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

MINUTES

April 23, 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.
Norman Charest was unable to attend the meeting.

Town House Repairs: Jane Budynkiewicz came before the board to discuss some repair work that needs to be done at the Town House. The cupola has started to rot and is now leaking through into the upstairs hallway. Vinnie said he will call a crane operator so Jane can coordinate the work with a roofer and the operator so once the cupola is removed, the roof can be covered immediately.

Chief Farnsworth: Chris Driscoll came before the board with the Chief who introduced him as the next candidate for an Auxiliary appointment. Sgt. Seega arrived and had conducted the background check and found everything to be in order. Based on Sgt. Seega's recommendation, a motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Chris Driscoll to the position of Auxiliary Officer, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

GreatHorse Starting Gate Expansion: The Department of Environmental Protection sent a letter to GreatHorse regarding their expansion of the "Starting Gate" banquet facility. GreatHorse was put on notice by the DEP and Board of Health Agent Lorri McCool that their plans to use the expanded space would not be allowed due to septic system constraints.

Minutes: The minutes of March 19 will be reviewed at a later date.

Loan Paperwork for Infrastructure Bond: Town Treasurer, Dick Patullo prepared loan paperwork for an infrastructure bond for the board to sign. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve the bond documents, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Wilbraham Road Project Recommendation: The board reviewed the bid documents for the Wilbraham Road drainage project and the recommendation made by Mark Langone, Highway Superintendent. A motion was made by John Flynn to award the project to Ludlow Construction, as the lowest qualified bidder, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Sidewalk Engineering Proposal: The board reviewed the proposal submitted by Tighe and Bond for the sidewalk engineering project that will be funded by the State's Community Compact Grant. This information will be forwarded to the State for the award of the grant.

Planning Board: The Planning Board sent a memo to the board requesting its opinion on the use of Engine Breaks for trucks traveling in Hampden. At this point, the board has no opinion on it and will wait to discuss the issue with members of the Planning Board.

Resident Request for Road Sign: Patty Ehler, resident on Wehr Road called to request a sign to slow traffic traveling on her street. She mentioned that she and another resident have difficulty walking along the street and are seeking some help to slow the traffic as they both have some physical difficulties. The board will ask that Mark Langone determine what signs would be the most effective, order them and get them installed.

Transfer Request for Town House Maintenance: Jane Budynkiewicz requested a transfer of funds into Town House Maintenance, but John prefers to wait until May when we can do a line to line transfer, rather than from the Reserve Fund.

Cemetery Commission Request: Two commissioners requested an immediate appointment of Tim Connors, former Cemetery Commissioner, due to the fact that they need an experienced member to help with the upcoming funerals. A motion was made by John Flynn to appoint Tim Connors, until the election on May 21, 2018, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Regional Dispatch Update: Jeff has continued to meet with East Longmeadow and they are in the final phases of the contract. He has talked with Rose Crowley who has been working on drafts from East Longmeadow and other municipalities and things are looking good. He continues to work on a joint radio system and said that liability will be shared by both communities.

Nancy Zebert suggested that Jeff have a bullet point presentation for the Town Meeting. Jeff mentioned again that if we were going to have to pay for radios that it would be a \$1.5 million price tag. Jeff added that he will continue to work on grants as he has done for the past 11 years.

With no further business, a motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm to attend the Advisory Hearing in the auditorium, with no return to meeting, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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