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

May 4, 2017
5:30 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino
Town Counsel Mike Schneider was present at the meeting.
The meeting was called to order by John Flynn at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and having guests present could undermine the Town's position, with return to Open Session, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino yes, Norman Charest yes, John Flynn yes.

The board then went through the motions for Annual and Special Town Meeting in preparation for Monday's meeting.

Health Insurance: The board discussed again the insurance cost for a retiree who is out of state and has purchased his insurance on his own, out of our network. The retiree was misinformed about the dollar amount he would be required to pay and has asked for special consideration. After further review, the board stated that a mistake had been made but it should not translate to the retiree having his entire insurance coverage paid for by the town. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to send a letter to the retiree explaining same, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Highway Projects: Discussed again and will have Mark Langone back in to finalize plans.

School Discussion: The board discussed different aspects of the regional agreement, including another amendment to the agreement. We could agree to stay regionalized in the high school, but go on our own for the lower levels.

We have spent close to 9k on the school questions. The Advisory Board wonders if we should have gone before the town for an appropriation. Norm wants to make sure that advisory gets straightened out with transfers for legal expenses.

Solar Discussion: Beth Greenblatt called in to discuss anticipated funds from Ameresco and whether or not Joel Lindsay from Ameresco should attend the ATM. It was determined that he would be asked to attend.

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ATM: There was discussion about additional equipment needed for the townspeople who might be in the gym due to seating constraints in the cafetorium. John will work on getting speakers set up, etc.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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