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

MINUTES

May 7, 2012
5:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn
Guest: Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

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

Resident from Raymond Drive: George Pecia, from 112 Raymond Drive came before the board to discuss some ongoing issues with his neighbor at 118 Raymond Drive. There has been an issue with the number of unregistered cars that has been addressed by the Police Department and the resident. The homeowner is allowed one unregistered vehicle on his property and may have others, if they are hidden from a neighbor's view. The resident has installed a temporary garage that does not require a building permit and therefore is not violating any bylaws. Mr. Pecia reported that his neighbor repairs machinery and then sells it on his front lawn and the board will ask the building inspector about what is allowed with a home occupation. Another matter still not settled is the presence of a trailer that the neighbor is working to have towed away and the inspector is aware of this. The constant work on fire wood has stopped which means the chainsaws and wood splitters have been silent which had been another complaint of Mr. Pecia's. The board will ask that the Police Department check on the registration of the RV's on the property.

Dog Issue: Two neighbors from Somers Road have a settlement agreement dating back to September of 2005 relative to the Barba's home occupancy of a dog kennel and Mr. Allegrezza's residence next door. Mr. Allegrezza contacted the dog officer, Shelley Sears to complain about the noise issue that is a result of the home occupancy. Both parties were before the board to try and work out the issue of the complaint. The settlement agreement references a time certain for the cleaning of the kennels and exercising the dogs at which times the dogs are outside of the kennel and therefore more prone to be a nuisance to Mr. Allegrezza. The time established is 8:00 am to 11:30 am. After much discussion between the parties, it was determined by the board members that that time must be adhered to by the Barba's as stipulated in the agreement. The Barba's agreed that they wish to minimize the noise and will work diligently to get the dogs back inside to decrease the barking nuisance. It was also discussed that when the dogs are inside that windows and doors should be closed to further lessen the nuisance to Mr. Allegrezza. It was further agreed by the Barba's that they would replant some of the trees that acted as a barrier that had died with the weather events of the recent past. These were also terms of the original agreement. The plantings should be maintained by

the Barba's to ensure the sound issue is addressed. The board will send a letter to both parties as a record of tonight's meeting.

Wilbraham Dog Issue: The board received a phone call from a Wilbraham resident regarding a dog who allegedly bit a man who was delivering fliers in the neighborhood. The caller was concerned when he discovered that the dog had been shipped out of Wilbraham and allowed to come to live in Hampden. The board will call and ask the Selectmen about what transpired to see if there is a concern for our residents. One of the board members received a phone call from the person in town who now has the dog living at his house on South Road, a Mr. Hess. The Dog Officer, Shelley Sears in for another appointment, said she had met with the dog and that the dog posed no threat. There will be further investigation of this issue.

River Park Drive Resident: Donald Dorn, a longtime resident in town has ongoing issues with his neighbor. He has asked for reports from the Police Department but has not received them. The board will ensure that Mr. Dorn gets the reports that he is entitled to.

Fire Department: The board has some questions about account balances and how we might clear accounts to get a better read on how we will settle out at the end of the fiscal year. A memo will be sent to Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard asking that he transfer proceeds from the sale of the fire truck into Fire Department Operations.

Unemployment Request: The board sent a notice to Librarian, Dianne Regnier regarding an unemployment request from a former employee.

Liquor License Review for VFW: The board reviewed the license as it stands for the VFW and agrees that it is in good standing as to the description used on the permit.

License review for McLadden's: The board learned that McLadden's has installed additional seating along the sidewalk in front of their establishment and will check into a violation of their permit.

Conservation Commission: The board forwarded a request for Emergency Certification and a Request to Cut Trees. The commission will handle requests on a case by case request.

Transfer Request: The board reviewed a transfer request for Fire Department Operations. A request of the transfer of \$4,000 from the Reserve Fund into the Fire Department Operations (015533) has been requested. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the transfer as requested, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Forwarded to Advisory for their approval.

Eagle Scout Sponsorship: The board was approached by Philip Dugan regarding the sponsorship of an Eagle Scout applicant who has interest in Political Science. John will contact Mr. Dugan and proceed with the sponsorship.

Governor's Appointee: John had a conversation with Aaron Saunders, Aide to Senator Candaras regarding the Governor's Appointee to the Hampden Housing Authority. John asked that he check to see if we can continue to work with the former appointee, Ben Bump.

Police Department Correspondence: The board reviewed the letter sent from the Chief to one of his officers regarding an incident and will speak with the Chief about it at a meeting. They want to ensure the officer understands the gravity of the situation.

Account Balances: The board would like to meet with the Town Accountant to discuss our year end balances prior to the end of the fiscal year.

VFW One Day Permit: The VFW requested a one day liquor permit on June 16, 2012 for a Family Reunion, running from 12:00 noon to 12:00 am. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fishing Derby: Vinnie Villamaino has been invited by the VFW to participate in the annual fishing derby held at the VFW for a kid's fishing derby on May 12th.

601 Main Street Water: The board has discussed the possible remediation of a reverse osmosis system and has a couple of questions for Tom Couture. He will find out where the output can go and get an estimate from his contractor for the cost of installation.

Correspondence:

- Wilbraham Road Project Notice: Notice to residents of upcoming road work.
- Salary Chart: Sent to all department heads.
- RAH Request: RAH would like to do a fundraiser and use the Senior Center.
- Building Permits: Noted without comment.
- Construction Work in Town
- BOH Notice
- Student Request, Environmental Issues
- Insurance Wait Period: Will ask Personnel about an eligibility wait period for new employees.
- Letter from Scott Chapman: School Committee Chairman's letter of thanks.
- CORI check: Jane Budynkiewicz has redone her application to perform CORI checks for the Fire Department.
- Adopt-A-Road: The event will be held on May 19th.

Stormwater Report: The board will check with engineer, Tracy Adamski from Tighe and Bond to see about the Town be exempted from some of the Stormwater requirements.

Windows: The board will ask that a local contractor come in to replace the window in the Park and Rec Office and replace the screens in the Police Department.

Library Repair Work: The board will send a note to Chief Farnsworth notifying him of work being done on a Friday to ensure the workers can get into the space to do their job.

Board of Assessors: The board will draft a letter to the Assessors asking about their plans to hire a new clerk and how those hours may affect our Insurance costs.

With no further business, a motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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