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

June 26, 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.

Guests: Heather Zanetti, Mary Ellen Glover

Building Inspector: Wendel Hulbert came before the board at their request to discuss the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer. They discussed additional time needed to do zoning and permitting and he was told to bill against the revolving fund and that if he needs time to study, ask Lance Trevallion to cover for him. The board also requested a job description for the position.

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard came before the board to discuss some issues relative to the solar agreement we have with Syncarpha. We see credits on our electric bills (on four accounts only) and are receiving requests for payment prior to receiving the credits. Cliff will have further conversation with accounts receivable at Syncarpha to get the logistics figured out. The agreement gives us credit on our bill and yet on the other hand demands payment to them for part of the net metering credits.

Cliff spoke of the end of year transfers and said all deficits will be taken care of by Monday, July 11th when he meets with Advisory. All transfers will happen at one time.

School Group CSEE: Heather Zanetti and Mary Ellen Glover came in to discuss the status of the study committee that was proposed some months ago. The board will go forward with finding people to fill the various positions and will also look for a local attorney who would be willing to help out.

Speight Property Release: Attorney Larry Levine, representing Ed Speight and the property owned by him on Kibbe Lane came before the board seeking a release of the Right of First Refusal the town has on this property. There was an oversight years ago, when this should have been done and Attorney Levine would like to clear the title. In order to do so he needs the Board's approval to release the town's rights. A motion was made by Norman Charest to sign the release as requested, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

MARS Presentation: Stephen R. Hemman, Ed.D, Assistant Executive Director for the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools came before the board, at their request to put on a presentation regarding School Degregionalization. This is a presentation he made some time ago to the School Committee. The entire presentation can be viewed on the HWRSD.org website.

Regional Dispatch Cost Estimates: Waiting to get final numbers.

Academy Hall: The specifications are available and the painting project will go out to bid.

Highway Superintendent: Mark Langone requested that he be allowed to carryover the 4 days he has left in the year. The board agreed and will give him 60 days in which to use the days.

Minutes: The minutes of January 30th, February 21st, February 27th Open and Executive were reviewed. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the minutes of January 30th and February 21st, as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The minutes of February 27th were reviewed and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Vinnie Villamaino abstained from the vote as he was not present at the meeting.

NOTE: The start of a solar installation on Allen Street, on private property was noted. No other information was available.

NOTE: East Longmeadow Town Council Meeting June 27, 2017. The board is on the agenda to discuss the water and sewer installation for Hampden at this meeting.

Community Preservation Committee: Connie Witt suggested that resident Bill Haley might be interested in participating with this committee.

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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