Board of Selectmen: Pat Brady, Jim Thompson and Dave Barry joined this board's meeting to discuss the Special Town Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2009. After some discussion, a motion was made by Rick Green as follows:

A motion was made by Rick Green to call a Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2009 at T.W. Burgess School relative to the approval of the \$82,271,129 borrowing authorized by vote of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on August 25, 2009, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new high school, and to call a Special Election on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 with polling hours from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm for the purpose of voting YES or NO on the following question:

"Shall the Town of Hampden be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new District High School, to be located 621 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?"

Board of Health: Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, Poppy Nelson, Claudia Considine, Public Health Nurse, and Jane Budynkiewicz came before the Board to discuss the status of the H1N1 flu vaccine. There is much still undetermined but those attending wanted to give the board an update as to what they know currently.

- All vaccinations are voluntary.
- Anyone pregnant should seek a vaccination from their Ob/Gyn physician.
- School age children are of the highest priority, those aged 5 to 18. The average age of those getting the flu is 14.
- The plan was to give inoculations on Saturday, rather than disrupting the school day. Students will have to provide a consent form to receive the vaccine and it will require approximately 30-40 nurses.
- The most "at risk" patients will be vaccinated first.
- Information will be forthcoming from the state/providers, as the clinical testing is still ongoing.

Board of Health: Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent presented a request for variance at 11 Chestnut Hill Road. A motion was made by Rick Green to grant a variance for the water separation from groundwater to the bottom of the system from 4 feet to 3 feet, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Board of Health: The board reviewed the proposal from Michael S. Framarin for the Transfer Station Environmental Monitoring for October 2009. A motion was made by Rick Green to accept the quote for inspection at the Transfer Station, by Mike Framarin, in the amount of \$3,290 for laboratory fees, and \$3,550 for sampling, documentation and reporting to Board of Health and DEP for a total of \$6,840, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Police Issues:

- Detail Work: The Board reviewed a letter regarding a work detail filled by one of his officers and will forward a copy to the Chief and ask that one be placed in the officer's file.
- Complaint: The board reviewed a complaint regarding the department and will request further information regarding the issue.
- Martin Farm Road: The Board reviewed the issue of a notice from a resident regarding the sight obstruction at the end of Martin Farm Road. The police have sent a letter, but the board wants to know if the issue has been resolved. A note will go to the Chief to inquire same.
- Police Department: The board reviewed a letter from the Chief regarding some maintenance/repair issues that he has concerns about in the police department. The board will ask that he get estimates for the work that needs to be done and submit it to the board for review.

5) Minutes:

- Minutes of August 10, 2009: The minutes of the meetings of August 10, 2009 Open Session and Executive Session were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Minutes of August 24, 2009: The minutes of the meetings of August 24, 2009 for the Open and Executive Session were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Minutes of Eastern Hampden County Veterans District Meeting: minutes were reviewed and will be presented at the next district meeting.

6) Unregistered Vehicle Follow Up: The board has followed up the first notice sent to residents with another letter, notifying residents that a special permit must be sought if that resident has more than one unregistered vehicle.

7) Big H Event: The Arts' Festival will take place on September 19 and 20 at Town Hall and Academy Hall.

8) Hampden Country Club: Letters will be sent to all businesses that have had entertainment licenses in the past, notifying them of the need to submit payment and complete an application before any shows of any kind are permitted.

9) VFW – One Day License

- September 16, 2009: A motion was made by Rick Green to permit a one day permit to the VFW for the Lion's Club Steak Roast from 6 pm to 11 pm in the pavilion, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- October 3, 2009: A motion was made by Rick Green to permit a one day permit to the VFW for a Memorial Run for Jack Bressett using the pavilion from 12 pm to 12 am, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

10) Academy Hall Bid Award: The board reviewed the one bid submitted for the painting project at Academy Hall and a motion was made by Rick Green to award the contract to Cameron Painting, Inc. to furnish materials and perform necessary labor for the completion of the exterior painting of Academy Hall in the amount of \$16,680, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

An award letter will be sent to Cameron Painting with a request for an addendum to paint the windows and railing.

11) Correspondence:

- Spray Park Closing
- School Committee Minutes
- Renewal of Special Permit for earth removal
- Channel 22 Storm warning
- Board of Appeals Officers

Note: Bulletin Board for Boy Scouts: The scouts have requested the installation of a bulletin board in the town house auditorium. The board would prefer a temporary installation rather than one attached to the wall. Perhaps the use of an easel would suffice.

Water Commission Appointments: Will be reviewed for accuracy of term limits.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: all in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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