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

November 8, 2010
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino

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

The meeting was called to order by John Flynn at 6:30 pm.

- 1) Tax Classification Hearing Date: The hearing will be posted for November 29, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Selectmen's Office.
- 2) Antenna Installation: The board received a response from Walt Black regarding the terms he would like for the antenna installation on his tower and the board will discuss the issue with Chief Gorski on Monday, November 15th relative to what exactly the new antenna will be servicing and when it will become active.
- 3) VOTE: The board received a request from the VFW for a one day liquor license for the American Legion to hold a Turkey Toot. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant a one day liquor license for the VFW to serve alcohol in the pavilion on November 13th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, seconded by Rick Green.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- 4) VFW liquor license: Will the license be revised to allow the drinking of alcoholic beverages on the bridge as well as in the pavilion? The board will check with the ABCC as to whether or not.
- 5) COA Director's Evaluation: The board received a copy of an evaluation done by the COA board members for the COA Director, Becky Moriarty. The board appreciates the COA board's input, but would like to determine what role the board's level of participation should be and how the process was even established. The director works for the Board of Selectmen and not for the COA Board. Rick will work on a letter to the COA board.
- 6) Teacher Deferral Letter: The board has had ongoing questions about the teacher deferral costs which are still part of the school's budget. It is the board's contention that this debt should have been retired in 2007/2008. A letter will be sent to Beth Regulbuto asking for documentation about the charge.

- 7) Minnechaug Building Committee: The school committee, building committee and Board of Selectmen has discussed taking advantage of current interest rates to save residents on the borrowing necessary for the new school project. There is a preliminary meeting on Friday, November 12 at 3:30, prior to a public meeting to inform the residents as to how the restructuring will take place.
- 8) School Committee Minutes: The board discussed the minutes is as much as they contain information regarding unsuitable soil and its removal from the site. This change order is in the amount of \$141,000 and there will be more to come.
- 9) Veteran's Day Invitation: The board received an invitation from the Council on Aging to participate in the Veteran's Day remembrance hosted by Director, Becky Moriarty. The program will be held on Friday at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center.
- 10) Minutes of November 2, 2010: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve the minutes of November 2, 2010 as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- 11) Police Department Health Violation: The police department was notified of two violations that exist in the holding cell. One cannot be remedied due to the age of the building, but the other pertaining to the need for hot water will be resolved. A letter will be sent to the Department of Public Health explaining our plan to remedy the situation as we make certain improvements as suggested in our Energy Audit being performed by National Grid and Columbia Gas.
- 12) Capital Planning Committee: The board will send an invitation to those involved to attend a meeting on November 22nd at 7:00.
- 13) Memo from Dana Pixley: The board will check into the circumstances surrounding the check done by the Police Department and the beaver trapper on East Longmeadow Road.
- 14) Energy Audit: Rick had a meeting with National Grid and Columbia Gas regarding energy audits that will be performed in various town buildings. The buildings to be assessed will be prioritized by the energy usage. The Town House and Senior Center will be assessed at a lesser level due to the lower usage as compared to the two schools, Green Meadow and Thornton W. Burgess. We will get energy usage information from the schools for help with the assessment. The cost for the Town House and Senior Center will be borne by the utility companies. The school assessments will be split with one done at no cost and the other shared by the Town and the utilities. As an incentive, if we perform the improvements suggested within one year, those costs will be waived and be deducted in our utility bills. The Highway garage and Fire Department will have lighting assessments performed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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