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

MINUTES

August 18, 2014
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: John D. Flynn and Vincent J. Villamaino. Norm Charest was unable to attend this meeting.

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

Water Commissioners: George Bouchard, Water Commissioner came before the board to discuss the sale of one of the homes currently served by the Water District. The sale has gone through and a meter reading was done by Mike Framarin, our Water Operator. The Commission will have to work with the Town Clerk to determine how to send bills out to the new homeowner.

John Plaster, from South Monson Road came before the board with an interest in serving on of the boards. An appointment slip will be sent to John for the vacancy left by Ed Hatch on the Water Commission. Meeting are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

10 Riverside Drive: Will and Joanne D'Angelo are having issues with their well water and after having had it tested were told my ConTest that they should not be drinking it. The board will have the water tested by the company that Tighe and Bond work with so the testing is consistent with other testing results. The board agrees that there is an obligation to look into solving any issues that might be caused by salt infiltration from the Highway Garage. John suggested that whatever funds are needed can be appropriated at Fall Town Meeting. We will ask that Tom Couture help us with finding an economic solution to the problem.

The board reconvened to the Auditorium for 2 Public Hearings scheduled for 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

Hampden Discount Liquors: Shop owners, Linda Schmidt and Henry Champagne came before the board seeking a transfer of ownership that has to be approved by the Board of Selectmen before being sent to the ABCC. The hearing had been properly posted and there were no comments from people in attendance. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the application for Transfer of Ownership as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Charter/Comcast Cable License Transfer Hearing: The board held a public hearing for the transfer of a cable license from Charter to Comcast. Tom Cohan from Charter and Aaron Saunders from Comcast were present to answer any questions from the public. Some asked about email service changing and it was answered that it would change at some point down the road. There were no concerns voiced by residents and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the transfer, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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Planning Board: Robert Howarth came to the board with a recommendation to appoint Paige Gore to the position of alternate for the Planning Board. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Paige Gore as an alternate for the Planning Board, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Fred Lesniak and Ed Loiko attended the meeting as well and have interest in serving on the board of appeals. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint both gentlemen as Zoning Board of Appeals in the Alternate positions.

Minutes: The minutes were not reviewed as Norm was not present to do so. They will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Septic Systems

- Ed Kennedy's Plaza: The board will ask that Lorri McCool send a letter to Ed Kennedy, owner of the plaza at 546-548 regarding the inactivity at his plaza.
- Cimmino Greenhouse property: The board will ask Lorri to check on the status of the property.

VFW Permits:

- Baby Shower, Sunday, August 24 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm
- 60th Birthday Party, October 24, 2014 from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am (postponed from earlier date).

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve both permits as noted, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Senior Center Permit: A request was made by Becky Moriarty for a one day permit for the senior center. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant a permit to the Senior Center on Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fire Fighter Age Limit: Chief Gorski would like to meet with the board to clarify the age restrictions for firefighters.

67 Wilbraham Road: The homeowner requested that the board allow the noise ordinance to extend until 11:00 on August 23. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow the extension, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Federated Church Agreement: There is no update on this project.

25 Colonial Village: A variance is requested at this location due to the separation to groundwater, as well as doing a soil analysis instead of a perc test. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow the variance as recommended by Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

NOTE: A date was set for the Fall Town Meeting; it is scheduled for October 27th at 7:00 pm at Thornton W. Burgess School.

Front Sidewalk: The board wants to know when the front sidewalks will be replaced.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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