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

MINUTES

March 19, 2018
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Norman Charest
John Flynn was out of town for the meeting but joined the meeting by telephone.
The meeting was called to order by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:00 pm.

Mini Mall Septic Improvement: Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool came before the board to discuss the improvements being made at the Mini-Mall by owner, Mike Cimmino. Gary Weiner has a plan to repair the current septic system, parts have been installed but it will be another 4-6 weeks before it is up and running. Because of that, Lorri has told owner to have the tank pumped daily. It was suggested that they install a temporary leach field, 40'x60' which may take 2-3 days to install. They will also put a riser on the distribution box to ensure there are no issues.
Lorri recommended this plan of action, John asked for a motion and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the plan, as recommended, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Variance Request: Lorri McCool explained that a variance was need on Old Orchard Road for a reduction, 4' to 3' in separation between the SAS (Septic Absorption System) and high ground water. The board discussed and based on the recommendation from Lorri, a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
At this point, John left the meeting by phone.

Minutes: The minutes of February 20, 2018 will be held for review at the next meeting.

Stainless Steel Truck Body: The board reviewed the quote from truck manufacturer HP Fairfield for \$25,592.67. A motion was made by Norman Charest to approve to deficit spend \$25,592.67 for the purchase of a stainless steel truck body out of the Snow and Ice Account, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Ameresco Solar: Norman spoke with Town Counsel, Rose Crowley, who will continue to negotiate with Ameresco. The board will check in with Rose to tomorrow to see what progress has been made.

Letter of Resignation: Mindy Meeker, Chairman of the Cemetery Commission submitted a letter of resignation.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: The board discussed the warrant articles for STM and determined that they could always motion to "take no action" on the articles.

The board requested that a robo-call be sent out to announce/remind residents of the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Response to Email: The board reviewed information supplied from the Board of Health to resident, Donald Davenport.

Town Clerk: Eva Wiseman has a question regarding the elections for new Housing Authority board members and has requested assistance from Town Counsel. The board approved her request.

Question regarding School Committee: Austin McKeon, former Selectman asked about changing the start date for the new School Committee members after election. The School Committee had requested a change a few years ago, allowing current members to remain in their position until the end of the school year. Both Wilbraham and Hampden voted for the change requested. The change has created an unfortunate consequence by allowing for "lame duck" members to remain in their positions while prohibiting new members from starting the job earlier than the start of the school year. No entity can initiate a vote on the Regional Agreement other than the School Committee itself.

Use of Auditorium: The board was asked about allowing a Girl Scout to use the Auditorium for her Junior Award project which is a cat adoption day. After being assured that the cats will be in carriers the board is happy to allow the project.

General Use of Auditorium: The board was made aware of an unfortunate incident created by a coach using the auditorium and allowing his young charges to run through the halls, disrupting the Planning Board that was conducting a public hearing in the building. They were asked twice to take charge of the children and failed to do so. The board will work on a policy regarding the expectations of behavior of those reserving and using the rooms in the Town House.

Regional Dispatch: The question was asked as to whether Regional Dispatch will be subject to a town meeting vote and the board's response was that it will.

A motion was made by Norman Charest to go into Executive Session at 6:52 without return to Open Session, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: Norman Charest yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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