

Approved 3/25/13

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

March 18, 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 at 6:30 pm.

Prior to that, Chief Farnsworth stopped in to discuss an ongoing salary issue with the board.

Chief Farnsworth came before the board to discuss the Chief's contract. The board discussed the history of Jeff's salary from his last contract negotiations when he bargained in good faith with the board. He was told at the time of signing that no one would be getting raises above a certain amount. After that signing, he learned that others did get higher increases and has since asked the board to make his increase commensurate with others. Norm explained all of that and then stated that the board would like to offer Jeff the job as Emergency Management Director with a stipend of \$2,000. They also asked that he come up with some sort of agreement to that effect for both parties to sign.

Raymond Drive Complaint: Resident George Pecia came before the board to discuss the status of the court case brought against Corey Goodrich at 118 Raymond Drive. George is disappointed that the contempt charges were not actively pursued by our Town Counsel in January which could have resulted in punishment for Mr. Goodrich, Instead time passed and when the court date finally arrived, the court determined that the conditions had been met and that Mr. Goodrich was no longer in contempt.

Fundraiser Request at COA: Stacey Specht came before the board to discuss the use of the Senior Center for a fundraiser she is having to earn money for an overseas trip. She has been selected to travel with a group called People to People Ambassador Program. To earn money for her trip she will be having a spaghetti dinner at the Senior Center and asked the board if the normal usage fee could be waived for her cause. A motion was made by Norm Charest to approve the use of the COA and to waive the rental fee for Stacey Specht, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Board members pitched in money to aid her in her fundraising.

Ambulance Contract Renewal: The board has been contacted by AMR regarding a contract renewal as allowed for in the current contract. The board would like to move forward to renew the Agreement for an additional three year term. A note to that effect will be sent to East Longmeadow who is also served by AMR.

Conservation Commission Request: Phil Grant had requested the use of Town Counsel to give his opinion on a matter involving the DEP and our Conservation Commission. Phil Grant disagrees with the decision from DEP and would like our town counsel to give his opinion on same. The opinion from Attorney Schneider was in agreement with the DEP's decision.

Minutes of February 11, 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.

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Generator Exhaust Quote: The board reviewed a quote for the generator exhaust from Robert W. Hall Consulting Engineers to include plans and specifications for constructing the modifications and overseeing the construction of the project.

HWRSD FY14 budget: The board reviewed the budget submittal from the School District in the amount of \$42,484,202.

BOH Calendar: The board reviewed upcoming events for the Board of Health.

Sample warrant: The Town Clerk provided the board a sample of the Town Warrant for this year's election.

Municipal Agreement for Electric Supplier and Distributor Hampshire Council: The board received a request from the Hampshire Council regarding electrical distribution that will be forwarded to Dave Martel for his review. This may become a possible warrant question for ATM.

Hollow Road: The board has no interest in following up on the opening of the road unless Wilbraham agrees to maintain their portion of the road.

Dog Officer Issues: The Dog Officer will be taking classes to become certified as the Dog Officer. She will not be paid for attending the course, but Linda Casey will be paid the daily rate as she performs the job while Shelley is at her class.

Community Preservation Commission: Town Moderator, Bob Howarth stopped in to discuss his role in appointing a member to the CPC. He spoke with Doug Boyd regarding suggestions for a new member. Bob Howarth spoke with Ed Loiko who agreed to the appointment to the CPC.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Norm Charest to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela B. Courtney, Administrative Assistant  
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