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

MINUTES

April 3, 2017  
6:00 pm

625 Main Street  
Hampden MA

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

Scantic Road New Barn: Board of Health Agent Lorri McCool and Building Inspector Wendel Hulbert came before the board to discuss ongoing issues with the homeowner on Scantic Road who has built a barn, but has told many different departments what he intends to do with the barn. One use was a “man cave”, another was an apartment for his parents, with various plumbing plans for showers, sinks, etc. Both Lorri and Wendel are frustrated with the variations he has presented and have been requested by the board to come to a resolution. The board suggested that Lorri and Wendel help the homeowner find a solution, whether he purchase additional property to bring his second home into compliance, or find some other way to resolve this. The board will not sign off on plans for what appears to be an “in-law apartment”. Wendel also noted that the owner had lowballed the estimate for his building costs by 100-200k.

There was talk of labeling the building permit as “not for occupation”.  
There was also discussion about the need for a new bylaw for in-law apartments.

Chief Farnsworth: The Chief came before the board to discuss the Sheriff’s department offering to hold Hampden prisoners at their location rather than having to tie Hampden’s officers up. After the board reviewed, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to enter into the agreement, as written, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Regional Dispatch: the group then discussed the ongoing idea of regional dispatch. There have been many different scenarios, with many different communities interested in joining. The board is interested, if the State will fund it for years to come, but if not, the board will drop it. It now stands that Chicopee would be home base, with Hampden, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow joining in. There could be a contribution from the State and our share might be approximately \$100k or so, and the Chief remarked that all fiscal responsibility will become those of the new facility.

The board discussed the other agreement that they had voted to support, with 6 town’s participating. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to drop out of the current arrangement in order to pursue another, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Reserve Officer Discussion: Jeff is meeting with all officers on Tuesday night and will review shift and detail work; to determine who wants to put in the time for Reserves or who would prefer to work as auxiliary. Jeff will tell them that if they only work details they may be let go. All reserves will be paid at the same rate of pay.

The retirement of Bill Joy was discussed as that is scheduled for July 1, 2017. Will work on a proclamation for him.

Compensation Time: Jeff asked about comp time for non-union employees and the board said there is no comp time in the employee handbook and suggested that Jeff speak directly with Personnel about this issue.

Jeff also mentioned the academy fee needed for Jeff Beattie to attend training and he estimates it to be around \$4,500. It will be necessary to find a way to fund this.

Mary Ellen Glover et al: The board stated that our Town Counsel at Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy has requested information from the District through the Freedom of Information act and once the answers are received will determine if all questions have been answered as necessary.

The group would like to use the Town House for a forum for parents and Mary Ellen asked if that would be ok.

At last SC meeting, looking at K-8 program at Green Meadows, some discrepancies between architect's review from 2015 and now.

The K-8 program can't educate a small group, so what does putting them all at GM do for class size.

The question was also asked if the kids who have asked to transfer to Wilbraham, desire to come back, will they be allowed to. The bussing issue suggests that our kids would be bussed to TWB and then bussed to WMS from there.

Jon Niemi asked if the SC could just go forward with an addition to a school, the idea is that the modular would be attached

Advisory Hearing: Hearing is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Put signs up to notify public.

Training Opportunity for Animal Inspector: A class is being offered in wildlife control and Shelley Sears plans to attend.

Transfer Station Sampling Proposal: The board reviewed the proposal from WjF for required sampling of the transfer station in the amount of \$10,233. A motion was made by John Flynn to accept the proposal as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

DOT Chapter 90 Funding: The board received notice from the DOT that funding for the coming fiscal year will be \$256,063. Last year the amount was \$257k.

One Day Liquor License Requests: The board reviewed the list of dates requested by the COA for one day liquor licenses. They are:

April 29 <sup>th</sup> – 11:00 – 3:00	Scantic River Artisans Art Show	Wine only
June 17 <sup>th</sup> – 5pm-10pm	Jukebox Party	Beer & Wine
July 15 <sup>th</sup> – 5-10pm	Come As you Were	Beer & Wine
August 19 <sup>th</sup> – 5-10pm	Caribbean Nights	Sangria
October 21 <sup>st</sup> – 5-10pm	Flower Power Party	Beer & Wine

A motion was made by Norman Charest to approve the one day licenses for these dates, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Building/Zoning Budget Request: Wendel Hulbert met with the board to discuss additional hours for his department. He would like to add ten hours to the budget to account for zoning enforcement. John would like an idea of what he has billed out and Wendel things it is in the ballpark of \$90k. He will have a solid number for the Advisory hearing. He would also like to work on getting additional hours for clerical support.

Open Space Plan: The Conservation Commission will be working with PVPC on an updated Open Space Plan and have requested assistance from townspeople. Dates will be established for these meetings.

Conservation Commission: The commission has a new applicant for a position on the commission. The board will set a meeting date in the near future.

Stormwater Proposal: The board reviewed the Stormwater Report (NPDES PII Small MS4) proposal from Tighe and Bond in the amount of \$2,200. Prior year proposal was the same amount. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

HWRSD: The assessment from the school district is \$8,217,160.

DEP response to GreatHorse: The DEP has required further information from GreatHorse.

ATM Warrant: The board reviewed the warrant.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,  
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