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

October 19, 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 by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:00 pm.

Kibbe Lane: The Planning Board requested some time with this board and Dana Pixley to discuss the current status of Kibbe Lane and what improvements need to be made prior to the onset of plowing. There are four homes on the road now, with the intent so sell other lots. A concern for paving it now exists as there will be a substantial amount of equipment moving on the road in the future, for the future development of those empty lots. If it was paved now or in the spring and the road gets accepted by the town through town meeting approval, we would “own” any damages that occur during the future development. The question that has been raised is what improvements need to be made so proper plowing can be done to accommodate those residents living on the road. The project owner and developer Ed Speight was contacted and his plan is to have Norm Turnberg ramp around the manhole structures as they sit now and to fill any cracks that exist.

Dana brought up a few concerns that have to do with not just Kibbe Lane, but subdivisions that have not been accepted around the state. Policies regarding subdivisions vary from town to town but our policy is very specific. Residents who live on roads that have not been formally accepted by a town, are not entitled to full services from the town. The same applies to those people living on private ways. What we do provide are minimal plowing services up to the center of the road. In 2003 the bylaw was passed. The town could be held responsible if we were to go in and make repairs to a road on a non-accepted road. The bylaw should be changed to state that the developer should be responsible for plowing and clearing the road prior to it being accepted at Town Meeting. Dana did suggest that in the future, these roads should be marked as Private Ways so those living on the road are well aware of the situation.

Another issue arises when people wait in their cars at the end of the road with their kids during the winter. If parked at the end of the road and another vehicle needs to enter Kibbe Lane, the vehicles have to move onto Somers Road to allow access. The school buses will not travel on a private way. One manhole has been cleaned up; but some paving will have to be done to allow the plows to work on the road without running into obstacles.

If Norm Turnberg fixes the basin, Dana Pixley said they should be ok with clearing at that point. John Matthews, Planning Board Chairman said that developer, Ed Speight is scheduled to come in to meet with Planning in January. He asked that if the Board of Selectmen want the paving done, a letter should be sent to Planning, directing them to mandate the developer to pave the road.

When the necessary repairs are done prior to paving, what would the timeframe for acceptance by the town be?

If the town continues to plow for this season, and goes to the end for the paving, allowing for two vehicles to pass, they would go into cul-de-sac. The extension of Kibbe Lane was approved some ten or so years ago. Tennessee Gas should be contacted and asked to review the plans to ensure they have no issues with the road.

The board asked that Dana contact Norm Turnberg to discuss what work needs to be done. Ed Speight has talked with Norm and he is on board with the work.

The board will send a letter to the PB directing them to pave the road.

Solar Array: The board then asked Planning Board members about the Stony Hill solar installation as there have been concerns raised by residents. Planning Board stated that the development is proceeding according to their approved plans. Steve Andwood, owner, has been invited in to meet with the Planning Board in the near future.

Chief Farnsworth came into the meeting and Norm Charest made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:37 pm for the purpose of a personnel discussion regarding a dispatcher's response during an emergency, with return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Norman Charest yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

The Board reconvened in the auditorium for the beginning of the Advisory Hearing to discuss the warrant articles for Fall Town Meeting on October 26 at 7:00 pm.

At 7:30 pm the board returned to the Selectmen's Office to continue their meeting.

Contract Signing: Police Officers, Scott Trombly and Billy Jacques came in to meet with the board and sign the contract. Both groups seem to be satisfied.

Dispatchers: Racky Kenison and Bob Lauer came in to meet with the board and to finalize their contract as well. Signatures were done and copies will be made for the entire group.

Memorandum of Understanding: The document has been signed by the Chief and the Board signed their signatures as well.

Fire Chief's Letter: The board would like to invite Chief Gorski in to discuss the staffing issues raised in the Chief's letter.

PVTA 2016 Assessment: \$6,831 vs 2015 assessment \$5,773

Cultural Council 2016 Allotment: Funds from the State total \$4,500. Contract will be sent to State to ensure receipt of funds.

Minutes of September 14, 2015 and Executive Session: A motion was made by John Flynn to accept both sets of minutes as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

601 Main Street Water Issue: The manganese is still under the level that requires treatment of any kind and deems only a quarterly review.

Weights and Measures Information: The board received information from Gary Petzold on the work he is doing for Hampden and the rates he is charging.

Variance Request: A variance has been recommended by homeowner to reduce the distance from the well to septic from 100' to 94'. A motion was made by Norman Charest to approve the variance as recommended by Lorri McCool, BOH Agent, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

DOT Meetings: The Department of Transportation is holding discussions around the state to discuss infrastructure and roadway issues and needs. There will be a meeting on November 5th at City Hall in Springfield. One of the board members will attend.

Letters from Wilbraham Selectmen: The Wilbraham Selectboard sent letters of thanks to legislators who attended the recent Regional Selectmen's Meeting.

One Day Permit: The Lion's Club will be acting in a production of a play for a fundraiser at the Senior Center. The Senior Center would like to have a permit for wine and beer to go with the meals they will be serving. A motion was made by Norman Charest to approve a one day permit for the Senior Center, on Friday, November 6, Saturday, November 7 and Sunday November 8 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm every night, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Correspondence: Reviewed without comment.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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