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

January 26, 2015  
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 by John D. Flynn at 6:00 pm.

Senior Center/COA Budget Review: Executive Director of the Senior Center Becky Moriarty came before the board to discuss her budget. With her was Deborah Mahoney who currently volunteers at the Senior Center.

Becky has increases in the salary line of the budget and has increased the amount for building maintenance as more repairs have been needed as the years pass. She also increased the line for utilities as well.

John mentioned that he is going to have a conversation with the Personnel committee to discuss the step + positions as they currently exist.

Becky also submitted a wish list which includes more hours for the staff. Activities are only funded through the state and the activities coordinator is paid for less than the hours she works. Becky would be happy with an increase to 20 hours a week. The center is currently open five days a week from 9:00 to 3:00 pm.

She would like to add hours for the program coordinator and a two hour increase for the outreach worker.

The money for the Title IIIB comes from Greater Springfield, and there is always the threat that it can be cut at any time.

Shine Program: Becky explained that she provides the counseling service to those who need it to ensure they understand their health insurance needs, Medicare and any additional plans.

The board agreed that they would support her wish list and will endorse it when meeting with the Advisory Board on February 2, 2015. They asked that Becky make sure to indicate that some of the increase in her budget is due to mandated salary increases.

State of Emergency: The board discussed the pending storm and debated when to declare a State of Emergency. It is a necessary vote to allow the town reimbursement from the state should there be emergency expenditures. It was determined that declaring now will save them from having to do so in the middle of the night. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to declare a state of emergency at 6:35 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Jay O'Brien: Mr. O'Brien from Bennett Road dropped in to discuss the status of a drainage issue in front of his home and the possible remedies. The board has received a survey of his property as well as a defined area for the easement allowing the town to install a drainage solution for the road.

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Jay would like a written description of what work will be done; wondered if there will be a catch basin with pipe and if trees will be taken out. He noted that some trees have been tagged already. Jay would also like a topographical plan of what will be taken out and what plantings will be planted to shield the house from traffic on the road. He wants to know what it will look like after the work has been done. He also asked when the road is widened, how wide will it be; will the culvert be filled in, will the road extend to his stone wall. John suggested that a staking be done to get a more accurate idea of how things will look.

Town Treasurer: Dick Patullo had paperwork that required signing by the board in order to allow Dick to borrow to pay for already approved expenditures. The board signed and will return to the treasurer.

Maintenance Quote: Jane Budynkiewicz pursued a maintenance agreement with the company who did recent work on our heating system, B-G Mechanical Service, Inc. Our equipment has been recently repaired and this will allow the experts to track the necessary maintenance on the system. The board was agreeable to the agreement, but asked that we get a quote to run with the fiscal year.

Updates:

Cell Tower Proposal: Vinnie will contact Bill Pepin for his advice.

Kennedy septic resolution: A letter has not yet gone out to Ed Kennedy as the board needed information regarding reasonable timeframe to get the work done.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn at 6:45, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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