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

MINUTES

July 24, 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.

Personnel Committee: Carol Fitzgerald came before the board to discuss a grade change for the Advisory clerk. The committee reviewed the responsibilities as outlined by the clerk and determined that the grade for the position merited an increase. This was presented to the board and the board accepted the change. A job description for Administrative Assistant to Advisory will be filed in the board's office for future reference. The grade was changed from a 6 to a 7.

Highway Superintendent: Mark Langone came before the board to update them on projects. They have been working on East Brook Drive, and thought it had sub drainage. After speaking with homeowners there and results of digging, it appears that sub drainage was never installed. Mark will make the necessary changes to the drainage to accommodate the omission. (The work should have been done by the developer and apparently never was installed.) Mark will start on South Road next, installing new drainage down each side of the road, as it would prove to be very difficult and time consuming to have to close the road so pipes could be tied across the road. They will be installing new catch basins as well as new drainage.

Mark also mentioned the difficulties he has had with Columbia Gas and the various work locations, proposed and already started. He has invited the representative he works with, George Gahreeb to come to a BOS meeting so the board can get answers to some of the questions they have about the work going on. They will be scheduled for 6:00 pm on August 7th.

Water and Sewer Discussion: Paul Gagliarducci, Joe Kruzel, George Romano, Gary Weiner, Jay O'Brien, Dave Markham and Mark Langone have been asked to participate in a group to study the installation of water and sewer lines in town. John Flynn stated that they would look for support from state and federal programs. John has met with East Longmeadow Town Council members and said they have an interest in going forward with this as some of their equipment needs funding to replace equipment/infrastructure for their system. The Chestnut Street station needs a lot of renovations in particular.

MassWorks Grant has funding in the \$80M range and we would seek around \$2M in grant money. Members will contact Congressman Richie Neal for federal help perhaps with a long term bond.

This project is not being pursued for GreatHorse, but rather for the betterment of the community. A feasibility study will need to be done and the board will seek funding for that. The group is working on a timeline for a decision in October/November for award or denial. If awarded in October we would have to have plans and specs ready by June 30, 2018. We would explore tie in's for the Senior Center, TWB, the Police Station and the commercial district. We would also extend for Somers Road businesses, senior housing Centennial Commons, and Wingate Nursing Home on Main Street.

John would like to bring this forward for Special Town Meeting. Springfield and East Longmeadow will both be looking for financial participation.

The board approves of the project and will have to sign off to move forward.

Get contact list: Jay O'Brien, Joe Kruzel, George Romano, Dave Markham, Gary Weiner, Paul Gagliarducci and Mark Langone; schedule next meeting for August 29th at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: Will be reviewed at a later date.

Syncarpha Response Needed: Will be reviewed at a later date.

One Day Liquor License: The board reviewed the requests for one day licenses for the VFW as follows and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the licenses, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

- VFW, Saturday, August 6 4:00 pm to midnight
- VFW, Saturday, August 12 4:00 pm to midnight

Deregionalization Study Committee: The group wants to know when they can officially start working on this study. Mary Ellen Glover hopes that she can get information as to the transfer requests from Hampden residents to attend WMS, as the school refuses to release that information. The board will have group members appointed at their meeting on August 7th. The request has gone to the Secretary of State and now sits in the Attorney General's office. It was also noted that TWB will be offering algebra this coming year.

NOTE: Special Town Meeting has been scheduled for October 30th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B Courtney
Administrative Assistant

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