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

May 18, 2015
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Norman Charest
The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The board asked that Jed Berliner, Chairman of the ZBA come in to discuss the invoice received from Attorney Donahue for his representation of the ZBA in the court case with the Hampden Country Club. The estimate the board was given was for “a ballpark of \$5,000”. The invoice came in at a total of \$16,608.38. Jed did say that with an invoice going so far over the estimate that it is a professional courtesy to contact the client to let them know of the potential increase in cost. Given that there is a professional relationship, the board asked that Jed contact Attorney Donahue directly and discuss the issue and come to some resolution.

Hazardous Mitigation Plan: Catherine Ratte from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission was here from the PVPC to introduce the existing Hazardous Mitigation Plan to interested residents in town. Those attending were the board members and Christine Sterritt, John Plaster, Alan Fritts, Ted Zebert and Ray Shankel. Catherine explained that this plan has to be updated to allow the town to apply for grants from FEMA. The former plan had been completed in 2007. Another public meeting will be advertised for those residents wishing to attend and participate. The main concerns for our area are snowstorms and flooding and some concern about the weight of snow on buildings.

This risk management approach will allow us access to federal funds. Dana Pixley will continue on the committee, as will the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Ray Shankel spoke specifically about the change in the river behind his house, where the river has created a channel and an island of sorts that should be looked at. We will research where the new flood plain maps are, as they were recently updated. A date will be scheduled for the next meeting.

Ted Zebert and Alan Fritts seemed interested in participating in the process so will be kept in the loop.

Federated Church: Test Results for the water have improved since last tested; which is a good sign.

601 Main Street: The agreement between Jeanne Broderick and the Town seems at a standstill for no apparent reason. The board would like to finalize the agreement; get the well tied into Ms. Broderick's property and consider the matter closed.

Solar Installation at Landfill: The board reviewed the questions supplied by our consultant, Beth Greenblatt to consider when the board meets with the final four applicants.

Human Resource Audit Proposal: The board will proceed with the human resource audit which will involve any departments having records to have them available for review and determine the best way to consolidate and track the records.

Police Cruiser/Vehicle to Fire Department: There has been some confusion regarding a car that the Police will be trading in for a new vehicle. The SUV, instead of being traded was going to be passed to the Fire Department for their use as a second utility vehicle. Unfortunately, no one tracked the value/cost of the trade in, and that leaves the department short by \$6,000. John suggested that we wait until fall town meeting to request the funds. It will be discussed further, as Fire anticipated getting this vehicle now.

Berry Insurance: The board reviewed the renewal numbers from Berry insurance for 2016 and would like the company to review and see if they might find a way to reduce the proposed increase.

Minutes: The minutes of February 23 minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Vinnie Villamaino, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
The Minutes of April 13 were reviewed and a motion was made by Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
The minutes of April 21 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
The minutes of April 27 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
The Minutes of April 28 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Norm Charest abstained as he was not present for the meeting.
The minutes of May 4 Open Session and Executive Session were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

One Day Permit for Senior Center: Paint and Sip Fundraiser, Saturday, May 21, 2015: A motion was made by John Flynn to issue a one day permit to the Senior Center for this event, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Chapter 90 Reimbursement: Dana submitted the reimbursement request for the pothole work in the amount of \$38,461. The board signed the necessary documents for submittal.

Memorial Day Parade: The board reviewed the parade folder which includes the line of march and program notes and signed the indemnification agreement for St. Mary's Church.

NOTE: Norm Charest excused himself to meet with Chief Farnsworth to finalize negotiations on the contract at 7:00 pm.

Correspondence: BOH Coordinator, Jane Budynkiewicz asked the board if given that the 4th of July is on a Saturday, if the transfer station could work on the Friday prior, July 3. The board is fine with that.

South Monson Road: A letter has been sent to South Monson Road property owner who had expressed an interest in donating his land to the town.

Kibbe Lane Update: Developer Ed Speight has met with the Planning Board again

NOTE:

May 26 Meeting: Lease Discussion with Superintendent O'Shea and SC members
Conference call with Marty O'Shea, Dave Martel, Wilbraham Attorney. The board will meet with the group at their next meeting on May 26th. The town is responsible for mowing in the current contract, but it is no longer handled by the town. The district does all of the mowing now. The school wants to make some changes relative to capital expenditures, etc.

Middle School Task Force: A consultant has been hired to look at the needs of the district. John mentioned that he has talked with two realtors; one of whom said property values will go down, the other who said values will not be affected if the school is closed in Hampden.

School Committee: The board would like to invite the Hampden representatives, Lena Buteau and Lisa Morace to our next meeting on May 26th.

With no additional business, a motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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