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

January 27, 2010
3:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green
Guest: Stan Weinberg, Labor Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Warrant Articles: The following warrant articles for Annual Town Meeting were reviewed by the board:

- Community Preservation Act revocation: A resident has petitioned to the board to place the warrant article to revoke the CPA.
- Demolition Bylaw: The Historic Commission has petitioned to have a delay of demolition restriction placed on homes that are considered, "significant buildings".
- Board of Assessors: Standard warrant articles
- Library Trustees: Standard warrant articles re: Revolving Fund and State Aid
- Chapter 90 Funding: Standard Highway Funding and borrowing article

This office will check that all revolving funds are sufficient for the departments holding them.

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard came in to discuss the revenue sheet for 2011. Advisory has invited the Board to their next meeting on the 8th and the Board would like the Accountant and the Assessor's to attend that meeting.

Council on Aging: The Board received a letter of resignation from COA Board member Andee Crowley. Andee has moved out of town and can no longer serve. The board will leave the position vacant until the full board comes in for a full review.

Road Hazards: The Board talked again about the issue of road hazards and will do a sight ride to get definitive answers on specific concerns; whether or not they are issues and need to be resolved.

House Relocation: The Board continues to receive calls from Westcott Clarke, the contractor for Sue Bowers regarding a start date for the house relocation and he is continually told that final permits have not been issued by all town departments due to Sue Bowers not having satisfied all conditions. The last to be satisfied are the

Conservation Commission; once they notify this office that they are satisfied, the Board will issue a letter of approval, allowing the house relocation to take place.

Minutes of January 20, 2010: The Board reviewed the minutes of January 20, 2010 and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Rick Green at 3:40 pm to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the misconduct of an employee, 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 4:43 pm, with return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, John Flynn yes.

Minnechaug Land Trust: Sherry Himmelstein has submitted a number of requests for letters of support for the grant application for the purchase of Goat Rock (for which the last grant application was denied due to our lack of Capital Points. She and a group of others have worked on an updated Open Space Plan in hopes that a grant may be forthcoming for those efforts. Letters have been drafted, a warrant article will have to be drafted for inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting warrant and information will be returned to Sherry for submittal.

Hold Harmless Agreement: The Board signed an agreement for Richard Hatch who has agreed to allow the fire department to train on his property with a house. He wanted to be assured that he will not be responsible for any problems which might arise in the training process.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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