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

March 5, 2018  
6:00 pm

625 Main Street  
Hampden MA

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Norman Charest  
The meeting was called to order by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Norman Charest to enter into Executive Session at 5:33 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel issues with return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Norman Charest yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

A motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn Executive Session at 5:55 pm and return to Open Session, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Norman Charest yes, John Flynn yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Chief Farnsworth: The Chief came in with a new reserve candidate, Gerald Beltran. The Chief explained that Mr. Beltran had worked as a Full Time Officer in the past, but not for Hampden, changed career paths, and is now working as a doctor at Baystate Medical and is interested in working on the police force again. He has gone through the Reserve Officer training again with the hopes that he could work in law enforcement again. Sgt. Seega has vetted Mr. Beltran and the Chief recommends him highly. Given that, a motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Gerald Beltran as a Reserve Office for a probationary period, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Solar Project: Kirt Mayland, working with Park Avenue Solar Solutions, LLC is here to discuss the solar project to be constructed on Witkop's property on Mill Road, next to the Eversource solar already in place. The property is zoned as light industrial and Kirt has already gone before the Planning Board. Kirt mentioned the property being in Chapter 61A and wondered about coming before the board for a release of the Town's Right of First Refusal. The board thought that premature and indicated that the property owner would be the right person to submit that request. This will prompt roll back taxes that will have to be paid. There was talk about the tax agreement, (much like the one the Town has with Soltas Solar on Somers Road) and the board agreed that they could go forward on that. Kirt wants to make sure that the Board can enter into such an agreement with a Warrant Article on for Annual Town Meeting.

AS things progress further, Kirt will be back in touch.

Police Budget Review with Advisory: Notes covered by Advisory Board.

NOTE: The board returned to their office for the remainder of the meeting.

Chief Gorski: The Chief came in with Candidate Brett Hebert to introduce him to the Board members. The Chief stated that he would be a good fit in the department and given that recommendation, a motion was made by Norman Charest to appoint him as a Provisional Fire Fighter, seconded by Vinnie

Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. John Flynn was not present to vote as he was attending a budget meeting with Advisory.

Special Town Meeting: The date of Special Town Meeting has been scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> at this time and we await confirmation as to the court date for the injunction filed against the School Committee.

National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition: The representative, Mandy Patenaude came before the board to discuss National Grid's desire to erect a pole southeast from the centerline of the intersection of South Monson Road. The intent is to alleviate the need for a guy wire currently anchored to a tree on a resident's property. There were abutters present who were concerned that the location of the pole might interfere where they park a horse trailer so Mandy offered to meet on site with all abutters to come to a location that all could agree on. Mandy will contact this office to schedule a continuation of the pole petition.

Budget Review: The board met with Advisory to discuss budget numbers and will provide clarification back to the group. (See Advisory Board's minutes.)

Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes for February 12, 2018 and Norman Charest suggested a revision to the minutes. Given that, a motion was made by Norman to approve the minutes with the revision, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Paint, Sip, Fun: A resident is interested in holding classes for students and/or adults in the Melville Room.

Mt Vision Road: Property owners, Kim Aulisio and Bonnie Doten came before the board for help for their homes on a private way that is difficult to travel and especially to plow. They are asking for relief from the Town. Given that it is a private way, the town cannot spend money for an unaccepted road. Vinnie Villamaino offered a few loads of gravel from his company, to be picked up by another to allow them to repair the road to some degree.

Community Compact Application: The application has been completed and submitted to the State. We are seeking funds for help with the Wilbraham Road, Allen Street, and East Longmeadow Road intersection and possible roundabout improvement. We are also looking for funds to get a new Web Site up and running to provide better communication between the Town and residents.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn at 7:45 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela B Courtney  
Administrative Assistant  
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