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

June 13, 2016
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA

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

Mark Langone: Highway Superintendent came into the board meeting to sign his contract. John Flynn moved to ratify the contract and Norman Charest made the motion to do so, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Mark told the board that he had hired a new department member, Kristopher Barnes who is from Wilbraham. He feels confident that with his experience in the construction field that he will be an asset to the team.

Vinnie asked about Mark getting some prices for a new loader, in time for Annual Town Meeting in the spring. We would also keep the old loader as a back-up.

Mark mentioned that he checked on the Scantic Road property over the weekend to ensure no further water was draining into a homeowner's property and was satisfied with the apron work that had been done. He and Vinnie discussed taking the small bump off of the pothole repair to ensure it is smooth.

Transfer Requests: The board received an email from Mark regarding the Gasoline Account and a way to access some of that money to pay for his salary through FY2016.

Gasoline Account into Highway Maintenance: A motion was made by Norm Charest to approve a transfer, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Office Equipment Acquisition to Office Equipment Maintenance: A motion to transfer \$450.00 from acquisition to maintenance was made by Norman Charest, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Wildlife Control to Animal Control: A motion was made by Norman Charest to transfer \$1,100 from Wildlife to Animal Control to Wildlife Control,

Minutes: April 8, May 17, May 23, May 31, June 6: The minutes were not reviewed.

Used Car Licenses: This issue was not discussed.

GreatHorse extension from DEP until August 21, 2016: Duly noted.

Conservation Commission: The board discussed the forestry plan proposed by the Wilbraham Conservation Commission as they will be doing some cutting on property that abuts Hampden, on Sessions Drive. They also have access through Oakland Street in Wilbraham and the board is concerned about the travel paths planned for the trucks doing tree removal. The board is not in favor of having them travel on our roads and talked about the issuance of a bond from Wilbraham, proposed hours of operation, etc. John plans to attend the Conservation Commission meeting on Wednesday night to discuss this and the proposed drainage and road project for Bennett Road.

La Cucina Restaurant Plaza: The board asked about the gravel that continues to sit in the parking lot near the Dunkin Donut location. There is an approved septic plan but the project has not been finished. Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent will be contacted for a status update.

Notes:

Sias, Jeffrey: Property owner has been put on notice for number of unregistered cars on property. No response received. Sgt. Bill Joy has been to residence and issued violation. Still no response from Sias.

Funding for new PD position: The board discussed the new position suggested by the Chief at the last meeting. They are fine with the plan as long as Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard agrees as to funding.

ZBA Notice: Reviewed without comment.

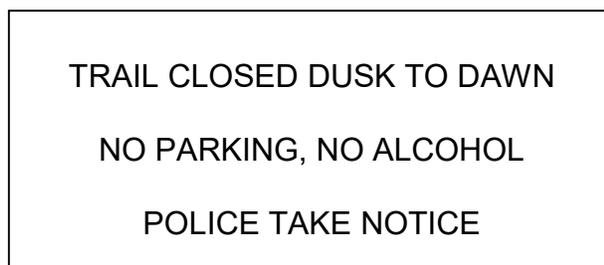
Town House Security Quote: John will be in contact with the security company handling the new Police Station to develop plans for the Town House once the PD moves out.

Status:

Water Agreements: These agreements are at a standstill. The Federated Church's counsel has not responded to our Town Counsel. As to the Broderick property, there is no communication between Broderick and her counsel.

Solar: Ameresco continues to look for off takers for the Transfer Station credits.

Goat Rock Sign: The board discussed the sign proposed to be placed at Goat Rock and are satisfied with it. Mark Langone will be contacted to order sign and once in, to install at entrance of trail.



School Committee Meeting: The Board had a discussion about the upcoming school committee meeting and the idea of a middle school merge. There was talk that a vote might be taken to “close TWB” or to allow waivers for residents of Hampden and Wilbraham to choose where they want their children to go to school. If they close TWB, the plan was to put K-8 at Green Meadows School. The fire code would not allow that kind of expansion at Green Meadows. All of the board members will try to be at the SC meeting, if possible. The board discussed terminating the regionalization agreement for everything except Minnechaug Regional and John explained that it is a two year process to do so. If we wished to proceed, paperwork must be submitted to the state by 12/31/16. School would remain in session throughout the school year and a new curriculum would have to be accepted and approved by the state. The board would like to represent the opinions of the residents in town and will explain that to the School Committee at their meeting.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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