

Approved 5/3/10

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

April 29, 2010
5:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Town Meeting Salary Discussion: The Board discussed the town meeting and the salary issue raised at the meeting. All agreed that the topic was not well thought out prior to presentation and should have been proposed earlier in the budget process. A letter will be drafted and sent to Advisory requesting their thoughts on the matter prior to being distributed to department heads.

Fire Department Status Update: The Board reviewed the progress that has been made with a committee of fire fighters and Rick Green, liaison for the Board of Selectmen. It is estimated that these changes will incur a cost of between 40 and 50,000 per year. This will allow the department members to get paid to train. After review, a motion was made by John Flynn to accept the Training Guidelines to be presented to the Fire Department on May 3, 2010, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Hampden Art Guild: The Art Guild has organized an "Art Walk" in the town to be held on May 14th and 15th at the former site of Country Kitchen and a space in the building owned by Dick Patullo, former site of Curves. They are seeking a two one day permits to serve wine and cheese. A motion was made by Rick Green to grant two one day permits to the Hampden Art Guild for Friday, May 14th from 6 to 9 pm and Saturday, May 15th from 3 to 5 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Teacher Deferral Clarification: The Board will seek clarification from the School relative to the former deferral granted.

Return to Work Policy: The Board forwarded the draft policy to the Personnel Committee on 4/28 and the comments received are to be reviewed tonight. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the policy, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

DEP Stormwater Annual Report: It was agreed that Joe Kruzel should be contacted to ensure compliance with the submittal of this report which is due May 1.

Proposal for Town Hall Compliance: The board reviewed a prior proposal from Mike Framarin, for compliance with DEP mandates. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the work required for Town Hall compliance, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Adopt-A-Road: A letter of invitation was sent to community groups asking for their participation in town wide clean up prior to the Memorial Day Parade.

Cruiser Maintenance Accounts: A letter was submitted by Jeff Farnsworth requesting that \$2,100 be transferred to the cruiser maintenance account. The board will review this with the Chief at the next meeting scheduled for May 3, 2010.

Computer Maintenance Agreement: The board discussed the need for a technician to handle our computer needs for those town offices not currently served by other vendors, (specifically, Assessors, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector). This will be reviewed further.

Computer Purchase: The need for an additional lap top for the Selectmen's office was discussed and a motion was made by Rick Green to buy a new computer for this office, (the account has a total of \$2500), seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Veterans' Reimbursement Submittal: The board received copies of paperwork submitted to the State for reimbursement.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 26, 2010 Annual Town Meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as submitted, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

NOTES:

- Fire Department Meeting, May 2 at 8:00 pm
- Regional Dispatch Meeting, Thursday, May 6
- Bond Certificates: Annual certificates were received.
- School Committee Minutes: Reviewed without comments.
- Charter Communications Hearing
- Conservation Commission Minutes: Reviewed without comment.
- Police using gym floor
- Building Permit Report: Reviewed without comment.
- 9 Perennial Lane Update
- Request for Traffic Control by Highway

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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