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

December 14, 2015
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino John D. Flynn, Norman Charest

Guest: Tyler Witkop, Editor of Wilbraham-Hampden Times

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Academy Hall: The board invited interested parties in to discuss the renovations needed at AH. Connie Witt, Will D'Angelo, Linda Krawiec and Dave Markham were present to help determine the best course of action. There have been differences of opinion as to what items are necessary to ensure the integrity of the building. Dave Markham reviewed the list made by Connie Witt and a consultant and did a site inspection as well. The issue of water in the basement has been an ongoing problem and Dave suggested that the first order of business would be to install gutters on the building. The slabs that are on both sides of the building have shifted and are now pitched towards the building. When the water hits the granite slabs, it splashes and finds a path between the slab and building and seeps into the basement. Some re-grouting will have to be done and the slabs will have to be lifted up to add fill and gravel before the slabs are repositioned. Dave feels as though 90% of the water in the basement comes from roof runoff. The sills of the building are also in need of replacement.

The gutters will be the first step, the sills will be replaced from the outside and the pointing of the foundation will be done from the outside. The sills can be done at any time and will have to be replaced with pressure treated materials.

Connie feels that the ceiling in the basement needs to be torn down, but the board does not feel it is necessary at this point.

The gutter work can start immediately and the seal can be redone between the concrete and granite in the spring. A concrete urethane block can be used. Dave will get some prices on gutters.

Liquor License Hearing: The board held a hearing for a new restaurant tenant going into the former McLadden's location at 546 Main Street. Applicant, Michael Connors currently has a restaurant in Connecticut that he and his wife will close to move to this location. La Casa Bella will lease the entire former restaurant and bar space. All servers will be TIP certified as required. Abutters met with the Mr. Connors prior to the start of the hearing and there are no objections from anyone who received notice of the hearing. As a result, a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve the liquor license for La Casa Bella, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Dave Henry: Used car licensee of DJ's Automotive, 9 Commercial Drive came before the board as will all other licensees. The board wanted to make sure all of the conditions mandated on their

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Used Car License are being met. There was a brief discussion, and the board has no issues with the licensee.

Joe and Anna Mascaro: Owners of Northeast Automotive, Main Street, came before the board for a review of the conditions placed on their license and found no issues of concern.

Resignation: Patricia Clark who has been on the Council on Aging Board for nineteen years submitted her letter of resignation to the council and the Board. The board will send a letter of gratitude to Patricia for her many years of service for the senior community in town.

Town Hall Water Issue: DEP required some changes be made to the town house as it is a Public Water Supply, as well as a repair of the water line to the Fire House. Mike Framarin made all necessary repairs and submitted his final report to the DEP.

Solar Bid Proposals: Rose Crowley is working on finalizing contract documents for the solar installation to be done by Ameresco and expects them to be ready to sign in mid-January. John has been tracking the payout to be made to the town as part of the bid proposal, in the amount of \$25,000. This money will help offset the cost of our attorney's fees for this transaction. John will ask the question about getting half of the \$25k prior to the documents being fully executed.

With the second RFP proposal, the Planning Board will be asked to vote to combine the two parcels with an ANR.

Crosswalk Discussion: The board reviewed the email exchange between the Highway Superintendent and a resident regarding improvements to be made at the crosswalk from the Village Mart property to the sidewalk at Springmeadow Lane.

Planning Board Minutes: John will contact the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the need for Country Auto to have a special permit from ZBA before a used car license can be issued.

GreatHorse Entertainment License: The board will be voting all annual licenses at the next board meeting on December 21, 2015.

County Retirement: The board will ask Dick Patullo, Treasurer for an explanation of all that goes into consideration for our annual budget number from County Retirement.

Chief Farnsworth: The chief has made the board aware that he will be buying back 60 days of sick time in the coming year. The board will notify Advisory. There is also a need to add \$31,400 into the department's salary budget as this did not make it onto the STM warrant. The board will also inquire as to any retirement plans from this department in the coming year.

601 Main Street: The water connection from the town's well to 601 Main Street has been completed. The board will send a letter to Ms. Broderick regarding the cessation of water supplied to the home by delivery truck that the town has been paying for.

Hampden Discount Liquors: The owner of HDL, Linda Schmidt provided notice to the board that her landlord has agreed to dedicate a total of four parking spaces for customers of Hampden Discount Liquors.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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