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

March 28, 2011
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 at 6:30 pm.

Dog Hearing for Nuisance Issues: The McNeill family has called numerous times to complain about dogs who are a nuisance to their home and family. They have complained about dogs owned by Lisa Kane-Bienvenue and Ms. Ntagkounakis who spend time in the McNeill's yard providing a nuisance. Mr. Bienvenue stated that he is currently working on a fence to keep his dog in his yard. The owners are now put on notice that if the dogs are present in the neighbor's yard, the next step will be taken which will require that the dogs be taken. Rick suggested that the Bienvenue family let Shelley Sears, Dog Officer know what the resolution will be. There has been construction on site that has prohibited them from putting the fence back up. The board agreed to allow the family 30 days getting the fence back up, and will keep the dog restrained for the time being. If the dogs are out roaming, and a picture is taken, that will be proof that they are not restrained. Karen says her dog has been tied, and a letter will be sent to the McNeill's explaining what the outcome of the hearing is.

Stormwater Committee: No discussion.

Board of Health Information: Representatives from Unibank gave a presentation to various offices and offered a program to allow offices the ability to accept ATM payments for permits, etc. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the use of ATM machines, at a cost to the resident, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow for the use of ATM machines for transfer station purchases, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Board of Health: Board of Health Agent Lorri McCool submitted a proposal to the board regarding the operations of septic system installers in town. Lorri proposed that installers who are not "professional" installers be made to take an exam, before they are allowed to install a system in town. If they have a current license somewhere, then they would be allowed to be licensed in town. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to accept the proposal brought forward by Lorri McCool regarding testing for Septic System Installers, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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Planning Board: The board received a letter of interest from town resident, James Quackenbush, regarding his desire to become a part of the Planning Board. The letter will be forwarded to Planning for their review.

SVRHT Health Reform Law: The board will not support the proposed change in the health reform law.

Highway Department: The Highway Superintendent submitted two memos regarding highway accounts. The first request was related to the Road Machinery Account, and the need to have a truck repaired. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to direct the superintendent to get the truck repaired and when the account is in the red, a line item transfer will be made, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: all in favor and so voted. The second request related to the Highway Maintenance Account. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to finish the installation of town street signs and proceed with the guardrail replacement and funds needed would be transferred from the Reserve Account, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of March 21, 2011: 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.

Open Meeting Law Bulletin from Dave Martel: Noted.

Veterans Benefits: The board received a notice from the Treasurer regarding the increase in payments for veterans in town purely as information only.

Annual Town Meeting: The board reviewed the warrant and ballot question as follows: "Shall the town be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amount required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to purchase a Fire Engine to replace the 1972 Maxim and 1974 Diamond Reo tanker?" A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the ballot question, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Special Town Meeting: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant to add an article for funding for the additional veterans, and to close the warrant, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Special Town Meeting: After further discussion, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to negate the motion and vote for the Special Town Meeting warrant, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Advisory Committee: Doug Boyd stopped in to discuss the budget for presentation at Annual Town Meeting.

Correspondence:

ABCC Building Safety Checklist
Memorial Park Opening Date
Letter from Bethlehem Baptist
Planning Board Minutes
Hampden Housing Letter of Interest

Transfer Request: A request will be prepared to transfer funds from the Reserve Account to the Veterans' benefits account.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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