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

March 14, 2011
5:30 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 D. Flynn at 5:30 pm.

Transfer request: The board received an unanticipated bill from Unemployment and a transfer request has been presented to fund the shortfall. A motion has been made by Vinnie Villamaino to transfer \$37.00 from the Reserve Fund into the Unemployment Insurance fund, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The form will be forwarded to Advisory for their approval.

Bid request for Dumpsters: Bid specs were reviewed and contingent upon Town Counsel, the bid specs will go out to bid.

Minutes of March 7, 2011: The minutes of March 7, 2011 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.

Proclamation for Peg Stearn: Our long term resident, Peg Stearn celebrated her 100th birthday and the board has written a proclamation to celebrate this special occasion. The proclamation will be delivered to her at her new residence in Wilbraham. They will schedule a time to present the proclamation to Peg Stearn.

Animal Inspector Nomination: The board received new nomination papers for the Animal Inspector and will forward them to Shelley Sears for her signature.

Highway Department: The Highway Superintendent submitted two letters relative to capital purchases; one for a new pick-up truck that will appear on the ATM as a warrant article and the other for the purchase of two sanders. It was agreed by all involved, (the board and town accountant, Cliff Bombard) that the sanders would be paid for out of Snow and Ice as has been done in the past.

As for the Pick-Up Purchase, one of Dana's questions was whether to work with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MACP), as is the case with the cruiser purchasing that is done by the Police Chief. It was determined that he wait until he gets a firm price for town meeting.

Community Preservation Committee: The question was raised whether or not the renovation project for Memorial Park is eligible for funding from CPA funds. It was determined by our Town Counsel, Dave Martel that in fact the project is eligible and the request will be forwarded to CPC for their review.

Another request was made by Hampden Housing Authority to replace the FPE Panel in the amount of \$60k . The request has been forwarded to Town Counsel, Dave Martel to determine the eligibility of the request for the use of CPA funds.

Massachusetts School Board Authority: A letter was sent from the MSBA notifying the board et al of the changes to their staff. Raymond Kinghorn will be the Project Director and Melissa Frydlo is the new Project Representative.

Commercial Building and residential thermal imaging will be performed by Sagewell, Inc. in Hampden and surrounding towns; funded by the Department of Energy Resources to measure efficiency of energy usage. Homeowners can find ways in which to improve the energy efficiencies in their homes through the use of this program.

Stormwater Annual Report notice: The stormwater committee will be contacted again to meet and determine what next steps will be done for this state mandate.

PVTA Agenda: Reviewed without comment.

Computer Purchase: The Town Accountant needs a new computer and John will check on the specs necessary. The board agreed that a split of cost should be 75% for the town and 25% for Cliff Bombard, since the computer is used in Cliff's home.

Town Hall incident: The board will ask Chief Farnsworth to have a conversation with a group who uses our town hall to ensure they are respectful of the property at all times.

The board then met with the Advisory Board, Board of Assessors and Town Accountant to discuss the upcoming budget to be presented at Annual Town Meeting on April 25, 2011.

Cliff Bombard will review any and all old accounts for funds leftover that could be swept back into the general funds.

Cliff will work on new levy sheet, and get it to me and I will forward to all.

It was discussed that the work for the Fire Department be funded over multi years. This will be discussed further.

The board wants to invite the Capital Planning Committee into a board meeting for planning purposes and to talk about another infrastructure bond

Correspondence:

- Letter to Connie Witt from National Grid: Reviewed without comment.
- Joe Kruzel letter: Letter of thanks to Joe Kruzel for his years of service to the Planning Board.
- Regional Meeting, April 7 @ 7:00 pm
- Advisory Hearing is April 11, at Town Hall.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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