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

April 17, 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.

A motion was made by John Flynn to enter into Executive Session at 6:00 pm for the purpose of discussing litigation with the HWRSD School Committee if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the public body, with return to Open Session, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Norman Charest yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

With no further business, a motion was made by John Flynn to return to Open Session at 6:20 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Norman Charest yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Attendees for Historical Society Appointment: Karin Warren, Dianne Kidd, Joyce S Libby, Trustee, Evelyn G Schoolcraft, Trustee, Nancy Zebert, Nancy K Ayers (curator of HHS, Inc) and Linda Krawiec, President of the Hampden Historical Society.

Historical Society: Members of the Historical Society as well as other residents attended the meeting to discuss the newspaper article about Academy Hall and the Historical Commission's suggestion to sell Academy Hall to the Historical Society. John Flynn suggested that the Society seek out new members, to attempt an outreach so people in town could learn about the Society and to participate in their meetings. Linda Krawiec's daughter mentioned that they are going to start a Facebook Page as well as use other means to get the word out; and to generate an interest from those who don't know anything about the Society or Academy Hall.

There was discussion about whether a ramp was needed for access and Linda responded that it is not a legal requirement due to the age of the building.

The basement of the building could use better lighting and there is a need for help from the ADA coordinator.

There have not been a lot of meetings there in the recent past, which may be due in fact that there is no publicity regarding the building.

Nancy Zebert thinks that the Academy Hall is a worthwhile part of Hampden and its history and wondered about functions held there in the past year. Given the available meeting space, and the age of the building constricts certain uses from fitting the space. For example Boy Scouts is not a good fit and groups larger than 30 or so would not fit easily.

Connie and other members of the Historical Commission think the town spends too much money on maintaining the building that is only used to house Hampden's artifacts. They would like to see the building used by others on a more frequent basis.

Joyce Libby suggested hosting a Hampden Family History Day, where people would be given a list of historical properties in town and to engage families to look into their own histories. Connie is suggesting

that the building be sold to a private owner; with restrictions for no changes and right of first refusal would be given to the Historical Society.

Highway Department Update: Mark Langone came before the board to update them on projects in the department.

There is a beaver dam on East Longmeadow Road, one that is constructed every year and threatens to flood the road again. The crew has gone in to deconstruct the dam, which then is repaired by the beavers overnight. Mark will continue to work to keep the water flowing there.

Mark reviewed the issue at the Blake home, specific to some flooding that occurred during the winter when the ground was frozen and we had a lot of rain. Mark will raise the property a bit to alleviate further flooding and some of the plantings will be moved. Mark also mentioned that the drainage issue at the Scantic Road Cemetery has been remediated as well. A berm was installed and has been loamed and seeded which will prevent further issues.

The bid opening for the Wilbraham Road Drainage Project will be on April 18 at 1:00 pm and Mark anticipates it will be a \$400,000 project.

The warrant articles for the one ton dump truck and Gasboy replacement are set and there was discussion about paying for the new truck body into the Snow and Ice Account.

Mark has used less sand this season and that is showing in the street sweeping they have done, which will in turn, improve the condition of the catch basins as well.

Mark asked about filling the salt sheds and was told by the board to do so.

He would like to do some bridge resurfacing and some of the rail bases on the Scantic Road Bridge on Somers Road.

He will also be meeting with Dave Loring from Tighe and Bond to review engineering fees for the sidewalk project. That information must be conveyed to the State before paperwork is released by them. We anticipate getting \$25,000 from the State for this project.

Community Preservation Commission: There was discussion about the Community Preservation Committee and the need to appoint another member. Maura Gray expressed a desire to be on the commission and a motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Maura to the Community Preservation Commission for a term, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Conservation Restriction for South Road: Sherry Himmelstein and Ken Bernstein will grant Conservation Restrictions to Minnechaug Land Trust, in perpetuity, on property owned on South Road to maintain land in undeveloped condition. This was a condition that was part of the property transfer. A motion was made by John Flynn to sign off on the documents that must be signed by the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs as well, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

CAI Technologies: A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the maintenance agreement for our GIS services for the coming year, in the amount of \$2,400, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and approved.

Revised 2019 School Assessment: \$8,214,973 vs \$7,939,914: The board reviewed the new assessment sent by Howie Barber which has changed due to a mathematical oversight in the school district office.

VOTE: Grievance Policy for General Public for Equal Access to Facilities and Activities: This policy

is necessary for our Open Space submittal to the State. Carol Fitzgerald worked on a policy for the board to review. After that review, a motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented, with the addition of our hours of business in the text, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

<u>One Day Permits:</u>	<u>VFW</u>	
April 29, 2018	Baby Shower	1:00-6:00
May 5, 2018	Lions Club	12:00-12:00
May 19, 2018	College Graduation	4:00-12:00
May 26, 2018	Baby Shower	1:00-6:00
June 2, 2018	Jack & Jill Party	12:00-12:00
June 3, 2018	70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party	12:00-12:00
July 28, 2018	Jack & Jill Party	12:00-12:00

The board reviewed the permits listed and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

<u>One Day Permits:</u>	<u>Senior Center</u>	
April 26, 2018	Volunteers Dinner	4:30-10:00
May 19, 2018	Time of My Life	5:30-10:00
June 23, 2018	Puttin' on the Ritz	5:30-10:00
July 28, 2018	Summer Time	5:30-10:00
August 18, 2018	Life's a Beach	5:00-10:00
September 29, 2018	Oktoberfest	5:00-10:00
October 27, 2018	Monster Mash	5:00-10:00

The board reviewed the permits listed and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

NOTE:

Kristopher Barnes, Highway Department worker has been given a doctor's note to return to work, full time with no restrictions.

Resignation of Mindy Meeker: Mindy Meeker has resigned from the Cemetery Commission.

Information Technology: John Flynn noted the need for a line item for services for the town house. He suggested adding \$10,000 to the budget for such purposes.

Annual Town Meeting: A motion was made by Norman Charest to close the warrant, allowing only for formatting changes, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: To Close Warrant for ATM

Dispatch InterMunicipal Agreement (Dispatch IMA): This is an agreement that must be in place with East Longmeadow before any further discussion can be had for the combined dispatch project. Town Counsel, Rose Crowley needs to see an electronic version of the document for review prior to going forward on this.

With no further business, a motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela B Courtney, Administrative Assistant