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

May 11, 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 Flynn at 6:00 pm.

Variance Request: A variance has been requested for 601 Main Street for a reduction in setback requirement from 100' from leach bed to 89' to the neighboring, non-drinking well and 90' from the owner's well (until tied into the Town well). The request was reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve the variance as recommended by Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Road Construction Schedule: The board reviewed the schedule provided by Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and they are good with it. The only question they have is, if the Bennett Road project falls through, what project will be done in its place.

Senior Center: A request was made by Becky Moriarty for a one day permit for a fundraiser for the Senior Center on May 16, 2015. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the permit as requested, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. May 16, 2015 for a Fundraiser Dinner- motion to approve by Vinnie Villamaino

Hazardous Mitigation Plan: Further review of the plan was done to finalize for submission to the State.

Hampden Country Club: The HCC is doing a name change to DBA as GreatHorse and paperwork will be submitted by the town to the ABCC.

Liquid Asphalt Bid: The Highway Superintendent recommended that the bid for liquid asphalt be awarded to All State Asphalt. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to follow the recommendation and made the award, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Academy Hall Repair Work: The board will ask that the Highway Department work with a contractor to install a new septic system for Academy Hall.

Hampden Housing Authority: John Wilkinson ran for the vacant position on the HHA and won, and has declined the appointment. Based on interest from Deanna Vermette, Norman Charest made a motion to appoint Deanna Vermette to the board of the Hampden Housing Authority, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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Correspondence: Reviewed and letters will go to volunteers for Adopt-A-Road and to the appraiser for the Bennett Road easement parcel. We will also get a preliminary water test done at the Federated Church.

Chief Gorski: The Chief came before the board with a new applicant, Joshua Sterling, who has a brother that currently serves as a Firefighter. Mike would like to have Josh appointed as a provisional firefighter. He has been around the department for two years and has been through a CORI check and a medical competency review. He will be required to attend training sessions and stipends are not available until Provisionals remain on board for a second year. Norm made the motion to appoint Joshua Sterling as a provisional fire fighter, as recommended by the Chief, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Attorney Donahue: The board reviewed the invoice received from Attorney Donahue for the work done on behalf of the Zoning Board. The board has questions as to the amount and will ask that Attorney Donahue come to a board meeting to discuss.

Transfers Needed: The board reviewed transfers needed for Law and Claims and Street Lighting. A transfer request was made for \$3,000 to be transferred into the Law and Claims line item. It will be forwarded to Advisory for approval.

Town Counsel Discussion: Our Town Counselor, Dave Martel is looking to retire at year end and has asked the board to consider hiring Rose Crowley and/or Mike Callan as his replacement. Both have worked with the town on other matters.

Generator Fuel Monitoring: Vinnie Villamaino stated that he will check with Mr. Taft about taking over the task of monitoring the fuel level of the generator.

Senior Center and Fire House Repairs: Due to winter conditions, both the Fire House and Sr. Center sustained damage to roofs and interiors. We will get pictures and file claims with the insurance company.

Board Changes: The board discussed making a change in the chairman's position. Norm did not take the position when his term was available, so John held the Chairman's position. Given the time committed, it made sense to make a change to the board's structure. A motion was made by Norman Charest to appoint Vincent Villamaino as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and John Flynn as Chairman of the Board of Health, effective today, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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