

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

**MINUTES**

August 27, 2012  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Norm Charest

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Annual Flu Clinic: Becky Moriarty, Council on Aging Director and Jane Budynekiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator came before the board to discuss the operation of this year's flu clinic. The pharmacy CVS is willing to operate the clinic for our residents and to hold it at our Senior Center. The Senior Center will enter into an agreement with CVS stating the terms of the agreement and CVS will deal with the clerical filing that must be done once the clinic is finished. This will remove a huge burden from the Board of Health and Senior Center and allow them to focus on other important issues. They are currently considering the early part of October for the clinic. The board reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to enter into the agreement with CVS, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Board of Health: Jane Budynekiewicz reported that the Hampden Health Coalition got some sharps containers for those residents requiring needle disposals, which are prepaid. There will be additional sharp information forthcoming which will be related to those who need it most, their suggested use, etc.

Chief Farnsworth: The chief presented his candidate for a part time dispatcher, Kristie A. Merrigan. Sgt. Henry and Officer Seega did background checks on the applicant and note that she has some experience having worked at the Monson Fire Department. Based on their recommendation the Chief would like her added to the roster of dispatchers. A motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Kristie A. Merrigan to the position of a part time dispatcher, for a 60 day probationary period, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Jeff also discussed the need for new air conditioning units in the Police Department. He got a price for a base unit which will accommodate a few more units throughout the department, but needs an additional \$1,600 to do so. The board suggested he ask for a warrant article or to ask the Advisory Board if it could be paid for through the Town House Maintenance Account. The unit will be mounted on an outside wall to accommodate cooling and heating.

The RFP was discussed to prepare for proposals for a new Police Station. It is to be further revised and then sent out. Jeff will make those further revisions.

Residents Mary and Mitch Drozdowski: These neighbors who live beside the Plaza which houses McLadden's and other restaurants and businesses came before the board to discuss the location of the dumpsters in the plaza. Also present was the restaurant owner Mike Ladden to respond to the complaints brought forth. As he mentioned, the dumpsters there do not all belong to his restaurant, as there are other food establishments in the plaza. Mike did agree to move the dumpsters owned by his business to the other side of the lot, opposite the parking lot at the Post Office. The board determined that a letter should be sent to Building Inspector Lance Trevallion to recommend that all dumpsters in the plaza be moved to the opposite side of the parking lot. A note will be sent to Lance to that effect.

Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant and Dick Patullo, Town Treasurer: The two officials came before the board to review where the town stands now and where they tax rate may fall this year. This year was the high water mark for debt. Dick will check into our debt service as well. Cliff will work on getting an exit interview with our auditor's Scanlon.

Fire Department One Day Permit: Joy LeBlanc came before the board to request a one day all alcohol permit for the annual steak roast held at the Fire House. This will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Norm Charest to grant a one day liquor permit to the Fire Department from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

National Grid Easement/Cutting Issue: The board has asked for more information from Conservation Commission as a means to understand what the easement is about.

Underground Storage Tank Operator: Vinnie will handle this with Dana Pixley.

Monitoring Well Repair: John will follow up on this with Mike Framarin.

Request by Wendy Foxmyn, PVPC: The board will attempt to get her scheduled for Thursday's meeting.

One Day Liquor License: New Form to Use for Application for Special License for One Day Liquor License: Will work with this new required information.

Board of Health:

- Emergency Order to Vacate and Variance for 12 Colonial Village: There is a request for a variance for distance from water supply to well, from 100' to 75', which is a better situation than what currently exists. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the variance, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: all in favor and so voted.

IBPO Contract Issue: The contract was signed without having fully been revised. Vinnie will follow up with Tawrin to get the issue resolved and the contract will be signed again.

Dog Complaint Letter of Response: This letter will be sent to an abutter to end the discussion about barking dogs.

Town House Window/Screen Replacement: The board has approved the additional work to be done to replace/repair windows within the town house.

Chubb Insurance Coverage: Comparison for coverage for Police and Fire from last year to this year: reviewed without comment.

School Committee Meeting with Wilbraham Selectmen: The board wants to stay out of this and let Wilbraham handle things.

Fleet Schedules to Police and Fire Chief and Highway Superintendent: Waiting to hear from department heads.

Employee Assistance Program and Invoice: Reviewed and approved.

Odor Issue with Property: at the end of Potash Hill Lane, owned by Mr. Genellis, will be handled by BOH agent, Lorri McCool.

Minutes of August 14, 2012: Minutes reviewed and a motion was made by Norm Charest to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Mastronardi on road work on Mt. Vision: Residents have complaints, but the property owner has an approved cutting plan and is entitled to do the work that he is approved to do.

Raymond Drive Residents' Complaints: The board received a letter from residents on Raymond Drive asking that the board do something regarding the work that is being done on the course. The board's response is that this is a planning board issue and it should be taken up with that board.

- Meeting date with Dispatchers Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Norm Charest to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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