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

October 13, 2015
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino John D. Flynn, Norman Charest
Norm Charest was unavailable to attend the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:00 pm.

Chapter 61A Land: Property at 252 Scantic Road is in Chapter land affording the town the Right of First Refusal to purchase the land for the same price that is offered in purchase and sale agreement. The property is owned by Joanne Bongiorno and the board reviewed this request on October 5, but did not have sufficient information to vote. A site plan was submitted and the board was able to determine which parcel was for sale. A motion was made by John Flynn to decline the Right of First Refusal on said property, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fire Chief's Letter: The board will discuss this letter when the entire board is present.

Board of Health Variance: Lorri McCool has approved a plan requiring a variance at 352 Wilbraham Road, property owned by Jason and Paula Gilmartin. The variance is needed to allow a 1' reduction in the distance required between the system and the groundwater. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the variance as recommended by Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Kibbe Lane: After the meeting with the Planning Board and Dana Pixley the board will send a letter to the Planning Board directing them to have the road plow ready, as directed by Dana Pixley before the snow flies. Copy Gary Weiner on the correspondence.

Road Construction Report: The board inquired about the amount of money voted at town meeting to be used for road construction. If the full amount was not borrowed will it affect our tax rate this year?

Dog Hearing: The board will meet with a dog owner and the complainant regarding an issue that involved an attack on the complainant's chickens.

Minutes: The minutes of June 15, 2015 and September 8, 2015 were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve both sets as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Solar Bids: Proposals have been received by various bidders for the additional property at the Transfer Station. Those proposals will be reviewed by Beth Greenblatt, our consultant for our solar development.

Laughing Brook: Jonah Keane, Sanctuary Director, Emma Evans and Peter Vancini, Laughing Brook caretakers came before the board to discuss future plans and activities at the sanctuary. There is continued interest getting a pavilion built with bathroom facilities. An estimate of \$80,000 to \$100,000 was mentioned. John suggested that the Laughing Brook group communicate with Tyler Witkop regarding having a column written about the wildlife in the area. They will contact Becky Moriarty, Director of the COA about having some programs at the Senior Center. There was also discussion about extending the trailhead from the school to the wellhead at Laughing Brook. This could be done with the help of the Boy Scouts. John suggested that he had a drone that might be of some use in doing so.

Tax Rate: The board will discuss the tax rate with Norman Charest at their next meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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