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

September 26, 2011  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn  
Vincent J. Villamaino was unable to attend.  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Richard R. Green.

Building Committee: Gilles Tanguay, Art Booth and Ed Loiko came before the board as requested. Gary Courtney was unable to attend. There was discussion about whether Bob Burger wanted to be part of the committee again, given his extensive knowledge of the town house. Art Booth will have further conversation with B. Burger. The board requested that the committee review those projects that have been completed under a former committee and that they establish a new list of maintenance/repair items in the building. After reviewing the quote from McCormick-Allum for additional duct work for the library, Gilles was satisfied that everything necessary was covered in the proposal and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve the proposal, seconded by Rick Green.  
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The group determined that they would figure out a time to meet to discuss their next steps in working on a punch list. One of the immediate items is the need to replace the chair lift at the front of the house allowing access to the library. In addition, access to the downstairs must be discussed. The existing quote for the chair lift will be forwarded to Art Booth and all members will receive the energy audit done for National Grid on the town house.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: Three departments have brought forward warrant articles for the October town meeting. They are from Fire (for Jaws of Life part replacement), Highway (for Tree Warden Expense, Road Machinery Account and Radio Replacements) and Library (Add a Young Adult Librarian position). Rick suggested that he would speak with Dana about the maintenance of the loader and perhaps putting an additional \$15k towards it as has been discussed in the past. The Fire and Highway articles will remain and the library will receive a response as to how they should handle their article request. A motion was made by John Flynn to close the warrant, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Cell Tower Discussion: There have been conversations recently regarding proposals from SBA Towers II, LLC and Unison to buyout the land under a few different scenarios. We will contact Dave Martel, Town Counsel to question our obligations and where we can go from here.

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Minutes of September 19, 2011: The minutes were reviewed and a few changes were made. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the minutes as changed, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

SVRHT Coverage Options: Rick Green attended a recent Scantic Valley Health Trust meeting and brought back information relative to new health care options. In an effort to save enrollees money a letter will be sent to each bargained unit, as well as a retiree to discuss these changes in options.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: The town has been contacted by PVPC regarding assistance with funding to update our current Hazard Mitigation Plan. The board will ask to be included in the process.

Country Club: The board received a list of expenses incurred by the Police Department as a result of the event planned earlier in the month with P. Diddy at the Country Club. The invoice will be sent to the Country Club for reimbursement.

Western Mass Casino Task Force: The board received a letter to the House of Representative and at this point it is just a matter of where the casino will be located.

HWRSD Time Capsule: The board has been asked to include some information to be included in the Time Capsule.

Fire House Bid Information: The board reviewed the information that has been posted in the Central Register and the Republican for the addition to the fire house.

Senior Center/Council on Aging Director's Evaluation: The board will review minutes from the past as to how this was handled last year.

Board of Health Update: The board would like to check on the removal of one of the storage trailers at the transfer station, something that has been looked into before. They also have agreed to allow the Big Brothers/Big Sisters to place a container to allow our residents to donate items and clothes to others who need them.

License Vote: The board reviewed a Septage Hauler Permit and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Wellhead at Town House: Will wait to hear from Mike Framarin regarding the wellhead raising that must be done as required by the DEP for the Town House.

Main Street: The board is checking into some options regarding the well and will review those in the future.

Riverside Drive: The residents near the Chapin Road Bridge have asked for permission to shut down Riverside Drive for what has become a neighborhood potluck, "We love our

bridge” party. The board spoke with Ed Loiko about it and has no problems with it, nor does the Chief of Police.

Transfer Station Bags: There is a possibility that the large bags may run out soon and if so, the small bags will be sold for a commensurate cost to residents.

Town Meeting Signs: The board will order signs for placement around town announcing “Town Meeting Tonight, Town Meeting Monday” as well as “Advisory Hearing Tonight, Advisory Hearing Monday”.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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