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

January 28, 2013
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

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

Tom Couture – Well Issue

Highway Department Members: Bob Richards, John Ouellette, Lauren Comstock and Matt Frederick came before the board to continue contract negotiations.

A motion was made by John Flynn to go into Executive Session at 6:40 pm for the purposes of contract negotiations, with return to Open Session, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Norm Charest yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

With no further issues a motion was made by Norm Charest to return to Open Session at 7:05 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Norm Charest yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Personnel Committee: Carol Fitzgerald and Bill Gouzounis came before the board with their draft recommendations for salary increases for the upcoming budget preparation. There was also discussion about job descriptions and the need for acquiring information without using Tabor who has been used in the past. John checked on Massachusetts Municipal Association and we will look to getting enrolled so we can access information from them directly.

Council on Aging: Becky Moriarty, Director of Council on Aging came before the board to discuss an opportunity she has to work for the Massachusetts Council on Aging and Senior Center Directors. She was recruited for a full time position but told the board how much she loves the people she works for and for every day. She does not want to leave Hampden and has the opportunity to work one day a week in Easthampton. The board thinks the opportunity is terrific for Becky as well as a benefit for the town. Her position would begin in March. On the days she will be out, the center will run as it does if she is out at a meeting or on vacation. The board applauded her for this opportunity and has no problem with her working one less day a week.

Animal Control Officer Information: The board received a notice from the state that new requirements are necessary for an Animal Control Officer and Shelley Sears will have to be certified in her position. Shelley will be notified.

Erica Circle: Jim Morris came before the board requesting relief from people who ride ATV's on Erica Circle creating a nuisance for residents in the area. The board will ask the Police Chief to install signs prohibiting trespassing and Dana Pixley to install rocks to prohibit traffic.

FEMA Flood Insurance Program: The board was notified by the Building Inspector that a FEMA map must be adopted at Annual Town Meeting to ensure residents are able to get flood insurance coverage. It will be put onto the warrant.

Charter Renewal Contract: Charter sent a renewal agreement for a 10 year time frame. This will be reviewed by our Town Counsel before the board signs it.

Conservation Commission: The board discussed a resident who has shown interest in being a member of the Conservation Commission. He has attended a few meetings and has an interest in being appointed. A motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Ted Zebert for the Conservation Commission position left vacant by Jeff Liquori's departure, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of January 22, 2013: The Executive Session minutes of January 22, 2013 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.

Minutes of Executive Session January 22, 2013: The second set of Executive Session minutes was reviewed and a motion was made by Norm Charest to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of January 22, 2013: The minutes of the Open Session minutes 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.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norm Charest to adjourn at 8:25 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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