

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

MINUTES

June 27, 2011
6: 30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: Richard R. Green, John D. Flynn and Vincent Villamiano

Guest: Ty and Jennifer Alexander, Carol and Rockwell Keeney, (from Ames Road) Ed Gorski and Donald Dorn,

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Rick Green.

Vacations: The board asked that notification be sent to police and highway to request that an email be sent to the three Selectmen as well as the Selectmen's office.

Also the Selectmen are looking into making vacations and employee benefits to coincide with the fiscal year rather than the hire date.

Ames Road Residents: The residents from Ames Road attended the meeting to see what updates have come in from FEMA. The request was for more information from the Selectmen to all the affected residents on Glendale and Ames Road. The residents would begin with 276 Ames Road and continue until the end.

The Selectmen let the residents know only tree belt debris can be removed. The town cannot clear debris from private property.

The USDA is preparing a grant for people with more than either 6 or 8 acres of land with tornado devastation to be harvested by foresters. More information will be forthcoming.

The Highway Superintendant is evaluating the work left to be done on Ames Road and submitting the report to the Selectmen.

In approximately two weeks the Emergency Team will have a closing meeting to assess the outcome of the storm; how things were handled both good and bad. Discussion on how to improve the process will also be discussed. The residents from Ames Road will be invited to the meeting.

The lines from Charter, National Grid and Verizon are all very low on Ames Road and the residents were told they would be corrected but have not been to date.

Public Hearing for Liquor License continued: John Flynn made a motion to re-open the public hearing at 7:30 which was seconded by Vinnie Villamiano. There were no residents present for the hearing. The applicants, Michael Ladden and Curt Gemme were present to discuss the transfer of the liquor license from the Blackhorse Tavern to McLadden's Irish Pub and explained they presently own and operate a restaurant in West Hartford, CT. They would like to continue to have a casual pub atmosphere. The new owners plan on using all of the square footage in the restaurant and bar.

John Flynn made a motion to approve the liquor license for the McLadden Restaurant Group of Hampden, Vinnie Villamaino seconded. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Wellhead Status: Connecticut Valley Artesian Well Company will be at the Town Hall on July 8 to work on the raising the wellhead. The Town Hall and Fire Department will be without water for approximately eight hours. There is bottled water in the Melville Room.

Transfer Request: The Police Department will be getting a new radio console and the following requests for transfers were made to fund it:

A request to transfer \$5,000 from account #242700.701 Police Off Duty to be transferred to account #015577 New Equipment

A request to transfer \$7,695.67 from account #015572 Police General Salaries to account #015577 New Equipment

There was also a need for the purchase of one server and two computers and the following transfers were requested:

A request to transfer \$500.00 from #015127, Selectmen Temporary Help to #015291, Office Equipment Acquisition.

A request to transfer \$1,000.00 from #015127 from Office Equipment Maintenance to #015291 Office Equipment Acquisition.

A request to transfer \$500.00 from #015124 Selectmen Expense to #015291 Office Equipment Acquisition.

A request to transfer \$1,000.00 from #015293 Office Equipment Supplies to #015291 Office Equipment Acquisition.

In addition, a request was made to transfer \$50.00 from #015502 Animal Inspector Expenses to #015291 Town House Maintenance.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the above referenced transfers, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Main Street Work: The Selectmen would like heavy advance notice to the residents making them aware of the work that is going to take place on Main Street.

Personnel Committee: The Selectmen would like the Personnel Committee to attend the July 25 Selectmen's meeting to discuss hours in excess, steps, bring vacation and employee benefits to run with the fiscal year and employee handbooks.

Correspondence:

› GASB 54 Fund Balance Account Crosswalk: So noted

›MRHS Building Committee: So noted

›Baystate Roads Program: So noted for file

›Moran Suit: So noted

›Parade: So noted

›Unemployment Hearing: So noted

›EPA Letter: So noted

›Chair lift update: So noted

›Retirement Benefits: So noted

›County Waste Letter: So noted

Respectfully submitted:

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