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TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

December 28, 2015
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

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

Guest: Taskforce Members- Sandra Sheehan, George Semanie, Nancy Zebert, School Committee Member- Lisa Morace, Lisa Sternberg

Used Car Sales as a Home occupation: A State Trooper came to the Town Hall to question a license to sell cars in Hampden. There is a check list when a Used Car Dealer wants to acquire a Dealers Plate. One of the items on the checklist is to ensure you have a permanently affixed exterior sign of sufficient size and design to give the public notice of the name and nature of the business to which this dealer has the box checked and a description of the sign. This particular Used Car business has it stated on his license "There will be no signs indicating cars for sale". The Selectmen asked to have Planning invited to a meeting of the Board on one of the following dates, Monday, Jan. 11th, Tuesday, Jan 19th or Monday, Jan. 25th to discuss Used Car Licenses in a residential area as a home occupation.

Schedule with Advisory: The Board asked to have a request sent to Advisory for all of the Selectmen's departments be done at the end of the cycle. The departments include COA, Fire, Highway and Police.

The board would like Personnel to reindex the salary chart to ensure all employees are within the chart, rather than outside of it as it currently exists.

Water Line from Fire House to Town: Michael Framarin finished up the separation on the water line from the fire house to the Town Hall and filed a report with DEP.

Water line on Riverside Drive: There was a separation in a coupling on the water line on Riverside Drive on Christmas Eve and the church reported having no water. The highway department worked on a temporary fix on Christmas Eve. They made a permanent fix on Monday. The church still saying the pressure is not great, Dana will check into and try and resolve the issue, it may be air bound.

Appointment Slips: Scott Chapman and Rick Rubin will need formal appointment slips as new members of the Personnel Committee.

Middle School Unification flyer: Lisa Sternberg came to the Board with concerns regarding the Middle School Unification Flyer. The flyer seemed to Lisa to be missing

key issues. The points Lisa said had deficiencies are as follows: window and door systems, roof system, handicapped accessibility, water and sanitary utilities, fire protection, parking, electrical and mechanical. All those issues should be addressed. Lisa is looking for minutes from school committee from Feb 26, April 12, April 30 and Sept. 23.

The Selectmen stated they take what Lisa said very seriously and feel the Task force is working hard as well to find a solution to fit all needs. They all agreed long term solution seem acceptable but the short term some are not comfortable with. In the end the Selectmen hope we can all pull together for the good of our students. Then Sandra Sheehan from the Task Force stated that grouping the children together at the Wilbraham Middle school was the solution as that was the school that fit the needs the best. The Task Force is working on another flyer with more information. The Selectmen thanked both Lisa Sternberg and the Task Force members for attending the meeting.

Academy Hall: David Markham and Vinnie will do a walk through at Academy Hall and the Town Hall and try and compile a list of pressing need and try to come up with a cost sheet.

The issue of a possible warrant article for the repair on the cupola at the fire house should also be brought to the table.

Senior Center: Repair work from storm damage from last winter has been completed at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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