

Approved 11/05/09

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

October 26, 2009  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green  
Guests: Ed Gorski, Katie Breault, Wilbraham/Hampden Times

Main Street Culvert: The board met with Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent to discuss the status of the ongoing research for restoration/repair of the Main Street culvert. The initial proposal came in at a cost of \$1.8 million which would require the total replacement of the culvert, substantial earth removal and disposal, demolition and disposal of the existing culvert, stream bypass, laboratory testing of soils, repair of the existing soil remediation system on the Country Auto property and repaving as necessary.

Since this proposal is clearly cost prohibitive, a meeting was held with Tighe and Bond Engineers and Dana Pixley, John Flynn and Rick Green. They discussed the option of installing a new lining in the culvert. Some preliminary work would be necessary to determine the feasibility of this approach, entailing the cleaning and videotaping the entire length of the culvert. If voids are found in the culvert there is a remedy of pumping concrete into the voids to prepare it for lining. The permitting process requires Conservation Commission approval as well as permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, which we anticipate will take approximately six months. We have an estimate of \$58,000 to line the pipe, and the timeframe needs to be at a low water time of the year.

We will contact Tighe and Bond to determine who our Army Corps of Engineer's contact is and start a conversation as to how best to proceed.

The Board will meet next week to determine how the project will be funded. Dana Pixley will continue with the permitting process as the board voted on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to authorize \$55,000 to start a feasibility study of what needed to be done on site.

SNOW AND ICE ACCOUNT: The Board then discussed the letter submitted by Dana Pixley regarding the Snow and Ice Account and the fact that recent purchases have already put the account into the "red". A motion was made by Rick Green to allow the Highway Superintendent to run the Snow and Ice Account into the red for the FY10 winter season, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

GASB: This office will check on the status of the GASB report being done by USI.

ADVISORY HEARING: The board convened in the auditorium to be present for the Advisory Hearing prior to the second Special Town Meeting to be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Thornton W. Burgess School at 7:00 pm.

Advisory Board reviewed the warrant articles and the specific projects and cost estimates were presented by the departments seeking the funding.

The Board then reconvened in the Selectmen's Office at 7:30 for the duration of their meeting.

Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust: The Board needs to sign a revised Joint Agreement with other communities who make up the SVRHT.

Minutes October 13, 2009: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the minutes of October 13, 2009 as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes October 19, 2009: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the minutes of October 19, 2009 as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Rick Green to go into Executive Session at 7:50 to discuss Quinn Bill information presented by Chief Farnsworth with return to Open Session, second 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 8:09 and return to Open Session, second by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino.

Connery Auto Sales: Connery Auto Sales requested a change of address for their used car license. A motion was made by Rick Green to permit the change of address from North Road to Glendale Road for Connery Auto Sales with the same provisions as originally granted in the permit, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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