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

June 15, 2015
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Norman Charest
The meeting was called to order by John D. Flynn at 6:30 pm.

Senator Eric Lesser: The Senator and his Chief of Staff, Michael Clark came before the board to discuss what the Senator is working on right now that could affect the Town of Hampden. He has been working on the issue of regional school transportation that has fluctuated in its funding over the years. The state had funded it at 58% and then at 64% and John asked what every 1% equals in dollars. Michael Clark will get back to us with that amount. Senator Lesser is optimistic that the funding will be increased.

Chapter 70 formula has realized a \$25 per child increase.

If we have any questions about I-91 roadwork, we can refer people to Eric Lesser as he has contact information for the DOT work.

If the casino opts for delay in opening until the roadwork happens, the casino does not start paying.

When asked about net metering vote, Senator Lesser thinks that the fall will be the first we have a decision on that. The board emphasized that the town needs other sources of revenue and solar is one opportunity.

John mentioned Wilbraham Road and the need for major infrastructure work with the drainage as well as new road cover. The drainage work would be the expensive part of the project; as the town could cover the cost of paving.

It could be looked at as a regional project, as it services Wilbraham residents as well.

The board will get cost estimates from the Highway Supervisor and forward them to Senator Lesser and Michael Clark.

Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District: Ed Cenedella, Facilities Supervisor for the district schools came before the board to discuss upcoming projects at Green Meadows and TWB. He was asked about the monitoring of security cameras at the schools, and said they are not monitored all of the time, but they are available to be reviewed at any time.

Some vinyl or ceramic tile work needs to be done and the board recommended that ceramic tile be used for longevity.

The carpet in the library at TWB needs replacement as well, and he has an estimated cost of \$9,100.

The board asked that he compile a list of what is needed prior to the end of June, along with estimated costs.

The flashing at TWB was done but some rupturing has occurred and water is coming into the fascia, between the aluminum and roof and he is looking at a cost of \$4,100 in repairs to be done in the new fiscal year.

It was suggested that an analysis be done of the current roof that was replaced in 1992, as we will need to repair or replace the roof. It was suggested that the manufacturer do a site assessment for no money. Historically the mill thickness has been good. It was also suggested that a few companies look at the roof before any decisions are made.

Art Booth: Resident of Raymond Drive came in to talk about the Memorial Day Parade and noted that a better sound system is needed for next year, and John mentioned that perhaps better equipment can be purchased and used in conjunction with the equipment the VFW already has.

Art also wanted to discuss the notifications that were sent out for the DEP application submitted for the Hampden Country Club, aka GreatHorse. Art thinks the notice should have been sent to every person who has water supplied by the aquifer. He mentioned from the ridgeline west, past Meadowbrook, to Kelly Lane to the Wilbraham line and Baldwin tract.

Lots of those people are on surface aquifers and needed to get new artesian wells. No surface water wells currently exist in that area.

John contacted Tom Couture as to whether or not he could work for us regarding the well work. The board has also asked Dave Martel, Town Counsel to review the submittal.

Art suggested that the DEP send notices to everyone who is a stakeholder. John mentioned that as a town we were not notified, but the School District was notified. There was discussion as to where the money is going to come from to pay for these expert's opinions.

Transfers:

- A motion was made by John Flynn to transfer \$1500 from Monitoring and Testing to Traffic Detail, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- A motion was made by John Flynn to transfer \$2500 from Gasoline Expenses to Highway Maintenance, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
- The board discussed the car issue that exists with the new cruiser to be ordered by the Police Department and the transfer of an older SUV for the Fire Department's EMT's. There was not enough money budgeted but the board is not going to deal with it at this time.

Review Solar Proposals: The board will ask consultant Beth Greenblatt to come in on June 22nd to discuss the proposals received and to advise which company to choose.

Minutes: The minutes of June 1, 2015 were reviewed and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Dump Truck Vote: The board reviewed the recommendation made by Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent. A motion was made by Norman Charest to award the bid for the 2016 dump truck with equipment, minus the trade value of \$5,000, to Ballard Mack for a total cost of \$188,000, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Highway Superintendent: Dana Pixley submitted a memo to the board regarding the drainage issue for the new veterinarian building on Allen Street. The builder assumed they would run drainage into the town's system and Dana protested that, as it is not common practice in town. The board agrees with that position. They will have to install a dry well for the building.

Grant Application: To continue working on solar proposals using grant money, a motion was made by Norman Charest to authorize its Chair to execute an Application for a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant to be submitted to the Department of Energy Resources, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

In addition, a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve a letter and have it signed by the Chairman to be submitted to the DOER describing the use of the Owner's Agent Technical Assistance Grant, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

HWRSD Lease: The new lease agreement between the Town and the HWRSD is finalized and executed.

One Day Permit: The Senior Center has requested a one day liquor license. A motion was made by Norm Charest to approve a one day license for beer and wine at the Senior Center's British Invasion on June 20, 2015 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fire Department Steak Roast: The board will RSVP to the department.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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