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

October 13, 2009  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

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

Public Hearing at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Tana Beaumier - 56 Ames Road, Thomas Pope – 56 Ames Road, Kathleen & Richard Worthing - 54 Ames Road, Ray Blanchette – 130 Palmer Road, Monson, MA and Gary Blanchette – 26 Waid Road, Monson, MA

A public hearing had to be held for 54 Ames Road due to the reduced distance between the location of the septic system at 54 Ames and location of the well of the abutters. Richard Worthing was in attendance as were his neighbors and proposed purchasers of his property. The plan was presented by Lorri McCool, BOH Agent who explained that the existing system is in the front yard, and the variance is due to the distance between the systems and well is 77 feet to one abutter and 84 feet to the other. Both wells are up gradient from the system. There will be a large amount of excavation and all of the old system needs to be removed as well. The driveway will be regarded and repaved as necessary to allow proper drainage. There is currently a curtain drain around the house. Lorri stated that this is a repair and is satisfied that the variances will not pose any kind of health hazard. The system will filter through stone first before it even hits sand, and much time before it hits groundwater. This is a 4 bedroom house, and the system is designed for a 4 bedroom house.

A motion was made by Rick Green to grant the variance for the distance reduction between 2 abutters, one at 77 feet and the other at 84 feet, as recommended by the Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Lorri McCool presented a request for another variance for 142 Ames Road, property of Ray Balser. The variance is required due to the distance his own system and well; the distance is 60 feet versus the required 100 feet.

A motion was made by Rick Grant to grant the variance allowing 60 feet between system and well at 142 Ames Road, as recommended by Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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Mark Casey, Hampden Hardware General Store: Mark Casey came before the board to discuss his application for a license to sell a trailer from his business to himself. After learning from the registry that a license was required, he discussed the possibility with the board.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Rick Green that a license is granted to Mark Casey to allow the sale of a trailer, with the stipulation that no trailers are on site for display, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Rick Green to go into Executive Session at 7:16 pm for the purpose of finalizing the Dispatcher's Contract, 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 7:35 pm with return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Main Street Culvert: The Board discussed the meeting held earlier today with Tighe and Bond Engineers, Rick Green, John Flynn and Dana Pixley regarding the proposed remedies for the Main Street culvert problem which allows for flooding during heavy storms. They all agreed that further review would be done based on the cost prohibitive proposal in place and will come back with an alternate plan.

Ballot Question: The Board reviewed the ballot question which will be voted on October 20<sup>th</sup>. It reads as follows:

*“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, construction, originally equipping and furnishing a new district high school, to be located at 621 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?”*

November Special Town Meeting Items: The Board reviewed the list of items currently being considered for STM on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. They are as follows:

- Fire Department Building Maintenance
- Fire Department Protective Equipment
- Town House Maintenance and Repair
- Community Preservation Committee – Academy Hall Roof, Academy Hall Chimneys
- Highway Department Building Maintenance
- Board of Assessor's Stabilization Transfer
- Stabilization Transfer

Senior Center Issues: The Board received correspondence from Becky Moriarty regarding issues she needs direction on at the Senior Center. She will meet with Vinnie Villamaino do discuss.

Minutes of October 6, 2009: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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