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TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

August 3, 2015
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn and Norman Charest

Guest: Beth Greenblatt, Managing Director, Beacon Integrated Solutions

Solar Project at Transfer Station: Beth Greenblatt suggested breaking the solar project into two (2) separate solar contracts. The parcel to the east (#85) is outside the scope of the original RFP as published, according to Town Counsel. However, Beth talked to Daniel Hall, DEP who views the parcel as a landfill as there is trash on that parcel. So it will qualify for landfill solar credits.

The designs from the four finalists are competitive; Kearsage Energy and Ameresco submitted designs for two (2) of the parcels, parcel #86 and parcel #87: Southern Sky and MassAmerician Energy submitted designs for total coverage; parcels #85, #86 and #87. After much discussion regarding the levels of revenue coming to the town from the various companies, and how it balanced with the use of the landfill, a motion was made. The motion was made by John Flynn to award the RFP to Ameresco for solar panels on parcels #86 and #87, Norman Charest seconded. Vote: VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The RFP for Parcel #85 was discussed. Beth will contact Rose Crowley of DWPM to generate RFP, and to send out award and rejection letters. A meeting with Amaresco will be scheduled to begin contract discussion.

Electrical Inspector regarding wells: The board had a discussion regarding well companies not pulling electrical permits for installation of wells.

Water Test Academy Hall: The water test came back for the new well at Academy Hall. Sodium is good, no issues. The results were forwarded to Tighe and Bond to update the testing chart.

The well trench is all set and covered. Billy Bond will work with Dana to develop a hole in foundation for the piping and wiring to go through. Ed Poulin will assist with the wiring. The path was walked by John and Dana for trench for piping and an extra manhole may be needed by D'Angelo's house.

Billy will be installing the new septic field in August.

Free Cash: Free cash numbers were released and discussed. A notice to the Advisory will be sent alerting them to the letter. A meeting will be scheduled with Advisory, Treasurer and Accountant in September.

DEP Response to HCC Well Proposal: The Board discussed the response from James Bumgardner of the DEP. It was decided that comments going forward would come from the BOH.

Conservation Commission Member: A motion was made by John Flynn to reappoint Ted Zebert to the Conservation Commission for three years retroactive from July 1, 2015, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Building Department Clerical Hours: The Board recommended the Building Inspector hire a clerk for 10 to 15 hours per week to be paid out of the Building Dept. revolving fund. A job description will be generated and distributed.

A motion was made by Norman Charest to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing contract negotiations for the dispatchers at 7:10 without return to Open Session. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino yes, Norm Charest yes, John Flynn yes.

Respectfully submitted:

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