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

April 22, 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.
Guest: Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard came before the board to discuss any monies that might be available in old accounts that were not spent down to zero. There is \$4,800 left in a cruiser account that can be used for a future purchase, since it was not appropriated for a specific year. Cliff will continue to look through other accounts for any monies not spent. They can then be used as part of free cash.

Pam Courtney will check on the reimbursement due from MEMA for a grant used to purchase cots and bedding.

National Grid Pole Petition for Scantic Road: A representative from National Grid came before the board to present a plan showing the proposed pole location for a new home on Scantic Road. Peter and Ruth Hatch were present for the hearing. Abutters had been notified and viewed the plan prior to the hearing. The board reviewed the plan and a motion was made by Norm Charest to approve the plan as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Board of Health Agent: Lorri McCool came before the board to discuss the issue of the water connection for three homes on Main Street. Lorri told the board of her meeting with Jeanne Broderick, from 601 Main Street. Jeanne has become more concerned with the status of the work that has not been done as well as the condition of cause of the corrosion of her pipes. The board will invite all parties involved to the Selectmen's meeting on May 6th.

The board will contact three plumbers to get quotes for the tie in to the new water lines for the three homes.

Quotes for Trenching Work: The board reviewed two quotes received for the trenching work from the Highway parking lot to the three locations on Main Street. The quotes did not include paving work and the contractors will be asked to revise their number to include the necessary paving.

Notice of Cooney and Town v. Michael Dugre: The board reviewed the status of an ongoing case between a resident and the town.

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Sgt. Exam Results: The board reviewed the results of the latest Sergeant's exam that members of the department took. Jeff will keep the board abreast of future appointments.

Dog Bite Report: The board reviewed the police report generated after a dog attacked a dog on his own property. The owner of the attacked dog came into this office to share her story and the board of health and Dog Officer also had notes from the event. The board will have the dog owner and the victim to our meeting on May 13th to discuss the consequences of this attack.

Explanation of municipal purchase of electricity: The board reviewed the warrant article that if passed will allow the town to join other communities in bulk purchasing of electricity at a reduced rate.

Minutes: The minutes of April 16, 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.

Correspondence:

- Planning Board Minutes: Reviewed without comment.
- East Longmeadow 4th of July Parade: Both John and Vinnie will be marching in the parade. Norm will be out of town.
- Hampden Country Club Tunnel Question: The board will schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed construction work the country club would like to do which is enlarging the tunnel under Wilbraham Road to accommodate their larger golf carts.
- Adopt-A-Road Date: The Adopt-A-Road date has been scheduled for May 18th and notices will go out to all volunteers.

Upcoming Agenda Items:

Police Station Discussion
Insurance Committee

One day permit for Rays of Hope at VFW: The board approved a one day permit for the VFW for a benefit for the Rays of Hope. A motion was made by Norm Charest to approve the date and to waive the fee, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

One day permit for Scholarship Fund: A motion was made by Norm Charest to approve the one day permit for the VFW for a Scholarship Fund drive with the fee waived, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Norm Charest to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B. Courtney
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