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

June 18, 2012  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Norm Charest  
Vinnie Villamaino was unable to attend the meeting.  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by John Flynn.

National Grid: Joanne DeRose from National Grid came before the board to discuss the substation that will be constructed on Allen Street. She spoke of the difficulties during last storms, the power distribution and transmissions failing and this work will help to alleviate those problems. There will new poles installed which will be significantly taller, they will be steel versus wood and trees will have a lesser threat on taking the poles down during storms. John asked how these poles would arrive on site and was told that some come via the roadway and that others would come in via helicopter. There is a two year timeframe for this work to be completed.

McLadden's Pub: The board asked that owners of McLadden's attend the meeting to discuss parking issues, number of seats and the liquor license currently in existence. The board wants to ensure that the license accurately reflects where the liquor is being served. There have been some minor adjustments to the serving area, with additional tables and chairs added to the outdoor seating area which brings into question the number of parking spaces required for the patrons. It was determined that the landlord, Ed Kennedy, et al should be responsible for this and the owners will ask that he handle this. John suggested they do a spreadsheet of some sort showing the timelines in which businesses had the need for parking.

Environmental Club: Casey Lu Simon-Plumb came before the board again to discuss her idea about establishing an Environmental Club to get her peers and the community interested in doing what they can to protect our environment; from recycling and electronic recycling to a general interest in any efforts to protect and enhance our environment. She has started the club and would like to use Earth Day (April 22) next year as a kick off. John mentioned that there might be grant money available through the Board of Health and Jane Budynkiewicz offered any help she can give to this project. The Selectmen are also interested in getting more people involved in a community wide clean up rather than the groups that the town has relied on so much in past years. We will stay in touch with Casey Lu as things move along.

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard came before the board to discuss the status of accounts as we approach the end of the fiscal year. Transfer requests were discussed and will be forwarded to those involved; Advisory, Town Accountant and affected departments.

Transfer Request: A motion was made by John Flynn to transfer \$72.25 from Law and Claims to Legal Advertising, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Forwarded to Advisory for their approval.

Board of Health: Jane Budynkiewicz came before the board to discuss the pay schedule for the temporary help that will come in to cover the office while Jane is out for a week or so. The position will be titled Board of Health Assistant to Coordinator and the two board members discussed possible rates. At this point, Joanne Fiores will be the temporary help and receive a pay rate of grade 7, step 1, equating to \$12.50/hour. For further information, Tabor Consultants will be contacted and asked to address the job to determine its worth.

Insurance Eligibility: The board voted on this prior to receiving a recommendation from the Personnel Committee. This issue will be revisited and voted on at the next Selectmen's meeting on June 25.

Flowchart: Norm will work on a flowchart for his own edification as to the structure of departments within the town hall staff.

Liaisons: The board will determine at its next meeting who liaisons will be for the respective departments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norm Charest to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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