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

November 28, 2011  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn  
John D. Flynn could not attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 pm by Richard R. Green.

Fire Department: Chief Mike Gorski came before the board with applicant, Joseph Romito-Carey who is a Hampden resident. They recognized that the Chief brought him forward in full support of his appointment and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Joseph Romito-Carey as a provisional firefighter, seconded by Rick Green.  
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The board and the chief further discussed the fire house addition as well as the reroofing that is needed. It was decided to stay with the block building but perhaps wait for a few years to do the re-roofing. When the original bids were received for this addition, all bids were higher than the monies allocated at Town Meeting (\$100,000), so the project will be rebid through the Central Register.

Also discussed was the Firefighter's Recognition for Monday evening at the fire house. Five fire fighters will be recognized for their years of service to the department by the Board of Selectmen and fellow firefighters.

Minutes of November 21, 2011: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve as presented by Vinnie Villamaino, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Employee Handbook Review (as done by Personnel Committee): Will be reviewed at a later date. Meeting notes from Rick's meeting with Personnel will also be reviewed at a later date.

Solar Energy response: Rick followed up with a town resident, Dave Hayward about possibilities for solar energy production in town and will continue to work on possible options.

Time Capsule Letter: The Board wrote a letter to be submitted to the Superintendent's office to be buried at the site of the new Minnechaug Regional High School.

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Board of Health: Variance Request at 28 Mountainview Road: A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the variance as recommended by Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent to allow a 22' reduction from the well to the septic location, as there is no other location on the property to place it, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Used Car Dealer's License: The board had a permit request forwarded by the Planning Board for a license in a home occupation. Before approving the permit, the board will request permits granted in the past and the conditions which were placed upon them.

Building Committee: Rick met prior to this meeting to discuss the next round of improvements to be made in the Town House. There is \$13,300 left to spend in town house improvements. The committee will work on getting a price on the windows in the front of the house, facing Main Street, police department windows, window at side door. They will also speak with Dick Patullo regarding storage issues and to determine what he has learned from this storage consultant.

Tax Classification Hearing: The Board will check with the Assessors as to a possible date for the tax classification hearing. It must be published in the paper prior to the hearing. We are looking at a date of December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Fence Viewer: The Board received a letter of resignation from one of the town's fence viewer's, John Field. John will be moving out of town and will be resigning effective December 31, 2022. The board will send a letter of appreciation for his years of service.

Chief Farnsworth: The Chief came before the board to discuss the desperate need for a new police station due to the extreme lack of space in their current location, their lack of an interview room needed for everyone's privacy. Jeff met with a leasing company, which is being used in a lot of areas in the country, and business in general. We would have to deal with annual lease payment. Jeff explained that this group he has contacted reviews the whole scene, the growth of the community, growth of the force, etc. Jeff suggested the need for approximately 4k square feet with no enclosed garage, with the use of a sally port for fleet coverage. Rick suggested the use of the property next to the senior center.

It was agreed to ask a group of people to get together to discuss the options available to us. The group would be made up of one selectman, a member of advisory, resident and architect, Charlie Schmitt and Chief Farnsworth. We will attempt to get a meeting scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The Chief also mentioned that the new car is in service which will allow the Tahoe to go in for repairs due to the winter storm damage. The repair costs will be run through the emergency management account.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Police Department personnel issues at 8:00 pm without return to Open Session, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino yes, Rick Green yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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