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

November 24, 2014
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.

Board of Health: Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent and Gary Weiner, Septic System Designer came before the board to discuss the failed septic system at 546-548 Main Street owned by Ed Kennedy. Kennedy has repeatedly been directed to repair the failed system and a letter was submitted to the board from Attorney McEwan. In it Attorney McEwan stated that he had been retained by property owner Ed Kennedy to represent his interests to complete the work mandated by the town. They would like to request an extension and a variance. Gary Weiner acknowledged that he is working on plans now and looking at the installation of a tight tank that will have to be pumped rather than going into the existing system. Ed Kennedy has agreed to a second meter to monitor flow at McLadden's. After much discussion, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to order Ed Kennedy to have plans in and approved by the Board of Health Agent and Chair by December 15th as well as have a tight tank installed but not connected to the failed system. Further, pumping records will be required to be submitted to the board after each pumping, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

John also suggested that a date in April should be the next mandated compliance date to have the new septic installation done at the property. This will be addressed at a later date.

Lorri McCool has been asked to send a letter to Ed Kennedy with a copy to Attorney McEwan stating these conditions.

Lorri has talked with our Town Counsel, Dave Martel regarding any further non-compliance and what steps the town can take should this occur. He stated that the best way to do that is through the courts, who would then issue fines for noncompliance.

Variances for Board of Health:

81 Allen Street: There was a request for a variance for the reduction in separation from septic to well from 100' to 50'. Based on the recommendation made by Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the variance as requested, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

358 Main Street: There was a request for a variance for the reduction in separation from septic to well from 100' to 63' at this location. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the variance, based on the recommendation from Lorri McCool, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Unregistered Vehicles: The Police Department gave a list of homes with photos of properties housing more than one unregistered vehicles. This office will send notices to those homeowners to ensure they apply for a special permit or get rid of a vehicle.

Tax Classification Hearing: The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessor's will hold a joint hearing on December 8th to determine the tax rate and the classification for residential versus commercial properties.

Minutes: The minutes of November 18, 2014 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Bennett Road Drainage: John has asked Gary Weiner to do the flagging of the easement area on the O'Brien's property to start the process of securing the easement needed.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: The board has been contacted by the PVPC regarding the need to revise our town's hazard mitigation plan.

Planning Board Legal Questions: The board reviewed the requests made by the Planning Board to our Town Counsel, Dave Martel.

Correspondence:

- A letter was received from Dave Martel, Town Counsel requesting an increase in fees for various positions in town. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the fees as presented, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- A letter was sent to Bob Dickson, Union Representative for the Officers and Dispatchers regarding possible regional dispatching.
- The board received a letter from the state certifying the funds in the Excess and Deficiency Account for HWRSD in the amount of \$1,349,453, as of July 1, 2014.
- The board received an invitation from National Grid to attend the ribbon cutting event at the substation on Allen Street. Norm Charest, John Flynn and Carolyn Reed will attend.

Handyman for Town House: This was not discussed, but will be at a later date.

Academy Hall Septic: Gary Weiner will work on a new septic plan for the property based on changing the kitchen's structure, by removing the stove.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm, seconded by Motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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