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

February 10, 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 by John Flynn at 6:30 pm.

Police Budget Review: The board met with Advisory to review the Police Department's budget and was satisfied with the submittal.

Budget Review and Capital Items List from Highway: Information reviewed and noted by board.

Solar Proposal: Kirt Mayland came before the board to discuss possible tax scenarios to benefit the town with the solar installation proposed on Somers Road on Kibbe's property. The board will review the information and ask that Kirt attend a future meeting to discuss other possible solar installations, such as an installation on the Thornton W. Burgess School.

PVPC: Information provided regarding public works funding. Reviewed and noted by the board.

Model Medical Marijuana Bylaw: The Planning Board asked that the Board of Selectmen review and provide comments back to them. Reviewed and noted that the language came from PVPC and would be satisfactory to use.

Regional Dispatch: A letter of commitment was requested from other communities stating that the Town of Hampden is indeed interested in pursuing regional dispatch. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the commitment, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Outlook Luncheon Invitation: The board was invited by Town Counsel, Dave Martel to attend the annual Outlook Luncheon held at the Mass Mutual Center. Vinnie and John will attend.

MMA Spring Legislative Breakfast Meeting: The board received an invitation to attend on February 28th, and will not attend.

MASS DOT Handicap Parking Abuse: Reviewed.

Town House Project List: Reviewed to be used with Town House Building Committee.

Board of Health Upcoming Events: Dates noted by Board of Health Coordinator, Jane Budynkiewicz.

Board of Health: The BOH Agent Lori McCool sent a letter to residents using kitchens for retail sale of food products to go through a ServSafe Training Program.

Minutes: The minutes of January 27, 2014 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence: Reviewed without comment.

Dog Issue: Chief Farnsworth asked the board about recent calls the department has received from Mr. Allegrezza on Somers Road. Mr. Allegrezza has the same ongoing complaint about dogs barking from his neighbor's kennel. This issue has gone to court and the kennel operators have requirements they must adhere to, but Mr. Allegrezza calls whenever he hears a dog bark. He calls the Police who in turn call the Dog Officer, Shelley Sears. The police are to continue to call Shelley with those complaints as it is her job to handle those issues. She is free to come before the board to discuss these if she wishes.

Contractual Residency: The Police Chief submitted a memo to the board regarding the issue of residency for police and fire employees. The board has no issue with requiring such, as long as members get in to work on time, they are fine with that.

State Casino Meeting February 18th: John Flynn and Vinnie Villamaino will attend a meeting in Boston with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to plead a case for Hampden to be designated as an "affected" community if and when a casino gets built in Springfield.

Veterans' Budget: John asked the Veterans' Agent if it was possible to drop the annual budget by \$5k. John Comerford agreed and the number will be revised to \$20k.

NOTE: John Flynn will be out of town on Wednesday and Thursday and Norm Charest will be acting Chair while John is gone.

Transfer Station: There was a brief discussion of the condition of the steel at the transfer station where the compactors are. Jane will speak with Dana Pixley to see if the highway members can do the work rather than hiring it out to a contractor.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norm Charest to adjourn at 7:20 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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