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

March 26, 2018  
6:00 pm

625 Main Street  
Hampden MA

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

Christine Pikula, Attorney and Rose Crowley, Town Counsel: The board listened as Rose and Christine reviewed the procedures necessary for the Special Town Meeting. Given the letter received from the School Committee dated March 26, 2018, in which they requested that NO ACTION be taken on their three warrant articles, the board will honor their decision, and take no action.

Rose then talked about the marijuana votes that would be voted and noted that the General Bylaw change should be voted first, which requires a majority vote, then the Zoning Bylaw would be voted for a total ban which requires a 2/3 vote. Both of these votes will need the Attorney General's approval. If we need to go for the third vote which is for a moratorium, then a 2/3 vote is required for that.

The last warrant article is for a transfer of funds from the Assessor's Overlay Account into the Law and Claims account, but Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant recommends against the vote and suggests we take no action. The board will agree to that.

Chief Farnsworth: The Chief came in to discuss a couple of items as follows:

- Reserve and Auxiliary Officers: Tony Moriarty, currently an Auxiliary Officer, due to a change in his work status would like to return to the position of Reserve Officer. A motion was made by John Flynn to reappoint Tony Moriarty as a Reserve Officer, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The board then discussed the status of the Auxiliary Program, and the Chief mentioned that there are a few who don't do anything at all, they will not be reappointed by July 1,
- Regional Dispatch, Sign Agreement with Dispatchers: The board will not sign off on the Dispatcher's agreement until a final agreement has been made with East Longmeadow. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, at 3:00. There is currently a Memorandum of Understanding for the towns to model that Rose Crowley will need to review. Sarah Menard (East Longmeadow) and Dick Patullo are having a difficult time connecting and finalizing the financial piece of this.

John Flynn mentioned that the entire agreement will have to be vetted by both boards prior to signing, of course. The first year costs will be minimal, an ancillary issue will be the costs for insurance.

Ameresco Status: Rose Crowley reported that she is waiting for a response from Ameresco regarding their desire to offset the interconnection cost, that Ameresco has already applied for.

DEP Letter: The board reviewed a letter sent to GreatHorse regarding their expansion of the banquet facility. They will not be allowed to use the space as the septic system is not prepared to handle additional people.

Community Compact Grant: The board signed the contract paperwork from the State that will allow us to receive money granted to fund the establishment of a new website for Hampden.

HWRSD 2019 Budget of \$47,488,107: Hampden's Share = \$7,939,914: This number will be adjusted due to some accounting errors from the district office. The new assessment should be forthcoming from the district.

Sidewalk Funds: We will ask Cliff Bombard about funds that were set aside some time ago, from past subdivisions where money was put up for sidewalk projects, but never built at the subdivisions. The monies were collected for a sidewalk project in the center of town somewhere.

Newsletter: Nancy Zebert asked about the article Cliff Bombard has written for the soon to be published edition

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Letter of Concern regarding Academy Hall: The board reviewed a letter from a resident, and member of the Historical Society regarding the plans for Academy Hall. She will be invited in with the rest of the Historical Society to state their feelings about the building.

Pole Petition: There was a continuation of the pole petition by National Grid that was started for Scantic Road (Southeast of centerline of intersection of South Monson Road) on March 5, 2018. National Grid wants to add a pole to alleviate the need for guy wire, which is currently tied to a tree stump on a resident's property. Because there were issues with the placement, residents met with the representative from Nat'l Grid to review the proposed placement. Residents and the Nat'l Grid rep were here and there was an agreement as to the location. The board reviewed the site, and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve the pole petition, based on everyone's agreement, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Conservation Commission Public Hearing re: GreatHorse water management: All of the ponds at GreatHorse and the new farm drain into the Scantic and residents are concerned about the

water management system proposed. This will be supervised by the DEP and will be applied to keep weeds under control.

101 Mobility State Testing for Chair Lift: The lift will be inspected on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> for our State inspection.

Town Administrator: The board will discuss adding this article to the warrant for annual town meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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