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

December 3, 2012
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

A motion was made by John Flynn to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a Police employee at 6:30 pm with return to Open Session, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Jeff also talked about what steps to take to replace Sgt. Joe Henry who will be leaving in July of 2013. There was talk of advertising outside of the town, someone with experience and without having to send someone new to the Academy at a cost of \$16,000 or so.

Officer Mike Meaney will be going to the Academy on February 4th.
Jeff will work on an ad to go to print after Christmas. The board asked what the pay would be for a new hire and Jeff explained that what is in the contract will hold.

Jeff then talked about a new law relative to restraining orders that could be served on animals as well and is looking for answers from the board as to how to proceed if such an instance occurred. The board will discuss with the regional selectmen at the next meeting,

Highway Discussion: The board agrees with Dana that they will not pursue getting a new loader this year. Other needs include a new roller and chipper instead.

The board also wants to discuss the issue of a driveway for easier access from the fire house to the street. There was talk of the truck coming from the fire house directly down through the town hall parking lot onto Main Street. This will be discussed further with Chief Gorski, Chief Farnsworth and Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley.

The board will schedule their budget meeting with Department Heads for December 17th at 7:00 pm. The Advisory Board will be invited to meet with the board at 6:00 pm that evening.

Hunting Bylaw: The revised bylaw submitted to the Attorney General has not been approved. The law states that only if property has been posted, does a hunter need to get permission to hunt on that property. In all other cases, a hunter is allowed to hunt

without permission. The board will pursue this discussion at the Regional Selectmen's meeting scheduled in January.

Hampden/Wilbraham Medical Reserve Corps Agreement: The board signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medical Reserve Corps and the Town of Wilbraham. It will for forwarded to Terry Nelson of the MRC.

Fuel Allowance Policy for Essential Employees: The board reviewed the final document for fuel allowance. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the Fuel Allowance Policy as written, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The policy will be forwarded to the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Highway Superintendent.

Minutes: The minutes of November 19 were reviewed. John Flynn requested changes and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve with changes, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The minutes of November 19th Executive Session were reviewed. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted

The minutes of November 28 were reviewed. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The minutes of November 28th Executive Session were reviewed. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: all in favor and so voted.

Corey Goodrich: The board discussed the next steps to be taken with Corey and where the ticketing process stands.

Street Light Request: The residents of Tall Pines Lane have requested that a light be installed at the intersection of their road with Stony Hill Road. The board will contact National Grid for installation.

Landfill Concern: Residents on Potash Hill Road have a complaint about the operations done at a local composting business owned by the Genelis'. The board would like to have both parties in to discuss and resolve any issues. A date will be scheduled.

With no further business a motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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