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

October 3, 2011  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn

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

Guests: Jane Budynkiewicz, Courtney Llewellyn, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Fire Department: Chief Gorski and Jane Budynkiewicz came before the board to discuss the clerical position that Jane currently holds for the department. The board asked that the Chief and Jane review the hours needed for the job and to get back to the board with that information. It is the desire of the board to ensure the department's needs are met. Chief Gorski will work on a plan to be presented at Annual Town Meeting in the spring. There was a misunderstanding between Jane B. and the board regarding the job and this was cleared up.

Warrant Article: The board sought clarification on a warrant article requested by the Fire Department. The Chief listed the equipment that the department currently has. There is a "Jaws of Life" unit on a truck now and a smaller portable "Jaws of Life" unit that is now 30 years old that needs the replacement of a "portable power unit" at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Former Fire Fighters: The board discussed again holding a ceremonial event to honor the years of service given by fire fighters who have since retired from the department. This was initially discussed in hopes of doing this in September, but it now looks like November will be when the event occurs. This office will reserve a date at the fire house and will coordinate the details.

Tom Foster: Resident, Tom Foster owns a home on Mt. Vision Road and is in the final stages of selling the property. His deck has been built on the lot adjacent to his lot, unbeknownst to him. When his property was surveyed for this sale, the error was discovered and Tom must resolve the issue so the sale of his property can proceed. He is before the board to discuss the best way in which to handle this. Dick Patullo, Town Treasurer was in the meeting and offered information that the property is in tax title now. Dick has been asked to review the procedure required to sell this property to Tom Foster and to let him know as soon as possible. The question will be brought forward to our Town Counsel, Dave Martel as well.

Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard and Town Treasurer, Dick Patullo: The officials were asked to come into the meeting to discuss the finances prior to the Special Town Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

The warrant was reviewed and the Highway Department figures have changed as a result of additional work to be done to the loader to keep it properly maintained.

There was further discussion about monies being transferred into and out of Stabilization and based on what is allowed by the State, will determine how we will proceed with that article. Cliff Bombard will contact the board on Tuesday with an answer to the question regarding the highway infrastructure debt. This relates to the Highway infrastructure debt, line 70.7.

There was further discussion about the proceeds from the sale of an old fire truck and whether those monies could be used for new hoses and equipment for the fire department. After much discussion, it was determined that all proceeds from sales must be returned to the general fund. But this is not to say that if a need arose for the fire department, that a transfer request could not be made by them.

Building Inspector: Lance Trevallion came before the board to discuss the board's interest in a program promoted by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. The program would allow for On-line Regional Permitting for all kinds of permits. Lance currently works with an online program for the Town of Wilbraham and wholeheartedly supports the town using what is being offered by PVPC. A motion was made by John Flynn to answer affirmatively to the PVPC to become part of the On-Line Permitting process, second by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Building Department: Rick suggested to Lance that he and Jane review the needs of the Building Department, much the same as what has been asked of the Fire Chief. Lance was asked what his goals are; what the needs in the future will be; and how the job might be restructured with online permitting, etc. Lance responded that a 20 hour per week Building Inspector might be enough if working solely for this town, allowing him/her to do the inspections as well as clerical work. Lance will get back to the board.

Police Department: The Chief came before the board to discuss some budget issues of concern that he wanted them to be aware of. There are a number of trials (four) coming up which will take a lot of the officers' time. When asked about officers coming and going, the Chief responded that once the officers are in court, they are not allowed to leave for the rest of day in the event they are called back to the stand.

A motion was made by John Flynn to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations with the Police Chief at 7:40 pm, with return to Open Session, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, Rick Green yes.

With no further business, a motion was made by John Flynn to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:10 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes, Rick Green yes.

Minutes: The minutes of September 26, 2011 were reviewed. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve as amended, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Vinnie Villamaino was not in attendance at the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and was therefore unable to vote.

Park and Recreation: The board received a notice from the Park and Rec Commissioners stating that they would be waiting for the “low water” before starting the remedial work at the park. They still need to get an approval to go forward from the Army Corps of Engineers and will be working with Gary Weiner from Ecotec for that approval.

Status of case against town: Board reviewed without comment.

SVRHT: A timeline has been introduced by SVRHT regarding the new insurance regulations. To be continued.

Special Permit Decision: The board reviewed a decision made for property owner Steven Carabetta without comment.

Permit Approvals: The alcohol license came in from the ABCC today granting approval for McLaddens’s Irish Publick House to serve liquor. Given that, the board reviewed the other permits awaiting approval as follows:

- Entertainment License: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant a permit for entertainment from 8:00 pm to 1:00 pm to the McLadden’s Irish Publick House, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Common Victualler’s License: A motion was made by John Flynn to grant a permit to McLadden’s Irish Publick House to serve food, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Permit to Operate a Food Establishment: A motion was made by John Flynn to grant a permit to the McLadden’s Irish Publick House to operate a food establishment, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Automatic Amusement Device License: A motion was made by John Flynn to grant a permit to operate 2 video games at McLadden’s Irish Publick House, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- General License: A motion was made by John Flynn to grant a general license to McLadden’s Irish Public House allowing a jukebox for entertainment, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- Milk and Cream License: A motion was made by John Flynn to grant a permit to store and sell milk and cream at McLadden’s Irish Publick House, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The restaurant still needs to get the Building Inspector to sign off as well as the Fire Chief before the Liquor License can be signed.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 by Vinnie Villamaino, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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