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

January 9, 2017
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA

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

Guests: Tyler Witkop, Wilbraham Hampden Times, Editor, Connie Witt, Historical Commission member

Community Development Strategy Public Meeting with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission:

The board met with PVPC representative John O'Leary and residents to discuss and review the strategy to proceed with the FY17-FY19 grant application for a Community Development Block Grant. Hampden is partnering with the Town of East Longmeadow to increase the chance for both communities to succeed in mutually beneficial projects. Prior meetings were held which helped to highlight different avenues that could be pursued that would benefit both communities. Those projects are as follows:

- Implement a Housing Rehabilitation Program to repair existing homes occupied by low and moderate income families.
- Work to evaluate and ensure compliance with ADA laws and accessibility to all public facilities through an ADA self-evaluation and transition study.
- Work with both communities to develop a mobile food pantry as previously discussed with COA Directors from Hampden and East Longmeadow.

After John's presentation, there was discussion, question and answers to the board's satisfaction and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve the Community Development Strategy as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Community Development Strategy will be signed and forwarded to John O'Leary at PVPC.

GASB Reporting Proposal: The board reviewed the proposal for the GASB report in the amount of \$3,900 for the biennial valuation and a transition fee for FY18 in the amount of \$195.00.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Vacation Request: Becky Moriarty, Sr. Center Executive Director requested 2 separate dates for vacation. The board reviewed and all agreed.

Warrant Article Discussion: Connie Witt wants to put a demolition delay on permits, to allow a six month delay for those interested parties in finding alternative plans for a particular, historic building. Vinnie stated that he is not in favor of such a delay, thinks that it puts a burden on the owner. Connie would like to find a solution to losing historic homes and to seek others who are interested in preserving our history as well.

Capital Planning Appointments: The board will defer these appointments to a later date to include a full board. Connie Witt expressed an interest in serving on this committee and was asked to send a letter of interest to the BOS.

Minutes: The board will defer a review until a full board is present.

Town House: The board discussed the need for a building assessment of this building so we can determine what the priorities are and how best to achieve them. Connie Witt educated the board by stating that this house is the Town's House, and was meant to be used by every resident in town. There were showers for farmers, kitchen facilities for town dinners and the building was well used by many people.

Building Assessment: The board discussed adding a warrant article for ATM to address the need for a building assessment in the range of \$5,000 to 7,000.

Rock-A-Dundee Road: The issue of bus pick up for a student on Rock-A-Dundee continues to be unresolved.

Budget Discussion: The board will start scheduling budget reviews in February before meeting with Advisory on February 13th.

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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