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**TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MINUTES**

June 17, 2013  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino

Guests: Michael Gorski, David Markham, Dionne & Andre Botas, Shelly Sears, Animal Control Officer, Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendant, Fred Frangie, Park & Rec Chair, Tyler Witkop

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Fire Department Driveway – Michael Gorski, Fire Chief and David Markham 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Chief came before the Board with a purposed plan created by Edward Poulin and Dana Pixley for a new driveway at the Fire House to accommodate the new truck as well as all the parking now needed. The Selectmen took it under advisement.

Dog Issue – Dionne and Andre Botas, 37 Pinewood Road came before the Board to discuss dog issues. The dog is a shepherd, lab mix. Shelley Sears, Animal Control Officer, explained the dog belonging to the Botas has bitten two (2) neighbors. Shelley does not consider the dog to be vicious. The dog runs out when the door is opened to the house. The dog nips which in turn breaks the skin. February was the last biting incident at which point the dog was quarantined. To date there have been no measures taken to prevent the dog from leaving the front door other than trying to train the dog. After much discussion it was agreed that the Botas would install railings on the porch with some kind of a gate to prevent the dog from getting out even if the front door is opened by children. Shelley Sears will keep tabs on the progress and the project should be completed by July 15, 2013. Shelley will report back to the Board at that time.

Highway Construction Projects – When construction begins on Glendale Road it will be closed only to be used by the residents of that road and emergency vehicles. The rest of the construction schedule was discussed. The paving project planned for Bayberry and Colony Drive has been dropped for the time being until the Chapter 90 money comes in or at the very least the money has been guaranteed. The Glendale Road relocation design, Memorial Park Parking Lot Improvements and the Fire Department Parking Lot Improvement are not committed at this time. Fred Frangie, Park and Rec Chair came to the Board to request the drainage on the softball field be repaired as well as the driveway. The driveway can be put aside at this time. The drainage should be looked at. The Board suggested Fred meet with Conservation Commission to get the ok for this project. This will bring the total cost for road and drainage projects down to \$338,416 approximately. The remaining project may be able to be done in the spring.

Transfers- The Board requested Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant to submit transfers for shortage on accounts.

There was a discussion on the repayment of the five (5) year Highway Bond and different options of repayment. Cliff felt this discussion should wait until the Treasurer is present.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted:

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