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

August 15, 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.

Town Treasurer, Dick Patullo, and Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard came before the board to discuss the appointment of a new person to serve as Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Town Accountant, as our current Assistant is handling some personal issues.

Both gentlemen propose that the positions be given to Cindi Connors who has been working in those positions for some weeks now.

Dick explained that she has been doing a good job, that she has picked up the various skills quickly and Cliff concurred with this assessment.

John asked about the posting of the position; which Dick assured had been done.

There was a question about how much time the jobs would require and Dick's response was that she cannot go over 40 hours total of time worked (which takes into account her hours for Park and Rec and the Advisory Board).

Dick will speak with Advisory regarding her pay scale, and what this will do to her current job with Park and Rec, which she hopes to expand upon.

Dick would like this appointment to be made tonight/soon as he will be going on vacation and needs someone to do the payroll while he is gone.

There was concern about the confidentiality of the positions and the board stated that a firm agreement would need to be signed.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Norman Charest to appoint Cindi Connors as Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Accountant, subject to the execution of a confidentiality agreement and subject to verification of no conflict by Town Counsel, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Early Voting Requirement: Dick Patullo mentioned that due to new state law which requires availability prior to the primary election that an additional cost of \$1500 will be incurred by the town.

Planning Board: Judge Howarth and John Matthews came before the board to request the possibility of hiring a Zoning Enforcement Officers to handle violations of zoning regulations. . Everyone recognizes that there are many ongoing infractions that cannot all be challenged by the Building Inspector due to the lack of hours he is paid. The response from the board was that it would be ideal to hire a retired police officer to act as the ZEO. Other communities will be asked if they have a part time ZEO that might want additional work.

In addition, the members told the board about the public hearing scheduled for August 24th to review proposed amendments to the Wireless Communications bylaw and the Solar Energy Systems bylaw.

Board of Health: Jane Budynkiewicz, BOH Coordinator came before the board to discuss two issues. The first was the service for trash and recycling hauling from the Transfer Station. The current contract is with Republic, but Jane thought it would be a good time to go out to bid. The board concurred so she will work on that. They discussed that if the bids weren't good, we could always continue with Republic.

Jane then brought the board up to date on the receivership of the abandoned home on Raymond Drive. The house will be brought up to code, and when all is said and done, the Wells Fargo Bank owns the house, but the receiver has the right of first refusal to purchase. This has been a long and arduous process, taking a lot of time and effort, but Jane and BOH Agent, Lorri McCool, as well as Wendel Hulbert persevered and it should be brought to conclusion in the near future.

VFW: Glenn Trevallion, Commander of the VFW came before the board to discuss the annual turkey shoot held on Sundays in the fall. Vinnie Villamaino made a motion to approve the Turkey Shoots starting on Sunday, September 18th and continuing every Sunday through November 20th, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, with all associated restrictions, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Solar Vote: Net Metering Credit Sales Agreement with Iron Horse Solar 4, LLC: John brought the board up to date on the agreement to purchase electricity through the Iron Horse Solar 4 company. He has worked with our Town Counsel and solar consultant, Beth Greenblatt to ensure the town is protected and that this will not interfere with our existing agreement with Ameresco for the transfer station solar installation. This will allow the town to purchase electricity for municipal buildings at a reduced rate for twenty years (20) with two five year extensions. After discussion, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as outlined, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Town Counsel will determine what next steps are; and whether this needs to be voted at a Town Meeting.

Minutes of August 1, 2016, Executive and Open Session: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve both sets of minutes, with slight changes, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The minutes of June 13, July 5, July 11, July 18 and August 1 were all reviewed. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Town House Information re: PD's move

- Fire alarm system will need outside monitoring
- Building will be added to PD list for routine rounds for midnight shift
- Side door roof needs to be replaced – huge puddling occurs
- There is an alarm in the PD that sounds for each door as it opens, with the exception of the front doors. The alarm must be manually shut off or will go off automatically when the door shuts.
- 6k cost for security of doors and cameras

Correspondence:

- Letter regarding L. Trevallion's retirement:
- Invitation from Eric Lesser to roundtable discussion with Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, Wednesday, August 17, 2016: No Selectmen are available to attend meeting.
- Community Preservation Appropriations through 2017: Cliff mentioned that there may be some items to vote at STM regarding accounts.
- Notice from Planning regarding bylaw changes for STM: The board received notice that the Planning Board will hold their public hearing on August 24th for proposed changes to two bylaws; Solar Energy Systems and Wireless Communications
- Letter of Intent from East Longmeadow's participation in block grant: The board received a letter from Acting Town Manager, Robert Peirent in EL to confirm their intent to serve as lead community on the Block Grant Development grant.
- Seasonal Employment Application – forwarded to Personnel Committee

Special Town Meeting:

Police Cruiser purchase: ask Jeff about a new schedule with his car's information on it.

Unemployment Options: The board has sought advice from town counsel regarding options in dealing with unemployment charges made erroneously by the DUA.

Water Issues:

- GreatHorse: Water pump testing has been completed; the results have been submitted to DEP and once approved, the monitoring wells on town property will be sealed.
- Main Street

Updates from ABCC:

- A licensee may have both a license for a restaurant, tavern, etc., as well as a package store license.

- A licensee may now sell alcohol on the Monday following Christmas when Christmas falls on a Sunday.
- Farmer-series licensees may not obtain pouring permits (under Farm-wineries/breweries) and sell for consumption on premises and also on appurtenant property owned by farmer.

NOTE - PVPC: John O'Leary to come in and discuss Block Grant Proposal with East Longmeadow at 1:00 pm, August 18th

Before leaving for vacation, John Flynn motioned for Norman Charest to assume the Chairman's position in his absence, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B Courtney
Administrative Assistant

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