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

MINUTES

May 30, 2017
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino
Norman Charest was not available to meet.
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by John Flynn.

Zoning/Building Inspector: The board asked Wendel Hulbert in to discuss a job description for a Zoning Officer. Wendel will get that to the BOS for posting in the paper. John asked about the status of the revolving account and noted that Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant had transferred \$60k from that account to a town meeting article to fund a remediation for salt infiltration on Main Street. John wants a job description from Wendel for the Zoning Enforcement Officer and noted that the money for zoning will not come out of the revolving account.

Planning Board: The board invited John Matthews to attend this meeting to discuss bylaw amendments, specifically one for in-law apartments. The board would like the Planning Board to work on a bylaw allowing in-law apartments with certain parameters. John asked that a formal request be sent to the Planning Board for their records.
The board will try to get on the Planning Board agenda to present a plan for the property at the transfer station requesting an ANR.

Park and Recreation: Heath Joseph and Eric Jacobson, current park commissioners came before the board with an applicant interested in being appointed to the board. Phil Tarsi comes highly recommended by board members and a motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Phil Tarsi to the position of Park and Rec Commissioner effective May 31st until the next election, seconded by Heath Joseph. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
The commissioners also mentioned they are looking to add another piece of equipment to the spray park.

Citizen's Group: Mary Ellen Glover and others came before the board for an update on where the town stands now in regards to School District questions. John stated that he cannot share details at this time, but progress is being made. Mary Ellen asked about the template that they developed and the board suggested that residents be asked to participate, rather than being hand-picked. On June 13th there is another MARS meeting that the board is trying to have scheduled at 6:00 pm rather than 10:00 am, allowing board members an opportunity to participate in the meeting.

Mary Ellen stated that the school had made a robo call on 12/22 robo call to offer transfer requests for Hampden students, at which time 48 kids applied, 2 others applied and the district said the applications had been lost and then they took an additional two students.

MaryEllen asked about modular additions at Green Meadows and related that she thinks something is going on right now for FY18/19, as Al Ganem has said that Green Meadows can be used as a K-8 school; and that is a huge concern for this group.

Rita Vail mentioned that they (the citizen's group) want John on their side; they want to feel as though he is representing the townspeople.

John mentioned that putting a new school on the Minnechaug campus could solve a lot of problems, but noted that our senior citizens cannot afford an increase in taxes.

Town House: The board contracted for a study to be done by Marois Construction to review capital improvements and accessibility issues at the Town House. The board reviewed the report and ask that Capital Planning Committee review this. As Jane Budynkiewicz mentioned some of the work could be done in stages. The question was raised about any deed restrictions might be on the Town House and its uses.

Police Department: The board reviewed a previous decision for the passing grade for the next Sergeant's exam. A previous vote was taken to make the grade a 75. Given additional information, it was determined that the past grade used was a 70 and the board would like to keep that grade. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to change the passing grade for the Police Sergeant's exam to 70, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Emergency Road Cut Policy: The board reviewed the policy written by Mark Langone, Highway Superintendent regarding road cuts made by anyone including utility companies. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the policy, effective immediately, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Syncarpha Capital Agreement: Dick Patullo, Town Treasurer has questions about the structure of the credits from Syncarpha solar agreement. Waiting for additional information to relate to treasurer.

Street Lights: To be discussed at a later date.

NOTE: Regional Selectboard Meeting is May 31st at 7:00 pm in Longmeadow.

Transfer Request for COA: This will be discussed with Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn at 7:40 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
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