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

July 11, 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 Rick Green.

Fire Chief: Mike Gorski came before the board to introduce, Nate Dentzau applicant for the fire department. Nate currently works for the town as a dispatcher for the police department and has passed the health exam. The board knows Nate and is pleased to hear he has such interest in becoming a firefighter. A motion made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Nate Dentzau as a provisionary firefighter, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fire Fighter appointments: The board reviewed the list of those firefighters who will continue on with the department for another year (see attached list). A motion was made by John Flynn to appoint those firefighters on the list for a one year appointment, from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012 seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Maxim Fire Truck: Mike Gorski asked about an upfront payment to the manufacturer in lieu of getting a discount on the final payment. The board discussed that we don't know have the option to do that. There was further discussion about the disposal of the Maxim truck, whether to scrap it, or put it on EBay and that will be a continued discussion after some research.

There was also discussion of the truck that was repaired for approximately \$12,000.

Lastly the group discussed the drawings and their status for the remodeling that will take place at the fire house. Charlie Schmitt produced those drawings, and Dave Markham has revised them. We will ask for a copy of those drawings and will eventually go through the Central Register to put out to bid for the work.

Rick then asked about the how business meetings will be handled and they will continue in the way in which they have conducted in past. .

Negotiations: The board will respond to the Police Chief that there is time on the agenda on August 8<sup>th</sup> for the chief to come in and begin negotiations for his new contract

Highway Department: Dana has brought Matt House on staff to help with catch basin cleaning and reconstruction work. The department has been behind in their schedule due to the tornado damage and needs the extra help. Dana has sufficient money in his budget to pay for Matt's employment.

Vacation Notice: The board recognized that at their previous meeting that they did not include the COA Director when they spoke of the need to email all board members of upcoming vacation schedules. That will be done in one email to all.

Minutes of June 20 and July 7, 2011: Vinnie Villamaino made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for June 20, seconded by Rick Green. John Flynn was not present at the meeting. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino, Rick Green, yes. John Flynn abstained.

John Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2011 as presented, seconded by Rick Green. Vinnie Villamaino was not present at the meeting. VOTE: John Flynn, Rick Green, yes. Vinnie Villamaino abstained;

Board of Health: A variance request was presented for 3 Colonial Village Road, owned by John Lander. The board reviewed the need for the distance between well and septic to be reduced from 100' to 70'. Based on a recommendation from the Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool, a motion was made by John Flynn to approve the variance at 3 Colonial Village, second by Rick Green, vote: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence:

- MIIA letter regarding Mountain Road: The ongoing lawsuit the MIIA continues to pursue for the town.
- Asbestos Notification at Thornton W. Burgess School
- Wellhead work at Town Hall status: The board would like to have Mike Framarin request an extension from DEP to complete the necessary repair.
- MRHS Building Committee Meeting, July 14<sup>th</sup> and minutes from June 23rd
- Request for tornado damaged properties: Rick will contact Lance Trevallion about any information he may have about damaged properties in town.
- Letter of Resignation: Tim Andre has tendered his resignation from the town as a police dispatcher.
- Notice of Public Hearing for Columbia Gas
- Rick Green will attend unemployment hearing on July 14 to defend charges from Dan Devine.

John mentioned that Art Booth has offered to help with the Building Committee for the Town Hall and also his interest in having members of the Capital Committee to come to a meeting to discuss next areas of concern.

Cell Tower: During the discussion of how to proceed with negotiations with our cell tower lessee, we will check on the bond currently held by us and will ask the treasure about the viability of that bond.

Discussion:

Regional Building Inspector: Monson has lost their building inspector and the board will send a letter to the town to ask about their level of interest in sharing one between the two towns.

Regional Human Resources: The board will also discuss the need for this position within our regional community.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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