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

November 30, 2009
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

National Grid: Margaret Neves, Dena Champy and James May

Three representatives from National Grid came before the board to give an update on the installation of new lines and a new substation which has been in the planning stages for some time. They currently have a Purchase and Sale agreement that has minimal impact on the residents and hope to close on the property by March 2010. They will run new lines that will be installed above existing lines and are looking to expand their current Right of Way. The new poles will be 80 feet, well above the existing poles. Once those lines are in place, the existing ones will be taken down and disposed of and restoration work will be done by National Grid. The new substation will be off of Allen Street and anticipate that work being done in 2013.

Abutters will get a mailing within the next few weeks that field representatives will be out and leaving information so all abutters are fully informed. National Grid will hold open houses allowing residents to ask questions of the project team. There is still a lot of permitting to be done which could take from 12 to 15 months, as this includes filing with the Electrical Citing Facilities Board. Rick commented on the importance of getting the word out to the residents, that National Grid stood a much better chance of approval in town if residents were properly notified and then informed. John suggested that residents could be informed via use of our Connect CTY announcement system in town once the abutter's list is provided to us by National Grid. And lastly, a website will go live shortly so people can access it for information on the project.

Town Treasurer: Tracy Sicbaldi was asked to explain to the board the discrepancies cited by the Police Department and their accounts held by Nationwide. Tracy responded that the error lies with Nationwide and that she had just been notified by the Police on the issue; that she had not yet had a chance to resolve the issues. She was unaware of the problems with Nationwide and will work immediately to resolve the discrepancies.

Fire Department: The Fire Chief forwarded questions received from department members that they would like answered by Dave Martel, Town Counsel. The board and Dave Martel will meet with the department on December 7th to answer these questions.

The Chief also submitted a Standard Operating Guideline for the board to review. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the SOG as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes: The minutes of November 23, 2009 were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve them as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Liquor Licenses: The board reviewed the file for liquor licenses and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the following licenses, contingent upon favorable historical review by the Police Chief, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- Hampden House Cafe
- Mt. View Corporation
- VFW
- Hampden Country Club
- Hampden Discount Liquors
- Hampden Grog Shoppe
- Village Food Mart
- Black Horse Tavern

General Licenses (Restaurants): The board reviewed the file for general licenses and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the following licenses, contingent upon all due diligence being satisfied by the licensee, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- La Cucina de Hampden
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Black Horse Tavern

Common Victualer License: The board reviewed the file for common victualer's license and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the following licenses, contingent upon all due diligence being satisfied by the licensee, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- Veteran's of Foreign Wars
- Village Food Mart
- Reid's Country Corner
- Hampden Country club
- Mountain view Drive-In
- Pop's Pizza
- La Cucina de Hampden
- Hampden Mini Mart
- Min Chao Gourmet
- The Bagel Nook and Cookie Cookie Cranny

- Rocky Donuts Inc. (Dunkin Donuts)
- Friends of Senior Citizens
- Dinosub Subway
- The Black Horse Tavern

Disposal Works License: The board reviewed the file of licenses and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the following licenses contingent upon all due diligence being satisfied by the licensee, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- Billy Bond
- Norn Turnberg
- Jeff Liquori
- Mark Ogoley
- Samuel Avery

Septage Haulers License: The board reviewed the file of licenses and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the following licenses contingent upon all due diligence being satisfied by the licensees, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- Francis Claing, Jr.
- Dominic Torretti
- Barry Linton
- Jackie McNeily
- Robert Nichols
- William Malone
- David Pereira
- Billy Bond

Swimming Pools License: The board reviewed the file of licenses and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve a license for Mercury Swim Institute, contingent upon all due diligence being satisfied, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Used Car License: The board reviewed the file of licenses and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the following licenses contingent upon all due diligence being satisfied by the licensees, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- Ferraro Auto Sales
- Mac's Auto Sales
- Corby's Auto Service and Sales
- Hampden Auto Body
- DJ's Automotive
- Walt's Auto Body
- Northeast Automotive
- A to Z Auto Sales Service

- Hampden Trading Inc.
- Wizard Auto Body
- Connery Auto
- Reen Motor sports
- Fox Motors

Automatic Amusement Device: The board reviewed the file and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the licenses for automatic amusement devices at the following locations, contingent upon all due diligence being satisfied by the licensees, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Black Horse Tavern

Regional Selectmen Meeting Items: Rick noted a couple of issues that should be discussed at the next regional meeting; they are regional dispatching and a Regional Human Resource Manager. We will send an email to Nick Breault in East Longmeadow as they offered to hold the next regional meeting.

Traffic Study: The board discussed the possibility of having another traffic count done by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for the Main Street/Somers Road/Allen Street corridor. We will invite PVPC in to discuss what services they do provide.

Academy Hall: The board members will winterize the building on Saturday.

Board of Health: An H1Ni Flu Clinic will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at Minnechaug from 4 to 7 pm for kids 1-12. First responders are welcome to come, meaning police officers, but not dispatchers. PVPC will be paying for any costs associated with the clinic. There is no out of pocket for the town at this time.

NOTE: Tree Lighting will be held on December 6th at 6:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B. Courtney
Administrative Assistant

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