

Approved 5/24/10

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

May 17, 2010  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

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

Guests: Ed Gorski, Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Board of Health Permits:

A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the food permit for Mia Bella Pizzeria, a take-out pizzeria, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Rick Green to approve a food permit for Pop's Pizza to serve grinders, chips, soda, cookies, salad at the Hampden Farmer's Market, contingent upon Board of Health Coordinator, Lorri McCool's final approval, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

VFW Permits:

- A motion was made by Rick Green to grant a one day permit for the VFW to serve alcohol in the Pavilion from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am on June 5, 2010 for a graduation party, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- A motion was made by Rick Green to grant a one day permit for the VFW to serve alcohol in the Pavilion from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am on June 13, 2010 for a graduation party, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- A motion was made by Rick Green to grant a one day permit for the VFW to serve alcohol in the Pavilion from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am on June 25, 2010 for a wedding, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

National Grid: National Grid will be holding an informational meeting at the Senior Center and have requested a permit to serve refreshments. A motion was made by Rick Green to grant National Grid a one day permit to serve pastry and coffee from 4:30 to 8:30 pm at the Senior Center, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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Fire Department Status: Rick met with the committee members, Matt Loveling, Larry Hatch and Mike Hatch with the final agreement as voted by the Board of Selectmen. The need for a policy committee was also discussed. Rick suggested that the committee consist of 3 firefighters and 3 officers. All meetings will be attended by a clerk to record the minutes of the meeting. When asked about a tie vote on a particular issue, Rick suggested that the tie vote be brought before the board for a final decision.

A motion was made by Rick Green to establish a Policy Committee for policy reviews consisting of 3 firefighters, 3 officers and in the event of a tie vote, the matter will be brought before the Board of Selectmen for a decision, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Radio Communication System: The board, along with the Fire Chief and Police Chief has researched different opportunities to enable the communications between the Police and Fire Departments to be in synch. Bill Pepin, from Channel 22 offered the assistance of engineers from Channel 22 to assist the town in determining the potential solutions. Rick will be meeting with those engineers on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We have forwarded background information to them in preparation of the meeting.

Cabot Risk Strategies: The Board reviewed the Injured On-Duty Policy and seeing it in order have approved the renewal as is.

Minutes of May 10, 2010: The minutes of May 10, 2010 were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Department Liaisons: The board discussed the need to reestablish the liaisons that previously existed between departments and selectmen. The list will be resurrected and reviewed for current liaisons assignments.

Health Insurance Changes: The board reviewed recent changes to the health care options available and will review further about accepting them into the town's options. There was a two week premium holiday granted through the Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust due to an abundance of funds. Both the town and the employees will benefit sharing an approximate \$9,500 in a premium holiday.

Teacher's Deferral: A state law was voted by the district in 1991 allowing monies due the teachers to be deferred over a 15 year program. Hampden was not supportive of the process, but the Town of Wilbraham was. Since it started in 1991, the program should have ended in 2008, but it has not yet been fully invoiced to the towns. Rick has a copy of the original agreement and will review, check the green sheets to determine the final costs.

Open Meeting Law Changes: The board reviewed the recent changes to the Open Meeting Law and will try to determine how best to adhere to the changes.

Planning Board Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and it was noted that upcoming meetings will be scheduled to discuss the home occupation by-law, which the board will be invited to.

Riso Machine: The board discussed the purchase of a new copier to be used for the large copying jobs. The board will check on the balance of the account to see if there are funds available.

School Repair Budget: The board has approved the expenditure of a portion of the repair budget.

John will check with Steve Hale regarding any anticipated needs for Minnechaug.

NOTE:

MMA Leadership Conference on June 12 at Old Sturbridge Village

Fire Department: The Fire Chief brought forward the need for a dry hydrant on Glendale Road. Chief Gorski has talked with a homeowner, Eric Newhouse who is willing to allow the department to install a hydrant on his property. The board will send a letter acknowledging same and also include a Hold Harmless Agreement for the homeowner, assuring him of the Town's liability alone in the project.

Memorial Day: The letters of invitation have been sent, clergy have been invited, the VFW and others have all been notified of plans from this office, and we are awaiting information from Art Booth, relative to the speaker for the day. The flowers in front of town hall will be planted by the Hampden Garden Club and the Highway Department will plant the geraniums on Town Common for the event.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:19, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: all in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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