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

May 16, 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 by Richard R. Green.

Ben Bump came in early to the meeting the use of the Senior Center property by the Farmer's Market on a weekly basis. The board will check with our Town's Insurance Provider, MIIA to check on liability issues, etc. Also to be discussed whether the vendors would be on the grass creating issues with the lawn or be in the parking lot. The idea will be researched and the Farmer's Market will be contacted.

John Flynn asked Ben Bump about a possible replacement for the Governor's appointee to the Housing Authority, as Ben will be leaving at the end of this month.

Eagle Scout Project: Dave and Tyler Lussier came before the board to discuss an Eagle Scout Project consisting of installing 3 granite benches at Mill Pond. Vinnie will meet with Tyler Lussier, but first want the Lussier's to speak with the Conservation Commission to get their approval first before proceeding. John will contact Phil Grant to get the Lussier's on the agenda with Con Com to discuss this Wednesday.

Police Chief: The Chief came before the board to introduce John R. Wagner as a candidate for a Reserve Officer's position in the department. Jeff stated that his background had been done and he had been evaluated by both Sgt. Henry and Officer Seega who feel he will be a good addition to the Reserve staff. John had worked for Smith College, Mt. Holyoke and Hampshire College as a member of campus police. The board members spoke of the importance in getting out into the community to introduce himself to the residents; to stop at a ball game and meet and greet with families. John responded that he believed in community policing and had been schooled in it and intended to continue the practice. *A motion was made by John Flynn to appoint John Wagner as a probationary Reserve Officer for a one year appointment, including a six month probationary period, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.*

John asked the chief about the application used for John Wagner and wondered where it had come from. The application will be reviewed over the next few weeks.

Secure our School Grant: There is another round of grants coming available. One was done a few years ago. At this time, TWB needs new blinds to secure the school should

the need happen at an estimated \$9,000 (60 windows at \$150/per, parking lot light project for \$12,000. John will contact Ed Cenedella as to the structure of the grant. It may be that the school comes up with 50% and the grant will pay the other 50%. It may also be that the upfront money needs to come from town first. The generator also needs to be replaced, and we will need a spec on TWB. The school has no money for that; it would be the town's responsibility to pay. That deadline is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. The board agreed that the blinds should be done as well as the parking lot light project. Jeff will check on the submittal date for the grant and whether it might be extended for a town meeting vote. We currently have \$7,500 in school repair funds to work with this year. Get the blinds done as well as the parking lot lights. Jeff will check on the submittal date for the grant, could it be extended to wait for town meeting vote.

- Mass Fundraiser
- Regional Dispatch application

Transfer Request for Legal Advertising: A motion was made by John Flynn to transfer \$605.70 from law and claims to legal advertising, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Follow up from School Superintendent on Budget Cuts: Hampden was the only board represented. The letter was sent in a Tuesday envelope and the board had not been notified.

Open Enrollment for Health Insurance: Rick talked with Beth Regulbuto about the 1 million dollar surplus that SVRHT has saved and discussed a four week premium for insured employees. Rick will talk with Carol Cormier (SVRHT) regarding getting more people into the group.

Legal Ad for Main Street Project: The bids are due on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Proposal for Lift in Town Hall: The town has an agreement with a contractor who is waiting for the State's date for review.

Minutes of April 11, April 19 and May 9: The board reviewed the meeting minutes as noted. *A motion was made by John Villamaino to approve all sets of minutes, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.*

Memorial Day Parade: Letters have gone out to participants from the past for this year's parade. The band has been confirmed and the church has received the Indemnification Agreement.

Renewal of Charter Communications Cable contract: - put on next week's agenda

Dog Officer: Invite Shelley Sears, Dog Officer into next meeting.

Conservation Commission: Ask that the paper put a note in about the need for additional members.

Simkin House: The board will talk to Lance Trevallion about Simkin House and its removal from the church property.

NOTE: May 19<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting

*With no further business, a motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.*

Respectfully,

Pamela B. Courtney  
Administrative Assistant

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