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

April 7, 2014
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino
Norman Charest was not in attendance.

Guests: Jeanne Broderick, Paul Huijing, Paul McNaughton, Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by John D. Flynn.

Main Street Residents: Jeanne Broderick, Paul McNaughton and engineer Paul Huijing attended the meeting to work towards a final resolution to the water situation. The conversation started with the comparison of the boiler water from Jeanne's house versus the drinking water makeup at Paul's house. They are essentially the same. Paul's system is 10 years old versus Jeanne's system which is 25 years old. The distribution system of the boiler water is Jeanne's main concern; the forced hot water system and radiators. Paul H stated that there is no apparent leaking from the water from the highway garage that was introduced into Jeanne's boiler. What is standard of corrosion?

Chloride above 200 mg/L causes corrosion, according to information from Jeanne.

Paul Huijing is concerned about the system in the future. Jeanne remarked again that her boiler is 25 years old, and about at the end of its lifespan.

There was discussion about pipe replacement and it was agreed that the existing copper pipe would not be replaced with copper, and would probably be replaced with PEX tubing.

There might be galvanized pipes in Jeanne's house as well which are more susceptible to corrosion.

John asked if a number could be determined that would work for a 5 year timeframe for Jeanne.

Paul Huijing made the assumption that the useful life of a copper pipe, may be 50 years. The question is what it would cost to replace those in the next 20 years. There needs to be a contingency for that.

Paul suggested checking on price to replace copper with PEX pipe.

John asked that they come up with a number; perhaps add a contingency number, maybe just come up with total number right now.

Paul Huijing will look at most efficient route for pipe replacement.

Jeanne and Paul said that some wall coverings will have to be opened.

They will meet with heating contractors, to reduce the amount of walls that need to be opened.

Jeanne talked about the damaged landscape in her back yard; some trees were damaged by the heavy storms we had, some were vines, but there are trees that she contends have died as a result of the salt contamination. She does not expect the town to clear all of her property, but did ask for a buffer to screen the highway garage.

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John emphasized that the board will give an estimated amount for remediation to the Advisory Board tonight.

Jeanne asked about the signing of the agreement, funding, and timing of everything. As John explained, any funds voted at town meeting would not be available until July 1, 2014. The agreement would have to be signed at the time the monies were distributed.

Jeanne's last comment was that she is concerned about the condition of the subflooring in her hallway due to leaking. She would like a contingency number for this work.

The board moved their meeting to the Auditorium to attend the Advisory Hearing at 7:00 pm. The hearing was adjourned at 7:40 pm and the board reconvened in the Selectmen's office at that time.

Minutes: The minutes will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Ballot Questions: The questions for the election will be reviewed by Dave Martel and then forwarded to Eva Wiseman.

Notice on Chapter 90 Funding: The state funding for this coming construction season is \$256,408; approximately \$1,000 less than last year's number.

Office Equipment Budget Number: Monies will be reviewed at the Advisory Hearing.

Pre-Trial Memorandum: The board reviewed the memo submitted to the court for Cory Goodrich.

ABCC Notices: The board reviewed the notices on two violations that occurred in town.

Note from Resident on Steepleview Drive: A resident from Steepleview sent a note to the board requesting that something be done to replace or remove a damaged guardrail.

Federated Church Well: The board reviewed the information on drilling a new well and replacing fixtures in the church. The estimate is \$32k.

Quotes for Transfer Station Monitoring: This was not discussed at the meeting.

MIIA property and liability quotes will be reviewed versus a new company, Berry Insurance.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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