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

January 14, 2013
7:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Members of the Highway Department arrived for the meeting. They are Robert Richards, John Ouellette, Lauren Comstock and Matt Frederick

A motion was made by Norm Charest to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of contract negotiations at 6:30 pm with return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn.
VOTE: Norm Charest yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

With no further issues, a motion was made by Norm Charest to return to Open Session at 7:00 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Norm Charest yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Earth Day Plans: Casey Lu Simon Plumb and Drew Weisse came before the board with some ideas to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. They would like to involve the Farmer's Market, promote the day's events by encouraging the use of bikes for transportation. There is a thought of holding events at the Laughing Brook property. There was talk of going green and having a coupon for "using green", organizing a hike with the club from Minnechaug, called the Trailblazers, do some recycling or even recycling, work with the transfer station for the disposal of light bulbs with mercury, maybe get a Professor from Springfield College to offer a seminar, maybe establish a 5k race for fundraising purposes, engage some COA members. The board suggested that they attend a Lion's Club meeting in February to make a presentation and ask for funding and the board will also try to contact residents for help with a community wide program. Casey Lu did mention that the Eco Club has some money but will need help with funding

Personnel Practice Memo: The Personnel Department drafted a memo for staff with accompanying pay rate drafts for the board to review. The board will invite them in to discuss the various schedules before the budget meetings are held with department heads.

HWRSD Committee Designations: The School Committee is seeking someone from Hampden to act as a financial liaison between the town and them. John Flynn agreed to act in that capacity. They are also looking for some representation on a maintenance subcommittee for Minnechaug. The board asked if Wilbraham Hampden Times reporter, Tyler Witkop would put something in the paper requesting help in that capacity.

Police Chief Vacation Clarification: The Chief had some vacation days that had not been used in the allotted time frame from his contract and the board agreed that days could be carried over, but must be used within a 45 days of their expiration.

Minutes: The minutes of December 10, 2012 were reviewed and a motion was made by Norm Charest to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Hampden County Retirement Assessment: The FY2014 assessment is \$271,658, half due by July 1, 2013 and remaining balance by January 1, 2014.

601 Main Street: The board is waiting for further information from Tom Couture, of Tighe and Bond and will proceed with a meeting as soon as possible.

Reserve Officer/Dispatcher Shifts: The board reviewed a memo from the Chief regarding dispatchers working as reserve officers at a high cost to the department. The board will meet with the Chief to discuss options.

Vote on Population Estimate for ABCC: No vote was required as we do not issue Seasonal licenses in town.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Opportunity: MEMA granted money to allow the town to purchase additional cots/pillows/hygiene kits for 50 people.

SVRHT Representative: The board discussed appointing Dick Patullo, Town Treasurer to the representative for the Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust. A motion was made to appoint Dick Patullo as the town's representative for the SVRHT by John Flynn, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Shelter Agreement Issue: Norm will work on it.

Marijuana Sale bylaw: Norm will handle the change that must be voted at ATM prohibiting shops from selling medical marijuana in town.

118 Raymond Drive: The board discussed the rate at which resident; Corey Goodrich should be fined for contempt of court. A motion was made by Norm Charest that the fine should be \$100 a day for Corey Goodrich and contempt of court at 118 Raymond Drive, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Highway Inspection Reports: The board reviewed reports.

Police Union President Change: The board received notice from Officer Scott Trombly that he has been voted as Union President, William Jacques as Vice President and Tawrin Seega the Union's secretary/treasurer.

PVPC Correspondence on Casino and Planning and/or Regional Services: The board reviewed without comment.

Variance at 191 Ames Road: A request was made for a variance for distance from groundwater from 4' to 3'. A motion was made by Norm Charest to approve the variance as recommended by Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool, seconded by John Flynn.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence: Reviewed without comment.

Community Preservation Commission: NEED NEW APPOINTMENT

With no further business, a motion was made by Norm Charest to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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