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

June 24, 2013  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino

Guests: Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times, Cliff Bombard, Advisory Board, Carol Fitzgerald, Doug Boyd, Rick Rubin. Department Heads: Chief Farnsworth, Lance Trevallion, Dana Pixley, John Matthews, Bonnie Geromini and neighbor to HCC, Theresa Bechard

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by John Flynn.

Transfer Requests: The first order of business was the end of year transfers, both from reserve funds and line to line transfers.

There was a request for \$5353 from the Police Department to cover costs for a new officer in the department from the Reserve Funds.

There was a request for \$900 to cover the cost of the town report and green sheets from the Reserve Funds.

There was a request for \$3,000 to cover the police detail work for the road work being done currently.

There was a request for \$5,000 to fill the gasoline tanks which Cliff would not approve as it is not unforeseen or an emergency.

There was a request for \$2,000 for Property and Liability coverage out of the Reserve Funds.

There was a request for \$700 to cover the additional election held this month and Cliff has a fund reserved that can be used for this purpose.

\$3,000 is needed for the firehouse overrun.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to transfer the above mentioned funds, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Hampden Country Club Owners: The board invited the owners of the country club to come in to discuss their plans for future development as well as a number of department heads to allow for questions or concerns they might have of the development.

Jonathan Murray and Guy Antonacci came in for the country club with plans showing the course as well as plans for a new clubhouse.

Jonathan did the presentation starting with an irrigation well that has been drilled to service the ponds and also pumps water to top of the course to service the needs of the clubhouse. This will have to be approved by the DEP as it will be a Public Water Supply.

The lower eleven holes are about 80% complete; they have all been reseeded and new fairways are reseeded at this point. There will be some grading and all cart paths will be paved. The 12<sup>th</sup> hole requires ongoing permitting with the Conservation Commission as well as the DEP.

They would like to install a one or two stall bathroom on the lower side of the course for the golfers.

The driving range is graded, needs piping, seeding and irrigation. DEP has approved that work. Jonathan talked about the berm running along the property owners' homes on Raymond Drive and the golf course. The berm is about 40 feet at base, 8-10 feet at the top and seeded with wildflower mix. The berm needs to be finished on the top half of Raymond Drive going towards Wilbraham Road.

The next major part of their development is the placement of two larger tunnels allowing for golf cart traffic as well as maintenance vehicles to cross from one side to the other. The plan is for the tunnel closest to TWB to be done first. The boxes will be 12x12 and the owners would like to close the road for 6 to 12 days. They would like to install in August after securing permits and allowing for appeal periods.

The Chief's response about the road closing was his concern with access being prohibited for Wilbraham fire and ambulance which are two emergency vehicles we rely on.

There was the suggestion that a bypass lane might be used during the day and shut one lane down during the night.

John Matthews commented on wanting to see detailed plans of the tunnel work and Jonathan's response was that they would try to get on the next Planning Board's agenda.

The cart barn was built last year will be converted into a banquet hall. Jonathan had renderings of the new building they intend to build once the old facility is demolished. The new building will be a 20,000 square foot clubhouse with locker rooms, and a 19<sup>th</sup> hole facility.

They would like to start demolition this year, get footings in, to allow them to work on the inside of the building area during the cold months.

They want to get open as quickly as possible for golfing. They will work on a new parking plan, new traffic plan as well.

The Chief has no major issues with the work as it progresses.

Dana Pixley has no issues and just wants to coordinate the timing of the tunnel installation with the paving of the road.

Lance Trevallion has no issues at this point.

John Matthews wants to ensure that any concerns that come from residents via email are responded to in a timely manner.

There was discussion of moving the maintenance building to the other side of the road and John Matthews asked to see preliminary plans for that. He noted that planning would have to look at the berm if the maintenance building gets move.

Bonnie Geromini from Conservation Commission mentioned that an application has not been filed by the country club, that a cart path has been created. She stated that a determination was filed, but a Notice of Intent was not. Jonathan explained that they are working with DEP to negotiate with them and once done will come back to the Conservation Commission.

Ambulance Agreement: The ambulance agreement with AMR has been renewed and Hampden and East Longmeadow share the same agreement. A motion was made by Norm Charest to sign the renewed agreement with AMR, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

International Visitor Leadership Program: The board has been asked to meet with a group of international visitors who are touring the Springfield area and meeting with various community leaders. They would like to meet with the board in the early afternoon on July 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Soltas Holdings Solar Farm: The board has been asked for a meeting date with Soltas to determine what rate schedule the town would agree to accepting from them. We will look to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fingerprint bylaw: Will be reviewed at a later date.

Grader Sale Bid: Will be awarded at next meeting.

School Collective Bargaining Letter: Reviewed without comment.

Minutes of June 17, 2013: Minutes will be reviewed at a later date.

Letter to Governor Patrick re: chapter 90 funding: Letter signed and sent.

Correspondence: Will be reviewed at a later date.

\*\*Mr. Dorn and river situation

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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