

Approved 8/11/10

TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

August 11, 2010
6:03 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green and Vincent Villamaino

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Guests: Members of COA Board, Kathy Foster, Pat Clark, John Shea, Ray Crowley, Al Ouiment, Zachary Booth, Art Booth, Charlie Wood, Don Talbot, Forrest LaPointe, Mr. Raymond Shankel

ZBA Request: The ZBA has presented the Board of Selectmen a request to appoint Duane Moiser as an alternate member. Rick Green made a motion to appoint Duane Mosier as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Police: The price came in for the repair to the cruiser damaged on a call. The engine repair came in at a cost of \$4782 and comes with a new 3 year, 1000,000 mile warranty. The price was sent to the Advisory Board for review with a suggestion to put on a warrant for Fall Town Meeting.

The sergeant's exam has been given with a discussion on a passing score. This is the first of three (3) parts for the sergeant's position.

A motion was made by Rick Green to set the passing grade at sixty (60) seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Selectmen has a visit from Zachary Booth, a resident of Meadowbrook Drive. There is concern regarding the line of vision leaving Meadowbrook Drive looking at oncoming traffic from Somers Road. The bush at O'Connell's seems to obstruct the view. Could this situation be looked into? A memo will be sent to the Police Department asking the Safety Officer to look into the matter.

COA Board: Pat Clark asked about appointment to the COA Board. There seems to be some confusion over birthdates. After some discussion it was agreed if a person enters the term at fifty nine (59) or less the person will continue to be an under sixty (60) member for the length of the term no matter when they have a birthday and turn sixty (60). The bylaws should mirror this directive. At this time the Board consists of seven (7) people over sixty (60) and two (2) people under sixty (60).

A motion was made by Rick Green to appoint Marq Culhane as an under sixty (60) member as of July 1, 2010 and seconded by Vinnie Villamaino.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made Rick Green to re-appoint Patricia Clark, Virginia Schneider and Karen Ledger to the COA Board and seconded by Vinnie Villamaino.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Cemetery Revolving: Cliff Bombard requested the Selectmen set up a revolving account for the Cemetery Commission as they are now operating with a trust account. This would bring it up to date.

A motion was made by Rick Green to establish a Cemetery Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53E ½. Such fund to be used to process revenues and expenditures submitted from grave openings and closings and other permitted miscellaneous uses seconded by Vinnie Villamaino.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Zoning Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector: Lance explained to the Selectmen National Grid is looking for a letter to be signed asking for an exemption on zoning relief. The Selectmen agreed; Lance will sign and send the letter to National Grid.

ABCC: A new amendment has been established to the liquor licensing law by the ABCC regarding the need for mandatory liquor liability insurance coverage. Existing licensees are required to demonstrate they have also obtained the same mandatory insurance coverage in order to renew licenses.

HWRSD: The schools requested to get on the tax credit program with the Town and it was determined that they will have to set up their own tax credit program as they are a separate entity.

VFW Turkey Shoots: Mr. Shankel went over the history of the Turkey Shoots as he remembered: they start in October and run through November. The last two (2) years they have started in September and run through November, Mr. Shankel was never notified when the change took place and stated he felt it was wrong. In September Mr. Shankel is out in his yard, the sound is very loud and disturbing. When October arrives he is in his house much more and the windows are shut and it is not as disturbing.

Art Booth stated this event is a big money maker; the most amount of money is made in the month of September. All the money raised goes back into the community. Those dates are very valuable to the VFW. Art requested to run the Turkey Shoots from September 12 through November 21, 2010 from 1 pm to 5 pm. The optimal time is ten (10) weeks. They offered to move the tarp from its current location to the other side of the bridge, the left side near the pavilion.

A motion was made by Rick Green to accept the dates as requested and seconded by Vinnie Villamaino.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Notes:

- Planning Board minutes reviewed
- Telephone Poles reviewed
- Tax Abatement Program: No departments have responded to date

Respectfully submitted:

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