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

MINUTES

April 30, 2018
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, Norman Charest, John D. Flynn

John Flynn was not available as he met with the Community Preservation Committee regarding funding for the Town House.

The meeting was called to order by Vinnie Villamaino at 6:00 pm.

Planning Board: Phill Schneider, Chairman of the Planning Board came before the board to discuss the use of Jake Brakes used by trucks. This type of brake allows the drivers to save their brakes by using this different system for slowing their trucks. They are a noise nuisance for many people and used very frequently on Wilbraham Road. The board understands the concerns of residents but also understand the trucker's desire to save the wear and tear on their trucks. Should such a change be made, it would have to be a bylaw change. The board is not prepared to make such a change, but are open to consider the topic further should residents have larger concerns.

Town Moderator: Robert Howarth, Town Moderator came before the board to discuss a possible change of venue for the ATM scheduled for May 14, 2018. AS is customary TWB Middle School would be the location used, but based on the possible large turnout for various warrant articles, Bob Howarth recommends that the board change the location to the Bethlehem Baptist Church, which is available for our use that night. A motion was made by Norman Charest to change the location of the Annual Town Meeting to Bethlehem Baptist Church on May 14, 2018, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Alan Fritts: Alan, member of the Advisory Board wanted to give the board an update on the work he has done for the use of a sound system for the ATM. He has secured the use of a portable system from Minnechaug, but given the change of venue, we won't need to use the system. He will though continue to pursue a system that is affordable for the town's use at meetings. It has become a bigger issue in hearing all residents who want to voice their opinion at a town meeting.

John Flynn arrived at 6:30 30 pm.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm by John Flynn to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating

position of the public body and the chair so declares, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: John Flynn yes, Norman Charest yes, Vinnie Villamaino yes.

Stormwater Report: The annual report has been completed by Tighe and Bond and needs to be signed and submitted to the State.

COA Board Members: The board received a letter from Marty Jacque, Chairman of the COA Board requesting appointment of three new members. The COA vote unanimously to approve all three applicants. The board will invite the applicants to come to a meeting in the near future to discuss their interests.

Open Warrant: After an advisory hearing regarding new warrant articles, the board agreed to add one article and revise a second article. A motion was made by John Flynn to open the warrant to add Article 17 to allow a vote for a Town Administrator and a revision to the Community Preservation Commission's articles, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Advisory Board: The Advisory Board will hold a second hearing on the 7th to discuss the changes made to the warrant. They are undecided as to how they will handle the warrant, whether they will discuss all articles again or just the changes made tonight. Carol Fitzgerald suggests that Chief Farnsworth be prepared to answer any questions.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve the minutes of March 19, as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. John Flynn was not present at the March 19th and so abstained from the vote.

The Executive Session minutes of March 19th and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. John Flynn was not present at the meeting and so abstained from the vote.

IT Service Proposals: The board reviewed the proposals received so far and have requested that more proposals be sought.

With no further business, a motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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