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

June 11, 2012
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Norm Charest
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vincent J. Villamaino.

A motion was made by John Flynn to go into Executive Session at 6:12 pm for the purposes of discussing contract negotiations with the Dispatchers, with return to Open Session, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Norm Charest yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

A motion was made by Norm Charest to return to Open Session at 6:26 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Norm Charest yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino, yes.

George and Beth Pecia: The residents from Raymond Drive are before the board as a result of their neighbor's behavior. Corey Goodrich is a tenant at 118 Raymond Drive and has become more than a nuisance to them. George Pecia stated that the ongoing issues have continued; that there is another vehicle on the property that may be unregistered; there was an incident report taken by Hampden Police; and that Corey has made comments to and about Beth Pecia. In addition, the report notes that Corey has also threatened George. George stated that some OSHA laws may be broken in that no hard hats are being worn in the area where Corey has been doing all of his work with wood, sawing wood with a chainsaw, running it constantly, along with running a splitter.

Corey had a notice of trespass taken out against George and George attempted to have the same done for Corey but was told by the Hampden PD that they could not issue a trespass notice.

Norm did speak with the Chief regarding possible solutions, a criminal incidence charge, and advised the Pecia's that they need to take copious notes, that the need to have three incidents for proof, that they should document noise complaints, which would allow the Police Department to complain to the owner; that the owner would have to be contacted.

They also discussed the potential fire hazard, rodent infestation, termites, ants, and any other invasive species. Norm will speak with Fire Chief Gorski regarding these issues. Norm will also follow up with Police Chief Farnsworth.

Beth Pecia will be seeking a no contact order through the courts as well.

Hampden Wilbraham School District: Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Superintendent Marty O'Shea and Business Manager Beth Regulbuto came to the meeting on their own volition to discuss some issues recently surfacing about the Memorial School and to share information that has not been given to this board in the recent past. Also present was Peter Salerno, School Committee member.

The discussion started with the status of Memorial School, which had been closed using district funds. The district was then approached by Cathedral High School regarding renting the school given the damage their school sustained in the storms. The lease was based on fair market value, maintenance had been handled and there has been talk of some of the rental funds going towards Minnechaug's maintenance fund. On July 1, 2013 the building lease will end. The school is currently undergoing a facility study to determine what can be done with the building.

The Selectmen want to ensure that the School Committee and the District maintain a consistent practice, and that no major expenditures will be paid for without letting both communities know. The Regional Agreement states that all assets are shared and that all costs are shared.

If Memorial School is taken back for the district's use, it would lose the grandfathered zoning status as well as needing to be brought up to code.

The discussion turned to a recent change submitted by the architect at the new Minnechaug. He was told that his back up was not sufficient for the change order to be approved. Conversation continued with the issue of the plaques to be installed and whose names should appear where. It appears that one plaque will be installed.

NOTE: September 22nd will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and open houses will be held in September and October.

Work has begun on the abatement in the existing school and demolition will be scheduled soon.

Minutes of June 4, 2012: The minutes of June 4th were reviewed and a motion was made by Norm Charest to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Planning Board Minutes: The minutes were reviewed with no comment.

McLadden's Irish Public House: The owners had been asked to appear before the Selectmen to review their seating arrangements and their liquor license. They did not show. A new meeting date will be scheduled. The Certificate of Inspection revised by the Building Inspector has stated the following seating allowances: Lounge 90, West Dining Room 34, East Dining Room 25 and Patio Dining 48 for a total of 164 inside and 48 outside.

Hampden Housing Authority: The board received a letter from a gentleman whose mother had been a resident at Centennial Commons extolling the virtues of her living situation and how much he appreciated the care she was given while she lived there.

Letter to Ellen Moriarty: Shelley Sears, Dog Officer responded to a letter of complaint written by a resident about Shelley Sear's children's dogs.

Conservation Commission: The commission forwarded a letter of response regarding resident Donald Dorn. Reviewed and filed.

Transfer Requests: A motion was made by John Flynn to transfer \$2,000 from Traffic Control account 51.5 into General Salaries 57.2 for the Police Department, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Forwarded to Advisory for their approval.

A motion was made by John Flynn to transfer \$1,000 from Academy Hall Maintenance 20.0 into Highway Maintenance 43.0 and \$875 from Wildlife Control 50.4 into Highway Maintenance 43.0 for the installation of guardrail on South Road, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Forwarded to Advisory for their approval.

Veterans' District: The State responded to the request made by the District of Eastern Hampden County to allow East Longmeadow to become a member of the district. The state responded in the affirmative and will review the situation in a year from now.

Response from Park and Recreation: The Park commissioners responded to the Police Department regarding an incident of a park commissioner driving on the fields during games.

Dispatcher resignation: The Chief of Police brought in a letter of resignation from Carolyn L. Jodoin, Part Time Dispatcher.

Board of Health Coordinator: Jane Budynkiewicz will be out for minor surgery and has asked the board to make a decision about having someone present in her office while she is out. The board agrees that someone should be in to help out while Jane is out. Jane has recommended that Joanne Fiore work in her absence and the board agrees.

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

Respectfully,

Pamela B. Courtney
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