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

August 19, 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 6:35 pm by Norm Charest, serving as Chairman while John Flynn is out of town.

Guest: Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Steve Andwood: Town resident came before the board seeking permission to have gas line connected to his property on Stony Hill Road. Since the road is not five years old, it cannot be cut. Vinnie suggested that they bullet a line under the road's surface. The board will also have Steve post a bond in the event any damage is done to the road while doing the connection.

Hampden Community Gardens: Don Collins came before the board to discuss the possibility of drilling a well at the Green Meadows School property to be used by the gardeners to water their gardens. The board will check with Town Counsel before allowing the group to move forward with this. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow the group to drill, contingent upon Town Counsel's opinion and proper permitting done through the Board of Health, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Notice will be sent to Don Collins once our attorney has reviewed it.

The other discussion with Don was in his capacity as the chair of the Personnel Committee. He has been asked to review vacation schedules of employees to ensure there is equity for all. Don noted that Tom Argenio will be leaving the committee as he will be moving to Wilbraham.

Sherry Himmelstein: Town resident came before the board to discuss a pending sale she has for property (211 South Road) currently designated as Chapter 61 for tax purposes. Her plans are to keep 90% of the property as Chapter 61A, a designation for farmland. With the rest of the property she plans to do a limited development of two lots. Given that the land is in 61A, the town has a right of first refusal to purchase the land. The board will ask other boards if there is any interest in the property and wait until John Flynn is back for his input. Sherry will be contacted with a decision from the board at a later date.

Conservation Restriction for New England Power Company Subdivision property: As part of their approval to develop the property as a substation, the power company was required to grant a conservation restriction to the town on the property. The restriction has been reviewed by Town Counsel and approved as drafted. Norm Charest made a motion to sign the conservation

restriction, contingent upon approval by the Conservation Commission, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Information letter to residents regarding paving: The board reviewed the letter sent to residents of Colony Drive and Bayberry Road. Project preparation will begin this week.

Hampden Housing Authority: The board received notification from the state that Ray Crowley has been appointed as the Governor's appointee to the Hampden Housing Authority.

Request for information: The board reviewed emails from a resident to Dana Pixley regarding the paving bids that were done earlier in the year.

Car Registration: A request came to the board to check on vehicles that may not be registered on property on Allen Street. The police investigated and a letter will be sent from the Selectmen telling the owner to have the vehicles removed or to come in to request a Special Permit to allow the vehicles to remain there.

Variance Request for 27 Raymond Drive: A request came in for a variance at 27 Raymond Drive requiring a reduction from separation between with SAS and high groundwater. They are seeking a one foot variance. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow the one foot variance as recommended by Lori McCool's, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Request from VFW: The board received a letter from the VFW requesting permission to hold their annual turkey shoot starting on September 15<sup>th</sup> through November 24 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow the VFW to hold the Turkey Shoot for the above mentioned timeframes, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence: Reviewed without comment.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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