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

June 21, 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 at 6:30 pm by John D. Flynn.

Bill Olmstead: The Board anticipated seeing Bill Olmstead to receive his comments about the COA board members. Olmstead stopped and visited with Rick Green during the day to voice his concerns about the current board members.

Fire Chief: Mike Gorski came before the board to introduce a new firefighter that he would like to have appointed to the department. Mark Barba has passed the physical and medical testing necessary for the appointment. Based on the recommendation of the Chief, a motion was made by Rick Green to appoint Mark Barba to the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department effective today until June 30, 2010, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fire Department: Chief Gorski was able to pick up a surplus truck for a brush truck, will do the repairs and painting out of his revolving fund.

John Flynn asked whether we had any response from the Town of Marlboro, CT and if not our frequency would have a huge impact on theirs. The Chief is will check on that since the contact time has come and gone. We may get letter of concurrence from Marlboro.

We are still in talks about a new tower; Rick as talked with Gale Candaras, and Bill Pepin about the possible construction of a new tower on property owned by Pepin.

Fire Department Interviews: Rick is reviewing questions for the July 1st interviews to be held for officers in the department.

Mike Gorski, Peter Hatch and Rick Green will conduct the interviews.

Commercial Drive: The board reviewed the recommendations from Dana Pixley of the commercial location of Fred Shea's business and a drainage issue. Should Fred request permission to do suggested remediation, the board will send a letter of agreement to him. For the time being, the memo with recommendations will go into the Highway file.

Used Car License: Resident Frank Colantoni from Main Street has applied for a used car license and been given approval by the Planning Board. Based on that approval, a motion was made by Rick Green to grant a Used Car License to Frank Colantoni for the

housing of one car which must be garaged with no signage allowed, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Food Permit: The Board reviewed an application from Lynn Wallace to sell lemonade at the Farmer's Market. Based on the approval from Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant the permit to Lynne Wallace, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Food Permit: The Board reviewed an application from Olivia's Restaurant to sell a strawberry spinach salad at the Farmer's Market. Based on the recommendation from Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant the permit to Olivia's Restaurant, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Lions Club: The Board discussed the licensing for the Lions Club for their various activities throughout the year, allowing them permission to carry on their non-profit activities without having to be permitted separately for each and every occasion. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant a one day license (for every occasion) to the Lions Club for their non-profit activities, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

MEMA/FEMA: Rick Green recently attended a meeting at MEMA's regional office regarding hazardous mitigation grants and learned the following: no cap on the project cost, project no longer has to be shovel ready, as was previously the case, an estimated cost must be included and there seems to be some opportunity for the town to secure some funding. Tom Couture, from Tighe and Bond (town engineers) will send one of his engineers to participate in the next meeting with MEMA/FEMA to see how the town might benefit from this opportunity.

Town Clerk: Eva Wiseman came before the board to discuss the purchase of a new "high volume" copier and the purchase will be discussed further to determine proper funding sources. We will check with Cliff Bombard as to the best way to fund the purchase.

Eva Wiseman also talked about the need for the preservation of records which are now kept in the town vault. The Board suggested that she check with other communities to see how they handle such information.

House Relocation: The board discussed the house relocation and determined that given the many changes in the conditions of the move, it could not be allowed to impact the community at large for the sake of one person. Therefore, a letter will be sent suspended the permission to proceed any further until these conditions are remedied to the Board of Selectmen's satisfaction.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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