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

December 20, 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 6:30 pm.

Police Department: Chief Farnsworth introduced Reserve Officer Applicant John C. Martin to the board. John has been recommended by Sgt. Henry and Officer Seega to fill in a vacant position in the Reserve Officers roster. John works as a school counselor and teaches at East Longmeadow High School and works in Longmeadow as a Reserve Officer. A motion was made by Rick Green to appoint John C. Martin as a Reserve Police Officer, effective this date until June 30, 2011, with a probationary period of 60 days, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Conservation Commission: The Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Jeff Liquori submitted a letter of resignation. The board will ask Charlie Bennett to publish a notice for the need for additional members.

Board of Selectmen Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of December 13th and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Conservation Commission Minutes: The board reviewed without comment.

Planning Board Minutes: Board members will attend next Planning meeting.

SoftRight budget information: We received updated budget information for the Town Accountant's computer program.

Police Report for Parking Violation: The board will wait to be contacted by resident.

Dog Complaints: The board copies of complaints the dog officer has responded to and if these incidents continue the dog owners will be brought in for a hearing.

COA Meeting Notes: Rick attended the board's last meeting and asked that they restructure their reporting of the budget, to show a declining number. They also talked about the review done by the board members of the COA Director, and the board

contends it never meant it as a tool to keep the director in the position or to use force to remove her. Lastly, the chairman will be notified of the Director's budget review schedule with the advisory board.

National Grid Petition: A hearing is scheduled for the 10th of January.

Public Safety Building: The board wants to set a meeting with various legislators to push the need for funding of the building.

Capital Project Request: The Police Chief was in to talk about a request for a new dispatch console at an estimated cost of \$100,000. The board then talked about having further conversation with Bill Pepin about the possibility of installing another tower to service the town.

Main Street culvert update: The work has not been substantially completed and a letter has gone out to the contractor Insituform informing them of same. They must come up with a solution to the problem before getting paid anything.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn at 7:15 pm, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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