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

April 22, 2014  
6:00 pm

625 Main Street  
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Guests: Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham Hampden Times, Dick Patullo, Robert Howarth, Cliff Bombard

Advisory Board: Carol Fitzgerald, Doug Boyd, Rick Rubin, Jamie Collins and Cindi Connors

Advisory Board: The board met on Saturday to review the budget before their final discussion with the Selectmen. During their review, they determined that the current budget is where it should be; that there are no huge increases requested and therefore no changes need to be made.

There was discussion about how to fund the fire and police articles and the option to borrow has been included in the warrant articles.

The cost for the School Resource Officer is now \$11,550.

Even if the grant does not come in for the defibrillators, we can borrow at any time with no constraints.

\$40,000 has been requested for a Memorial Park playscape, which can be funded by CPA funds.

Cliff will determine if borrowing for the storm damage can be spread out over three years; awaiting that answer.

Doug suggested that Dick Patullo run some numbers this week to prepare for the ATM and questions that might arise.

The meeting will be posted for 6:00 pm.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Chairman L. Jed Berliner came before the board for guidance on how to proceed with counsel given the quagmire of legal cases involving the Planning Board, the Hampden Country Club, the Zoning Board Appeals and the Berm Committee. Dave Martel made a recommendation and the board suggested that Jed file a motion with the court to extend our need to respond until August, while we figure out what special counsel we will use for these cases. Judge Howarth suggested that he will talk with Dave Martel regarding the hiring of special counsel. This case will be heard in Superior Court.

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Building Inspector: Lance Trevallion came before the board to discuss the installation of an elevator in the town house to accommodate access to both the upper and lower floors. He stated that two chair lifts would have to be installed, that an architect will have to do the review; that an electrical engineer will be needed and the architect should submit the project for bid. He has talked with Roy Brown about this project. We may need variances for height clearance, and the total cost may be in the \$60,000 range. The cost of the two chairs will be \$50,000 or so and the architectural costs will run from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Lance also announced that he will be leaving his position as inspector one year from now. He suggested the board hire someone for 20-25 hours per week, pay benefits and ask that the person be the facility supervisor for the town house as well as the building inspector. Lance also noted that Jane Budynkiewicz would be leaving the position of clerk for the department as well in one year's time.

The board asked Lance about some upcoming improvements it would like to make in the town house; the floor in the auditorium, (which should be tested for asbestos by a certified abatement contractor) as well as bathroom upgrades.

601 Main Street: Jeanne Broderick and Paul Huijing came before the board to discuss final issues to resolve her water concerns. Jeanne brought pictures of various rooms and plumbing in her house which showed corrosion and the need for repair. The board reviewed Jeanne's estimated costs for improvements and discussed them with Jeanne and her engineer, Paul Huijing. The board asked that they have a moment to discuss the estimate in private. Some of the requested improvements or needs are: sheet rock, new fixtures, moving furniture in and out of the house, landscaping replacement, etc. The board agreed to offer Jeanne \$52,000 for her improvements. Jeanne and Paul came back into the room and the offer was presented to Jeanne and she accepted. The town will vote to appropriate the money at Town Meeting and if approved, the funds will be released upon signing of the agreement between the Town and Jeanne Broderick.

The board has already reviewed estimated costs for improvements from Paul McNaughton and will have Town Counsel draft a final agreement. The funding for those improvements will be voted at Town Meeting as well and have been settled at \$12,000 for 613 Main Street.

Residents Wes Wright and Lyman Wood: These two residents came before the board to voice their concerns about possible zoning violations in their neighborhood. They are concerned about various pieces of equipment that could possibly be leaking fluids into the ground and groundwater and say that these items have been on the property for years. They do know that there is some logging taking place near them and Mr. Wood stated that he has allowed trucks to pass over his property to get to the logging site. They have asked the Building Inspector to tour the site to make sure there is nothing being done outside of the zoning/planning regulations. The board confirmed that they would follow up with Lance Trevallion as well the following day. The residents were told that any complaint had to be in written form and signed by the complainant.

One Day General License: The board reviewed a request from the Girl Scouts to hold a bake sale for the Annual Town Meeting. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the request for a permit on April 28, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

VFW One Day Permits: The following permit requests were made by the VFW for one day permits:

- Baby Christening, May 18, from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am
- Benefit in Memory of Lori Bartolucci for St. Jude's, May 31 from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am
- Chili Cook Off to benefit T.J. O'Connor Animal Shelter, June 21 from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am
- Jack and Jill Shower, July 12, from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am
- 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, August 23 from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve all permits as requested, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Chubb Police/Fire Policy: The board reviewed the current coverage and will review when bids come in.

Resident's Complaint: The board will respond to a complaint regarding property on Wilbraham Road. The board has no jurisdiction over the issue and will forward that to the complainant.

8) Transfer Request for Fire Department for \$3,700

9) ABCC Violation Notice: So noted.

10) Change in Employee Status for Joanne Fiore-Part time to Full Time

Variance Requested: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve a variance for a reduction in groundwater separation at 160 Glendale Road, as recommended by Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – will send note that Selectmen will march in parade.

Transfer Station Monitoring: The board reviewed the bids submitted for the monitoring process at the transfer station. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to award the bid to the lowest bidder, WjF Geo Consultants, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Transfer Station Hauling and Dumpster Service: The board reviewed the requirements for the bidding process and according to MGL Chapter 30B; there is no need to go out to bid.

Gasoline account: John wants to find out from Dana Pixley if there is money that was appropriated, but has not been fully spent.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela B. Courtney, Administrative Assistant