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

May 20, 2013
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

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

Highway Road Projects: Dana Pixley came before the board to review his list of proposed projects for the coming year.

The first item of discussion was the need for a transfer of money into the gasoline account. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to transfer \$5,000 from the Reserve Account into the Gasoline Account, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The next item discussed was the grader that Dana no longer has a need for since he used millings on our last few dirt roads and the grader can now be sold. He thinks it is worth around \$3,000. Dana would like to advertise it for public bid and the language will allow the board to accept or reject the bids.

Dana also asked that a job description be put together for the job of Tree Warden.

There was then discussion about Park and Recreation and some requests they have made of the Highway Department. It was determined that they have what they need without having to use highway members or equipment.

Projects discussed are as follows:

Echo Valley Drive Drainage, estimated cost \$7,000

Sessions Drive Drainage, estimated cost \$4,500

Main Street Milling and Paving, from Town House to Scantic Road, estimated cost \$190,000 (bond funds)

Soltas Solar Company: Kirt Mayland from Soltas Holdings, LLC presented their plan to develop a solar installation on Kibbe's property on Somers Road. They have met with the Planning Board and have also done a presentation at the Senior Center. They will meet for a public hearing on June 5th at 7:00 pm. Soltas still has to get State approval as well as Conservation Commission approval. They can then provide electricity to the town and perhaps to other communities. They anticipate a 20-25% reduction on our electric rates. The most productive months are April, May and June, and winter months prove to be less productive due to snow cover. The property taxes are not yet defined in Massachusetts, so that is unknown.

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Memorial Day Parade: Ken White, Commander of the VFW came before the board to review the status of the parade. He has arranged for 3 cars to carry veterans and has received confirmation from an Afghan veteran Eric Smith that he will speak at the ceremony on the common.

Electricity Aggregation Agreement: The board will ask that Dave Martel review this agreement before signing which will allow us to work as a collaborative in purchasing electricity for the town, as well as giving residents the same opportunity.

Park and Recreation Vacancy: The Park and Recreation sent notice that they have a vacancy on their commission that they need to have filled. A notice will go to the paper for interested candidates.

Minutes of May 6, 2013: The minutes of May 6 were reviewed and a motion was made by Norm Charest to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norm Charest to adjourn at 7:30 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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