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

February 22, 2010  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at Vincent Villamaino.

COA Board Members: Present at the meeting was Patricia Clark, Rita Vail, Virginia Schneider, COA Director, and Becky Moriarty. The first item discussed was the budget and those items that have been paid for by the Friends of the Seniors in past years. Every year there has been an additional expense which in large part is the result of postage to mail the Scribe out on a monthly basis.

In reviewing the budget the COA Board members discussed the interest from outside in adding new programs to the center's schedule, increasing the center's hours on a daily basis, etc. The budget will be reviewed with the Advisory Committee on March 22 at 6:10 pm.

John suggested that the requested budget reflect the numbers requested.

The discussion turned to the composition of the board now and it was noted that with the aging of the board members, there are now more members in the over 60 group and as a result the board will have one over the existing bylaws. This will be discussed further.

Becky then brought up a situation that occurred recently in town, when one of our residents with no family members needed shelter due to the extreme cold in their home. Since this occurred in the middle of the night, the question is, what arrangements are currently in place to provide such accommodations for such a person? The resident did not have medical conditions that necessitated a trip to the hospital, but they did need shelter for the night.

Becky mentioned that perhaps a "letter of agreement" could be drafted to allow a remedy if such a situation occurs again in town. Rick Green stated that he would contact our local nursing home, Wingate to see what they might be willing to offer. Becky stated that she too would make some contacts with other towns to see how they handle such a problem.

Police: The Board will schedule time with Chief Farnsworth to discuss the following items:

- New Policy: Breaking and Entering, Search and Seizure and Response Calls
- Rules and Regulations

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard stopped in to present an updated revenue sheet and to notify the board that he will be on vacation in the coming week.

House Relocation: The board wrote a letter which will be sent to Sue Bower granting approval for the relocation of the house from Allen Street to Chapin Road. The letter will also be sent via email to those utility companies so the planning can begin for the move date. What remains to be known is the bond amount to be held by the mover in the event any town and/or residential properties are damaged as a result of the mover.

Minutes of February 17, 2010: The minutes were reviewed and a correction was noted by John as to the time of his departure from the meeting. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Unemployment Requests: The board received two requests for unemployment compensation, one for a person who has never worked for the town and another for someone on suspension. Appropriate responses will be sent back to the DET

Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust: A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 24 that Rick Green will attend to discuss project rates for the coming fiscal year. check with Robin in Longmeadow as to Chapter 18, section

Park and Recreation: The board received two quotes for the carpet replacement in the P&R office. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the quote in the amount of \$606.39, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence:

- FEMA
- Hampden County Bar Association: Invitation to a seminar.
- Minutes of Conservation Commission: Reviewed without comment.
- Minutes of Planning Board: Reviewed without comment.
- Minutes of School Committee: Reviewed without comment.

John brought up the subject of whether we should form a technology committee to discuss updating the technology in the town house. We now have 3 or 4 servers and perhaps there is a better maintenance plan out there. John has the names of a few people who may serve. The discussion will continue at a later date.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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