

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

December 13, 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 6:25 pm by John Flynn.

Certified Water Operator: The town's certified water operator, Mike Framarin came before the board to discuss a number of issues, the first of which was a Notice of Non-Compliance that the town received as a result of necessary paperwork not having been received in time by the DEP. Mike assured the board that the situation had been resolved and all was good with the DEP.

The board asked Mike if he knew of any new requirements the DEP might be putting into effect and Mike responded that he was unaware of any at this time.

Rick Green stated that April 15, 1999 is when the service became active and noted that we are still only running at 10% capacity.

The topic of the charge from Mike Framarin for his license fee as a Certified Water Operator, which apparently DEP requires for every public water supply system that he monitors was questioned by the board and explained by Mike. He has to carry a separate license for every public water supply for which he is responsible and the cost gets paid by the supplier.

The last item for discussion was the Park and Recreation Commissioners inquiring about the installation of a water bubbler for Memorial Park. There needs to be further information gathering before a decision can be made

Public Hearing: Proper public notice was given for the expansion proposal brought forward by Tom Meffen, owner/operator of the Grog Shoppe and no one was in attendance other than the board and building's landlord. Tom plans on removing a wall separating his current floor plan from the space next to him (former Curves location). After reviewing the plans, Rick Green made a motion to approve the expansion plans, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

National Grid Easement Petition: National Grid is petitioning for an easement for "permission to construct, maintain, repair, operate and use lines, etc." across "specified roadways in the Town of Hampden". They will be notified of a date in mid-January when we can hold their hearing. Proper notices will be filed.

Baldwin Drive Discussion: A complaint was lodged regarding the parking of a tractor trailer truck on Baldwin Drive and was passed on for the Building Inspector to do a site visit. He did so a number of times and reported back to this board. At this point, the Police Department will be notified to send an officer to notify the resident of the “no on street parking restriction” currently in place. Failing to move the vehicle will result in the resident being ticketed, pursuant to the town’s bylaws.

Minutes of December 6, 2010: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Thornton Burgess Property: The board received a call from Connie Witt with some information regarding the possible sale of the Thornton Burgess property and the information was presented to the board.

Cultural Council: Patty Ehlers and Betty Howarth came before the board to discuss the current membership of the Cultural Council. Members are Cathy Mahoney, Betty Howarth, and Patty Ehlers. The council has met with Mindy Meeker, Patricia Pomeroy, Kathy Foster and John Karalekas and recommends their appointment to the council. Betty has agreed to check on the current terms of members and that information will be sorted out. Based on the information presented, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Mindy Meeker, Patricia Pomeroy, Kathy Foster and John Karalekas to the Cultural Council effective this day, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn at 7:10 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B. Courtney
Administrative Assistant

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