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

April 5, 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 by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:30 pm. John Flynn was not present at the start of the meeting.

Hampden Housing Authority: Board Members; George Stone, Jackie Weissbach and Lucretia Hembt were here and the absence of Chris Evans, Director of the Housing Authority was noted as she had a family emergency.

The discussion started with particular maintenance needs at the Housing Development, mainly the need to repave the driveway and noted the money that has been spent on improving the septic system. Ben Bump arrived at 6:35 and is the Treasurer for the Housing Authority and noted there is currently approximately \$300,000 in the coffers. This money can only be used for maintenance projects.

Vinnie estimated that the cost to repave the entrance road and reset the curbs would be approximately \$180k.

The question was asked if there was any chance for state or federal reimbursement for the road work and it does not appear to be likely.

Any septic system repair due to the repaving will be redone at the expense of the Housing Authority.

The question was asked as to whether the Housing Authority should look into new housing? With money from CPA funds, additional money would still be needed.

The money to build what we have come from federal money, HUD operating funds.

John suggested starting with CPA money and said there is the opportunity to get more funding if the Housing Authority exceeds the amount they would normally get.

Board members will bring the information to Chris Evans to investigate properties that might be available.

The Board will ask that Chris put a summary together for the Housing Authority's next meeting scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> (which Rick will attend) and get her thoughts on the subject.

Advisory Hearing: The hearing starts at 7:00 to review the entire budget as well as warrant articles.

NOTE:

Main Street culvert information: Forms were forwarded to Dana Pixley for signing for the next step in the permitting process.

Transfer Station Sticker Costs: The board discussed the status of the revolving fund for the Transfer Station and noted that we are now losing money due to higher “tipping” fees which is the cost of removal from the transfer station. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve an increase to \$40 for the first sticker, and \$20 for the second sticker, and \$20 for a Senior Citizen's sticker, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Silver Star Banner Day: The board reviewed an email soliciting support of the Silver Star Banner Day to serve in recognition of war veterans and the personal sacrifices they have made, so they are honored for their dedication to their communities and country. A proclamation will be sent in support of the banner day.

Memorial Day: Adopt a Road clean up will be worked on soon to get groups signed up to help get the town in shape for the Memorial Day Parade.

Snow and Ice Account: The current budget for snow and ice and was discussed with Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant and due to increased costs over the year and the fact that Highway’s first purchases overdraw the account. A motion was made by Rick Green to increase the line item for Snow and Ice to \$50,000, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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