

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

MINUTES

August 4, 2014
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: Vincent J. Villamaino John D. Flynn and Norman Charest
Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Guests: Kirt Mayland, John Matthews, Edward Loiko, Robert Howarth, Arthur Booth, Phillip Schneider, Dorothy Simonds, Francis Simonds, Stuart Fuller, Mark Casey, Judy Ingerson and Lance Trevallion

Kirt Mayland, Solar Discussion: Kirt described what a “host entity” is and what net metering is for a municipality. The Board has an interest in becoming the “host entity” and to wait for approval from Town Counsel to file an application for interest in pursuing net metering for a purposed solar pv project. Norman Charest made a motion to authorize John D. Flynn to file the application for a municipality net metering pursuant to 220 C.M.R. Section 18 et.Seq.on behalf of the Town of Hampden. Vincent Villamaino seconded.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Planning Board / Building Inspector: The Planning Board came to the meeting with Edward Loiko requesting the he be appointed to Planning Board. Since the position on the Board has not been posted the Selectmen stated they would like to wait for a posting to run before appointing anyone. Planning did request a meeting with the Building Commission and David Martel, however David Martel was not available and that meeting would have to be postponed. Kibbe Lane was discussed as it is on the 4th base coat and paving this winter will be an issue. It was stated by the Select board there is a policy on subdivision street conditions. John Matthews requested a copy of the policy and stated they would invite Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendant to the next meeting. Lance Trevallion, Building Inspector relayed to the Select board that Gary Petzold from Wilbraham has an interest in doing the Weights and Measures for the Town of Hampden. The Board would like to speak to Gary directly and asked if he would attend the next meeting. Lance recommended Gary Petzold for the job as a separate entity, not under the Building Department but under the Selectmen.

School Information: The Selectmen spoke with Lena Buteau asking that they receive information directly from the school committee members and not from the press; to please have a little quicker communication with the Board. School Committee would like the town to vote to amend the agreement between the Town of Hampden and Wilbraham by inserting “to begin no earlier than July 1 of the year in which they are elected, and

until their successors are duly elected and qualified. After some discussion the Board agreed to add the warrant article to April Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen signed the lease extension for the schools.

Request from Chief Farnsworth: The Chief would like to teach at the Academy one (1) day a month and fill in as needed. On these days he would like to flex time or on occasion use one half a vacation day or a personal day. The Board discussed the requested and decided they would rather have him use vacation time or personal time only when the Town will be fully covered and not use flex time.

The mutual aid agreement was presented to the Board. After looking over the document a motion was made by Vincent Villamaino to accept the Mutual Aide Agreement submitted by Chief Farnsworth on July 17, 2014. Seconded by Norman Charest.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Funding for GIS: An account has to be set up by the Selectmen to pay the bill. Norman Charest is looking into account from Assessors to make sure it is not to be used for that bill.

COA Director Day Off: Becky Moriarty, COA Director requested Friday, August 8, 2014 off and the Board granted the time. Vincent Villamaino commented after reading the Scribe what a great job is being done by the director. There is not a day that goes by that there is not an activity at the Senior Center. Ed Loiko said it was the best asset in the Town.

Turkey Shoots VFW: A letter was submitted from Glenn Trevallion, Commander at the VFW requesting to have the Turkey Shoots starting November 7, 2014 through November 26, 2014 from 1 pm to 5 pm on Sunday. A motion was made by Norman Charest to approve Turkey Shoots at the VFW from November 7th through November 26, 2014 from 1pm to 5pm. Seconded by Vincent Villamaino.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Board of Health Variance: A request for a variance at 36 Raymond Drive for 84' reduction from proposed system to existing well. The existing system is 74' from the existing well. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the variance, pending plan approval from Lorri McCool Board of Health Agent and acceptable water test results. Seconded by Vincent Villamaino.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Request for parking: A request was made by John Flynn to use the parking lot at the Green Meadows School for an event at 44 North Road. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant the request, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Special Town Meeting: Selectmen asked Robert Howarth, Town Moderator if October 27, 2014 would work as the date for Special Town Meeting. Robert thought that date would be fine.

Meeting adjourned 7:28 pm
Respectfully submitted:

Jane M. Budynkiewicz,
Board of Health Coordinator
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