

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

MINUTES

May 31, 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.

Shelley Sears, Dog Officer: Shelley was unable to attend meeting as she did not get the message left on her answering machine. She will attend the next meeting on June 6 at 7:15 pm.

Recreation Association of Hampden: Dave Turcotte and Mark Goosens came to the meeting to discuss the possibility of installing and maintaining a port-a-potty at Thornton W. Burgess School for seasonal use only. They have contacted Noel Pixley, Principal of TWB who supports the idea. Dave Turcotte will send the email exchange between RAH and Noel. The board will send a note to Noel confirming their approval of the plan. The board's concerns are that the facilities are well maintained and that the building was firmly secured to the ground to prevent any tip overs. The coaches will have keys to open the facility before games and to lock them after games. A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the installation subject to the stipulations presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Planning Board Meeting Schedule: The Planning Board has met with a number of businesses in town to review their uses and other planning board issues and the board will ask for outcome of the following business meetings: The POD at the Wingate, (there is a building permit required to have a POD at a site), Walt's Auto Body, Hampden Auto Body and storage of cars, potential health hazards, Cumberland Farms and the intent of the disposition of the property and Country Auto remediation status.

Dog Grooming Business: Vinnie will check with Lorri McCool about the status of the Title V necessary for the business relocation to Dick Hatch's building. .

GASB 45 Renewal Notice: We will determine what the law states by checking with Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant.

Minutes of May 16, 2011: the minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

ABCC Advisory: New information sent from ABCC. Noted by Board.

Town Counsel, Dave Martel: Dave sent a letter seeking a remedy to the warrant posting to avoid the need for special legislation. We await the response.

South Road resident, Tim Hanley: Mr. Hanley has written to the board with copies to the Police Department and Highway Superintendence regarding the speed of cars traveling on South Road. The installation of speed limit signs will do nothing to lower the speed of drivers, but the cruisers can set up on the road from time to time. The Hanley's requested a change in the location of the "blind driveway sign" and we will ask Dana to review its location and get back to us on that. Once done, a letter will go to the Hanley's.

Parks and Recreation Commission: A question was raised by a resident wishing to reserve Memorial Park for a birthday party celebration. The current application allows for the use of alcohol, as it would have to be granted by the Licensing Board, which is the Board of Selectmen. John Flynn's explanation was that the application was drafted in that manner in the event the Lions Club ever wanted to use the park for an event where they wished to serve beer with hamburgers.

There was also a claim submitted by a resident whose son was injured by a bat being swung into his mouth during warm ups. Our coverage in our policy allows for the payment of medical bills only. All of the participants in our sports programs sign a release prior to the start of the season. The board will let the investigation run its course.

Farmer's Market: The Farmer's Market opened their season at the Senior Center while the Board of Health held their health fair. They later asked if they might make that a permanent home for their weekly event. We checked with our Insurance Carrier, MIIA who stated that each vendor would have to carry sufficient coverage of their own. In the event vendors wished to pursue individual certificates of insurance, the matter could be revisited. This information will be forwarded to those involved with the Farmer's Market.

Allied Waste Service Agreement: Town Counsel, Dave Martel reviewed the agreement and offered a few comments. The board is comfortable going forward with the agreement that Jane Budynkiewicz, Rick Green and Allied Waste came up with. There is a one year agreement with no fees for terminations. Rick talked to Jason from AW today and Jason wants to see calculation notes of the two bids as there was a difference of 35 dollars. A motion was made by John Flynn to award the bid for town dumpsters to Allied Waste, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Simkin House: The board members have heard from numerous residents regarding the condition of the Simkin House on Allen Street. Pastor MacLeod sent a letter to Sue Bower stating that she had until Tuesday, June 14th to remove any materials she wished to from the building. After that date, Bethlehem Baptist Church will officially take back full rights and control of the property. Since Sue is not a licensed contractor she cannot demolish the house and the church will now take care of the building.

Highway Superintendent Vacation Schedule: Dana will be on vacation from June 11 through June 25. Bob Richards will be in charge in his absence.

Stormwater Discussion: We have limited people interested in participating on the stormwater committee and a note has been sent to Charlie Bennett at the Wilbraham-Hampden Times asking that a notice go in the paper requesting volunteers for the committee. WE will also pursue using an engineering firm, Tighe and Bond to help us through the process so we may meet the necessary reporting schedule for the EPA.

Board of Health: A resident of 144 Mountain Road, Dorothy Stockwell applied for a variance for the distance between her septic system and her well. With this system, the distance required of 100' will be reduced to 65'. Based on Lorri McCool's recommendation, a motion was made by John Flynn to allow the variance at 144 Mountain Road, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Transfer Station Stickers: The board discussed the issue of free transfer station stickers for our current and retired firefighter and it was agreed that as in the past, one sticker would be given to each firefighter in our appreciation of their continued service to the town.

Summer Meeting Schedule: We will schedule our meetings on alternate weeks for the summer.

Conservation Commission Minutes: Reviewed without comment.

Bulk Day results at Transfer Station: Reviewed without comment.

Update on Unemployment Hearing: Rick will return to the continued hearing on July 14th.

Hampden Housing Authority replacement: A note has been sent to the Wilbraham-Hampden Times and the Reminder seeking volunteers.

Conservation Commission members needed: A note will be sent to Katelyn@the reminder.com

Note:

- Open Meeting Law/Conflict of Interest Seminar, June 8, 4-6 – any new elected officials will have to attend.
- Senior Center Picnic, June 10th, 12:00 noon
- Invitation to Cemetery Commissioners for June 6th meeting

Resident Issue: Mr. Nichols came in to complain about the property owned by Karnig Zeroogian which abuts Mr. Nichols property. Prior to this our Building Inspector has gone out to inspect complaints and finds that everything has been done according to plan and there are no issues. Mr. Nichols complained about a fence that Mr. Zeroogian

installed, saying he didn't install it the entire length of the property (he has no obligation to do so) and was also disturbed about a light that is installed on Mr. Zeroogian's building (which Lance says is like a normal porch light). Lance Trevallion will revisit the site again.

Unfunded mandates: The issue was discussed and will be discussed at a later date and will be taken up with the Regional Selectmen as well.

The board reviewed a permit for Jennifer Coupe to sell baked goods at the Farmer's Market. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve a permit for Jennifer Coupe to sell baked goods, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Cemetery Commission will be rescheduled to come in on June 13th.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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