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

September 14, 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 by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:40.

Town Treasurer: Tracy Sicbaldi came before the board to discuss internal borrowing for an upcoming school payment. The payment is due next Monday and after some discussion it was determined that \$350,000 was needed for the payment.

A motion was made by Rick Green to allow the Town Treasurer to borrow \$350,000 from the stabilization account to pay the school payment, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Cliff noted that the General Fund was owed \$125,000 for TWB and \$30,000 for the highway truck.

The board asked about the status of the GASB report that is underway. Tracy was going to contact them directly to see if any additional information was needed.

The Board then discussed the status of the infrastructure bond money, what has been spent, and what was left. The bond was approved at \$1.5 million and we have approximately \$750,000 left. The board will request an updated project list from Dana Pixley with final costs.

Ray Schankel: A resident from Hickory Lane came before the board to voice his concerns about the VFW and the annual turkey shoot that goes on every Sunday from September 13 through November 11. Mr. Schankel objects to the fact that he was here a few years ago and the VFW started the program in October rather than in September. He feels slighted that he was not informed of the dates prior to the issuance of a permit. It was agreed that next year he would be notified along with the VFW that a meeting will be held with both parties in attendance.

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard was before the board to discuss the need for a second Special Town Meeting. It was determined that a second meeting will be scheduled for November, a date certain to be scheduled later.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed the warrant in preparation for STM. A motion was made by Rick Green to close the warrant for the October 5, 2009 meeting, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fire Department: The opinion of Town Counsel was sought as to the establishment of the Fire Department, who governs the body, who has the right to appoint officers, etc. Chief Gorski will be invited in to discuss at the next board meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of September 9, 2009 were held for review at the next meeting.

Permits:

- One day permit Hampden Arts Festival, Saturday, September 19, 10-4
- One day permit Hampden Arts Festival, Sunday, September 20, 10-4
- VFW one day general permit for a RAH Pig Roast, Saturday, October 10 from 12 pm to 12 am

The above permits were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to grant the permits as requested, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

License Request: Resident Mark Casey requested a permit to sell trailers, but prior to a permit being issued, he will be told to remedy his current zoning violation before a permit will be issued.

Cemetery Commissioner: Dick Hatch came before the board to give a status of the case of the burial of Earle Harris in the wrong location. Dick's response was that, "this happens 2 to 3 times a year". The board asked what had been done to remedy the situation for Ms. Harris, and Dick responded that his attorney told him not to sign a thing, not to admit to doing anything wrong.

The board has no authority over an elected position but did ask that Dick write a letter to Ms. Harris apologizing for his mistake and to attempt to be sympathetic to her cause. He did report that Ms. Harris attended the Cemetery Commissioner's meeting on Sunday, but nothing was resolved at that time.

The board asked about the recent purchase of a software program to enable better tracking of burials, locations, etc and was told by Dick that the last of the maps had been submitted.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:45, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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