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

**MINUTES**

December 7, 2009  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

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

Guests: Dave Lussier and Tyler Lussier, Katie Breault, Wilbraham/Hampden Times

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent: Dana presented the board with his 2009 Construction Projects Final Report to review his construction projects for the season and final costs.

- Main Street Drainage Culvert – project ongoing
- Maple Grove Road Drainage Culvert
- Allen Street Drainage
- Mill Road Resurfacing
- Chapin Road Resurfacing
- North Monson Road Paving and Related Work
- Crack Filling of Carmody and East Longmeadow Road

The remaining funds from the 1.5 million dollar bond total \$382,052 for next year's projects.

The board discussed the possibility of allocating a set amount of funds for ditch improvements; versus the ongoing maintenance that currently goes on. It was felt that there were far greater needs in the town for improvements than the ditches that exist. Work continues to be done for the improvements to the Main Street culvert; wetlands have been flagged, and Tighe and Bond are moving forward in the pursuit of permits which come from DEP and the Army Corp of Engineer.

Mill Road Resurfacing: Dana would like to view the project and its efficacy after the winter season is over.

Dana continues to recommend crack sealing in the future; particularly for the cost and the final product.

House Relocation Projection: The board asked that Dana provide a number appropriate for a bond to be held for the contractor/mover while the project is underway in the event of damage to the roads.

A motion was made by Rick Green to go into Executive Session at 7:15 pm to discuss the Highway Superintendent's contract, with return to Open Session, second by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes.

A motion was made by Rick Green leave Executive Session with return to Open Session at 7:48 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes.

Once back in Open Session the subject of unemployment compensation for workers who plow for the town in the winter only was discussed. They need to be covered in some way and yet there must be an answer so they are not allowed to collect unemployment for what they know is a temporary period of employment for the town.

Minutes of November 30, 2009: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the minutes as presented, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Ethics Commission Requirements: The board and Town Moderator, Bob Howarth will determine the steps necessary for all town employees regarding training to comply with new state requirements prior to year end.

Selectmen's Ongoing Project List: This office will seek additional quotes for the Academy Hall roof and continue working on the heating/cooling systems for the Town Hall offices.

Park and Rec Office Painting: The board has received two quotes for the painting in the P&R office and is seeking a third quote.

Department Heads Meeting: The annual departmental budget meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> for 7:00 pm at which time the State Ethics information will be distributed.

Fire Department: The board will meet with the department members and Dave Martel, Town Counsel to answer questions asked by member on December 7, 2009 at 8:30 pm.

Wilbraham Road Drainage Issue: A letter will be sent to property owner Karnig Zeoroogian regarding a drainage issue he has questioned over the years.

Correspondence:

- Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
- Building Inspector's Certification
- Police Department's Monthly Spending
- Police Invoice Clarification
- MSBA

Resident's Request: An interested resident continues to ask about suitable property for a Skating Rink for the kids in town to enjoy. His suggestion has been to use the property abutting the Senior Center.

Town Counsel: Dave Martel arrived at approximately 8:15 and the board discussed the meeting to be held at 8:30 pm.

The board convened to the Fire House at 8:30 for a meeting and at 9:15 pm a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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