

Approved 11/29/10

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

November 22, 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 at 6:30 pm by John Flynn.

Board of Health: Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, came before the board to give an update at 546 Main Street, (Black Horse Tavern property) septic system (one of two servicing the entire property). The system will need a variance from the DEP because it does not have the required 204' distance to the river, but measures 174 feet instead. Regardless of the type of system installed, it will still be tested on a monthly basis since it is a public water supply. Given that the board feels comfortable in recommending a waiver from DEP.

A motion was made by John Flynn to write a letter to DEP recommending the granting of a waiver for the septic system design as recommended by Lorri McCool, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Capital Planning Committee: Doug Boyd, Dick Patullo, Paul Gagliarducci and Cliff Bombard came to discuss revitalizing the Capital Planning list of priorities. There was discussion of establishing a capital fund to save 100k per year with a plan of spending on a yearly basis as a possible option but also noted that residents are not happy with the town "saving" their money and customarily vote for those necessary capital items as needed.

There was discussion about the use of stabilization money, and it was noted that a 2/3 vote is required at town meeting.

A memo to will be sent to department heads to list needs with priorities and associated costs for items over \$10,000 with a five year life.

NOTE: Department head meeting on December 6th for budget kick off. Capital Planning members will speak at meeting.

Public Safety Building: Rick Green will work on letter to submit to Governor Patrick for stimulus money and will copy Senator Gale Candaras, Representative Brian Ashe, etc to keep everyone in the loop.

Town Borrowing: Dick Patullo, Town Treasurer submitted a request to borrow \$800,000 from the Stabilization Fund with a payback due in February. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the borrowing of \$800,000 by the Town Treasurer with a payback in February, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence:

1. Hampden Grog Shoppe: Request for expansion.
2. Mountain Road Improvements: Scott Rumprik proposed improvements to Mountain Road. The board will give him 30 days in which to complete those improvements.
3. ABCC Memo: The board received an urgent notice from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission prohibiting the sale of “caffeinated alcohol drinks” effective immediately. This office delivered the mandate to all liquor license holders.
4. Department of Public Health
5. Teacher Deferral Clarification: The board will determine when the first teacher deferral was paid to ensure we are in synch with the School District.
6. Police Department Monthly Budget
7. School Committee Meeting 11/23 @ 6:30
8. Dog Officer Job Clarification: The board is working on setting parameters for the new dog officer.
9. Fire Department Letter: The board reviewed the letter written by the Fire Chief to department members relative to training and stipends. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the letter presented by Mike Gorski, Fire Chief, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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