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

MINUTES

March 3, 2014
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Vincent J. Villamaino
Norman Charest was unable to attend the meeting.
Guest: Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Grant Information: Gina Kahn and Gail Gramarossa from HWRSD came before the board to discuss a grant opportunity they would like to pursue with the support of the board. The program is called the Drug Free Communities Support Program that is community based to reduce substance abuse among youth. Grants are awarded every five years and grantees can apply for an additional five years after successful completion of the first five year cycle. The budget for the grant is \$125,000 and is a matching grant, but may be matched by in kind contributions, such as staff time, use of meeting space, members' time in attendance at meeting, etc. This program will allow the future education for our youth in prevention of substance abuse. The application must be submitted by late March and will be awarded in August.

In addition, there must be a sector representative designated and Gina suggested that Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent for both Hampden and Wilbraham would be a natural choice. Lorri has agreed to take on this additional responsibility. There should be seven meetings a year lasting 90 minutes or so. Lorri will sign off as the representative for this program. Gina has also discussed this program with Chief Farnsworth and has his full support. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Lorri McCool as the Sector Representative for the Drug Free Communities Support Program, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Gina elaborated that the Safe School grant that has been in place for five years is expiring now. They have used all that they could from the grant. This new grant will allow education to continue into the upper grades. This grant does not do what the current grant does, and instead will look at community wide strategies to look at issues affecting schools. In April there will more federal safety grants available.

Board of Health: Jane Budynkiewicz came before the board to discuss the condition of the valves in our heating system and the need to have them repaired. She got two quotes and will ask that B&G Mechanical do the change out. The first one to be done will be in the office of the Library Director.

Jane also mentioned that the monitoring of the Transfer Station will have to be done by another party as our Certified Water Operator does not have the time to carry on with this responsibility. Jane will seek quotes from other vendors and let the board know the results.

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The ServSafe letter has been sent to all home kitchens who sell their products at the Farmer's Market. This ensures that all food preparation is done properly and safely.

Vacation: Jane has asked for vacation time one of the last two weeks of March and will let the board know when her plans are set.

Hauling Contracts: Trash hauling contract needs to be reviewed. Norm will look into pricing of current vendor.

Reserve Officer Resignation: Jeff presented the resignation letter from Reserve Officer, Michelle E. Turner.

Warrant article review: Becky Moriarty asked if the town could help with funding for operations of the Council on Aging, Two Town Trolley. Unfortunately, it is too late in the process to do so now.

Town House Building Committee: John is meeting with Betty Howarth tomorrow to tour the town house. Betty has volunteered to be on the committee and we are seeking other volunteers.

CPA Discussion: Send note to Doug Boyd asking that he schedule a meeting to discuss Town House improvements using CPA funds.

Minutes of February 10, 2014 and February 24: These will be reviewed when Norm has a chance to review them.

ABCC Correspondence: ABCC did liquor enforcement checks and cited a few of the businesses in town for selling to minors.

Hunter Education Class: Jeff Shank, a resident in town requested the use of the Auditorium to hold a hunter's education class on March 8 and 9. Given that the space was available, the class will be held both Saturday and Sunday. The Police Department has been notified.

ZBA Decisions on Raymond Drive Appeal: The ZBA's decisions were as follows: One petition was withdrawn by the application, one appeal was granted for the Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board and the third appeal from decision of the Building Inspector was denied.

Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust: The town received notice that rates will not increase for the coming year for health care coverage.

Charter Annual Franchise Fee Payment: The town gets an annual check from Charter based on the number of subscribers they have.

Note: School Budget Meeting, March 5th at 4:30.

With no further business a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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