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

September 12, 2011
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn
Guests: Ed Gorski, Courtney Llewellyn, Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Patricia Clark came in for her appointment certificate for the Hampden Housing Authority and noted that some maintenance items need to be discussed and taken care of at the senior center, notably the tiles that have leaked and some other items. The Board agreed to follow up on those items in the near future.

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

Chief Gorski and appointee, Derrick Merrill: The Board met with the Chief and a young man they had met with before. The applicant had some speeding infractions in his past and it had been suggested that he attend the training sessions held at the Fire Department, which the Chief has acknowledged he has some. The Chief is happy with the commitment shown by Derrick and would now like him appointed as a Provisional Fire Fighter.

A motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Derrick Merrill as a Provisional Fire Fighter for the Town of Hampden, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fire House Addition: The board also shared with the Chief the Central Register posting that Charlie Schmitt has helped with for the addition to the Fire House and new roof. There will be a walk thru of the site on September 27th at 10:00 am with a bid deadline of October 15th. Rick will follow up on the costs associated with Charlie Schmitt's assistance with this project.

Financial Discussion with various board members:

- Tax Rate
- Long Term Thoughts on Levy Limit
- Police Station
- Road/Infrastructure Improvements
- Special Town Meeting (Incline Lift for Town House)
- Replacement of highway department building

- Bridge replacements

Fall Special Town Meeting: A note will be sent out to department heads regarding extraordinary costs for special town meeting. The Police Chief has already noted that the department will look for funding for a new cruiser.

Treasurer: Dick Patullo asked that he be informed in due time to ensure proper funding for the fire truck payment (as we are prepaying to get a discount for doing so).

EPA Stormwater Notice: The board received a notice from the EPA seeking our annual reports. We have been working with Tighe and Bond, (our town engineers) on completing the filing process and hope to have everything wrapped up by the end of the week. Our engineer will follow up with EPA once filed.

Minutes of September 6, 2011: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Proposal for handicapped lift in Town House: This office has worked with a company specializing in lifts and elevators and has received a bid for the lift replacement. The Selectmen will be meeting with the Town House Building Committee at our next meeting and hand the project to them to assess. We need to get a schematic of the lift as well as references.

Building Committee: The committee will be contacted for a meeting with the board on 9/19.

Proposal for GIS Program: The board received a proposal from Cartographic Associates, Inc. to do our GIS mapping. Due to the fact that they are already working with the Board of Assessors to perform their mapping, it makes sense to further engage them to do the other mapping for the town. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to accept the proposal with Franco D. Rossi of Cartographic Associates as follows: Project set up cost of \$1,500 and Twelve month Internet Service of \$1,800, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Transfer Station: The board discussed the issue of the cost of bags and how to balance the expenses related to the operations at the transfer station. A motion was made by John Flynn to increase the cost of the large bags to \$2.50 for a cost per package increasing to \$25 per package, effective October 1st, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Transfer Station and other Dumpster Locations: The board signed off on the agreement with Allied Waste for the management of our dumpster locations in various sites in town.

Tree Planting Initiative: The board was contacted by Secretary Galvin's office regarding felled trees on public property as a result of the tornado and microburst.

Air Conditioning Ductwork: The board has received a bid proposal from McCormick-Allum for additional ductwork for the library's air conditioning. This will be brought forward for the Special Town Meeting in October.

Correspondence:

- School Committee Letter to Welcome Cathedral High School students 9/18 at 2:00 pm
- Broadband Information
- Notice from Charlie Schmitt for Central Register Posting and Walk thru date
- Capital Planning Meeting (9/19)
- Letter of recognition for Ben Bump
- Carabetta Dog Issue

Dog Nuisance Issues: Given the number of nuisance complaints the board has received as of late, the issue of consequence to the owners was discussed. It was determined that tickets could be issued using tickets already approved and printed by the Board of Selectmen (to be used for fire infractions, and others). Tickets will be issued by the Dog Officer, Shelley Sears, with a fine imposed per instance.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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