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

MINUTES

June 27, 2016
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA

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

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard came before the board with a question about an insurance restitution shortfall. The board concurred with his recommendation.

Wilbraham Conservation Commission: Melissa Graves, from the Wilbraham Conservation Commission came before the board to discuss the upcoming cutting project of protected land that abuts Hampden on Sessions Drive. The outlet in Wilbraham goes onto Oakland. John would like to have the chance for walk through of the project with the contractor selected so Highway Superintendent, Mark Langone has a level of comfort as to what to expect. Sessions will be used as an outlet a minimum of times (14-15) and the majority of the wood will be transported via Oakland Street in Wilbraham. Once we get additional information regarding the project, a robo call will be made to residents alerting them to the planned work. Melissa will get back in touch with the board to keep them updated on the status of the project.

Fall Town Meeting: Seek funding for town house projects; (painting the front of the building) and other items needing attention.

Flagpole Proposal: John got a few quotes on a new fiberglass flagpole which he discussed with Norm. Based on that, a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve the quote for a 43' pole in the amount of \$2942.65, not inclusive of shipping and a flag, seconded by John Flynn.
VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes: These were not reviewed.

Meeting Notices: The Town Clerk asked about 24 hour availability for meeting postings as required for the Open Meeting Law. We will check with other communities to see how they manage postings.

Unregistered Car Complaint: The board reviewed the status of this complaint; the resident has all but one car removed, but does have fines that are due to the town.

Hampden County Regional 911 Dispatch Meeting: John will attend the meeting tomorrow.

Resident's Concerns: An email was received regarding speeding issues on Commercial Drive and County Waste pick up times. Police received the email as well.

GreatHorse: Tom Couture, working for GreatHorse asked about doing some boring work on town roads on their behalf. The board stated that GreatHorse has never come to the board with any plans or to discuss any upcoming projects. No approval will be given until that happens.

Full Time Dispatcher Appointment: Sgt. Joy came before the board with part time dispatcher, Kelsey Green. The position of full time dispatcher as has been offered to Kelsey and she has accepted the midnight to 7:00 shift. Based on her work history and interview process, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Kelsey Green to the full time dispatcher's position, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Note: AMR Ambulance Agreement has been fully executed for a one year extension.

Concerned Citizens Group: Resident, Doria Porcella, part of a community group, which consists of residents including Cindy Flynn, Ann Marie Noel and others are working on enrichment programs for students from TWB. They have received confirmation that music is no longer part of the program, that band will no longer be offered and our school committee members are not even aware of the situation. The group is trying to come up with alternative ways to get these art programs as well as math studies back into the school. The board listened and share these concerns and will continue to attend School Committee meetings as their time allows.

Department Meeting: The board would like to schedule a meeting in July to discuss options for the space to be vacated by the Police Department in the next few months.

Vacation Request: Administrative Assistant requested vacation time for the week of July 11th.

Seeing no further business, 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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Administrative Assistant

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