

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

MINUTES

May 22, 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.

Board of Selectmen reorganization: The board took a moment to discuss the current organization. Given work commitments, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to maintain the current structure of John Flynn as Chairman of the Board and Norman Charest as the Chairman of the Board of Health, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. In addition, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow Norman Charest to act on John Flynn's behalf as Chairman when/if he is unavailable, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Another motion was made by John Flynn to allow Vinnie Villamaino to act on Norman Charest's behalf as Chairman of the Board of Health when/if he is unavailable, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to go into Executive Session at 6:10 pm, with return to Open Session, regarding potential litigation, as the discussion could have a detrimental effect on the outcome, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: Vinnie Villamaino yes, Norman Charest yes and John Flynn yes.

With that, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session at 6:20 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: vinnie Villamaino yes, Norman Charest yes, John Flynn yes. Go to Planning Board for the 14th to discuss transfer station plans

HWRSD Fact Finding Committee: Mary Ellen Glover had proposed that a new committee be formed to find the facts on the School Committee's plans, and volunteered to serve on the committee. The board will review the proposal as Mary Ellen hoped to get started on this by June 1st. If a position becomes available, the substitution would be named by the selectmen. Mary Ellen was asked if there was a conflict of interest in this role and her new role as School Committee member and she doesn't believe there is.

There were follow up questions; what is the capacity of Green Meadows?

The board would like to invite John Matthews from the Planning Board to our next meeting to discuss Used Car Licenses and specifically, the plan presented by Dave Henry at DJ's Automotive.

Used Car Licenses: The board reviewed the plan presented by Dave Henry, acknowledging that the use is appropriate at the property he purchased (the old Stanton property on East Longmeadow Road) and noted that his plan shows 52 parking spaces. There is a 25' setback from the Right of Way on East Longmeadow Road and no further action is required by the Planning Board for approval. The board discussed how they would like to license the property and whether two licenses should be issued. It was determined that one license should be issued to include both locations, and showing 42 parking spaces. Any subletting of the property will have to go before the Planning Board.

The board reviewed the license held by Joe Mascaro on Main Street. As a tenant, Joe has moved his business from that location and as a result, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to revoke the used car license held by Joe Mascaro, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Emergency Road Cut Policy: The board will review this when the policy is complete. Mark Langone has worked on it due to the recent number of cuts by Baystate Gas in our newly paved roads over the last year.

Memorandum of Understanding for ADA compliance: Signature needed

Underground Storage Tank Services: The board reviewed the proposal from Tighe and Bond for the monthly monitoring of the Storage Tanks at the Highway Garage. The proposal is consistent with prices from last year and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve the proposal, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Chapter 90 Funding State Contract Forms: The State forms have been received to allow the town's acceptance of Chapter 90 funds. The board signed and they will be returned to the State.

Chief's Sick Pay Buyback: The board will review the buyback as figured by Chief Farnsworth.

Board of Health: A variance has been requested at 43 Carmody Road, to allow a reduction in distance between well and septic from 100' to 76'. The Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool recommended the variance, and given that, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as requested, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Town House Floors: The board will discuss whether or not to have the floors stripped and waxed in the coming months.

Church Parking Lot Paving: This project will be discussed at a later date.

Water and Sewer Project: John Flynn talked with Denise Menard, Town Administrator from East Longmeadow regarding a possible tie in to water and sewer and will then speak with Springfield authorities as to a possible connection. It was suggested that Tighe and Bond e contacted as well.

Different areas were discussed, have a line go down Somers Road to Centennial Commons, allow Gary's Village Mart to tie in, proceed down Allen Street for businesses and residents to tie in and then proceed down Stony Hill Road. There was discussion about the availability of Federal grants, whether we could get help from Senator Richie Neal and Eric Lesser. The number needed is in the \$5M dollar range.

There was talk about a press release stating that the town is exploring water and sewer service for the town.

The committee will schedule a meeting with the East Longmeadow Town Council sometime in June.

Memorial Day Parade: This office will touch base with Art Booth who represents the VFW.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn at 7:20 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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