

Approved 4/20/10

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

March 29, 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 6:00 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Advisory Board: A request was made by the COA for a transfer into Greater Springfield Senior Services. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve a transfer in the amount of \$17.50 from the Reserve Fund into the GSSS line item, seconded by John Flynn.  
VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The request will be left with the Advisory Board for their vote and approval.

Highway Budget Review: The Selectmen and Advisory Board discussed the budgets as submitted by Dana Pixley with no questions. There was discussion about the possibility of paying for sanders as needed out of the snow and ice account, versus putting them on the warrant for ATM. It will be discussed further.

2010 Proposed Construction Projects: The Board reviewed the proposed construction projects of Stony Hill Road (paving and related work), Main Street culvert and crack filling of various roads as well as payroll requirements for same. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the projects as recommended by Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent for a total amount of \$452.140, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

West Brook Culvert Report: The Board received the photos from Tighe and Bond of the condition of the culvert, which shows the culvert is a good candidate for a sleeve installation in lieu of replacing the entire culvert. The next step is to go before the Conservation Commission for approval to go forward with the process.

Police Budget Review: The Selectmen and Advisory Board met and reviewed the Police budget with no real discussion.

Farmer's Market: Karen and Dale Hatch came before the board to discuss the start of the Farmer's Market for the second year. The board is supportive of the work done by our local farmers and only real comment was relative to the proper permitting by those selling, the issue of any traffic problems and to ask if there help was needed in any capacity. It appears that all is under control.

Police Department:

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Fire Department Paging: The policy was reviewed as presented by the Police Chief. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the policy as submitted by the Chief for Fire Department Paging, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Traffic Accidents: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the policy as submitted by the Chief for Traffic Accidents, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Dead Bodies: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the policy as submitted by the Chief for the handling of dead bodies, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Crowds and Demonstrations: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve to approve the policy as submitted by the Chief for Crowds and Demonstrations, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Regional Dispatching: The Chief asked that one of the Selectmen act as a liaison with the various communities for the discussion of regional dispatching and John Flynn agreed to do so.

The Chief asked for a date to schedule Motorola representatives to present their proposal for a new radio set up and it was agreed that May 3 at 7:00 pm would work.

John Flynn left the meeting for a prior engagement at 7:30 pm and did not return.

Ostrander Dog Issue: Environmental Officer Tony Tranghese came before the board to discuss the situation with two dogs running loose and “running deer” both of which break existing town and state laws regarding dogs being restrained. Dog owner, Heather Ostrander of Mountain Road listened to hear that in a couple of instances her dogs have been witnessed chasing deer. Tony Tranghese visited the home and lodged a formal complaint and spoke with Mr. Ostrander who promised to bring the information to his wife. Another complaint came from a woman on horseback that feared both for her horse and the dog should the horse get spooked and hurt the dog. The final complaint was of the dogs being in the road, unleashed. It was explained that the dogs must be restrained and should another occurrence happen, the dogs would be removed from the home and civil action would be taken. The gravity of the situation was explained and understood by Ms. Ostrander and all parties left the meeting with the understanding of potential consequences in the future.

South Ridge Road Stop Sign: The board reviewed the request from a resident and after discussion it was determined that officers may sit at the site to check on those drivers who don't take caution when leaving South Ridge Road and speed out onto South Road, rather than install a stop sign.

Minutes of March 9, March 15 and March 22, 2010: The board reviewed all sets of minutes and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve all minutes as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

School Committee Minutes and Planning Board Minutes: Reviewed without comment.

PVTA Draft Budget: Reviewed without comment.

Thomas J. O' Connor Animal Control Agreement: The City of Springfield doesn't want to terminate their agreement, but cannot afford the rates they have been paying in the past. They are seeking a more equitable split on the rates. They currently pay approximately \$6.00 per resident, versus our \$2.60 per resident. Rick met with a representative who will schedule a future meeting in April to discuss possible rate reductions. We will fund the line item for now, and may terminate later, dependent upon what happens with Springfield.

Hampden County Bar Association Legislative Meeting: April 9, 8:30 – 10:00, Rick will attend meeting.

Chapter 61 Release: A submittal was made by the Hampden Country Club requesting a release from the Town for its Right of First Refusal on property currently classified as Chapter 61B property. The Board reviewed the necessary documents; Purchase and Sale Agreement, Plan of Division of Land, and the owner's request. A motion was made by Rick Green to release the Town's "Right of First Refusal" and not exercise that right, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. John Flynn was not present for the vote.

NOTES:

- Personnel Committee Meeting 3/29 at 7:00 pm
- Revised School Assessment Figures
- Conflict of Interest Training Deadline
- Historical Commission, Demolition Delay bylaw review, April 1
- Street Light Listing- copy to be retained

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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