

Approved 11/29/10

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

November 15, 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 6:25 pm. Vinnie Villamaino was not present at the meeting due to illness.

Police, Fire, and Highway: The board invited the Police and Fire Chief and Highway Superintendent in to review the winter procedures to ensure all departments are aware of the policies and what is expected of them during the winter road clearing operations. The issue of basketball hoops was brought up and the Safety Officer, Bill Joy will review his status sheet and correspond with Dana Pixley about them.

Ames Road: This office will check with Frank Miele on Ames Road to ensure he moves the timbers off the edge of the road for the winter season.

Fire Department Antenna: The Fire Chief stated that the work on the new antenna will not be utilized in the near future and will let us know when the antenna needs to be installed.

Beaver Removal Permit: The board will ask the Police Department who requested proof of a permit from the beaver trapper on East Longmeadow Road.

Mandolini Drainage Issue: It was determined at the meeting that enough time has been spent explaining to Mr. Mandolini the history of his drainage which he was aware of when he purchased the property many years ago. Rick Green will contact Mr. Mandolini and explain the town's position.

Main Street: Dana Pixley gave a status report of the culvert project which has gone well. The process involved the installation of a thick lining into a deteriorating culvert that will stabilize the culvert and improve the water flow slightly. Unfortunately, there was a discrepancy in the installer's calculation and there is a 7.5 foot piece of pipe that was not lined. Dana and Mike Petrin from Tighe and Bond will speak with Jason Hayward from Insituform about possible solutions. Those options will be brought forward in the near future when Dana reports back to the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: One Day Liquor License for Hampden Art Guild: The Hampden Art Guild will hold an art exhibit and sale on November 19 and November 20. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve two one day liquor licenses, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Notice of Non-Compliance: The town received a letter from DEP regarding non-compliance for our Water District. Mike Framarin is our certified water operator and the board will follow up with him to ensure the matter has been resolved.

MIA Renewal Letter: The board reviewed a proposal to maintain our current rates for the coming budget year with an assurance not to raise the rate more than 2.5% for the following year. A motion was made by Rick Green to accept the proposal as submitted by MIA, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Annual Tree Lighting Press Release: The tree lighting will occur on Sunday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. The Boy Scouts will conduct a “Toys for Tots” drive and the Girl Scouts will be collecting non-perishables for local food kitchens.

Public Safety Building: Rick Green has contacted state level contacts regarding any monies available for building a public safety building. All responses are negative.

Minutes of November 8, 2010: The minutes of November 8, 2010 were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Proration of Liquor Licenses: Communities statewide have posed the question as to whether the town prorates the fee for liquor licenses.

Alcohol Beverage Control Commission sent a memo regarding the possible prohibition of sales of “alcohol energy drinks”.

Council on Aging Correspondence: The board has written a letter to the COA board in response to an evaluation done for the COA Director. Given that the director reports to the Board of Selectmen, the evaluation will not be signed off by the Selectmen, but merely used as a source of reference.

Department Head Meeting: The budget kick off meeting has been set for December 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The personnel committee will be asked to have all salary information prepared for the meeting.

Note:

Capital Planning, 11/22 @ 7:00 pm

Tax Classification Hearing, 11/29 @ 6:30 pm

Voting Machine Assessment Committee, 11/30 @ 6:30 pm

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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