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TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

May 21, 2018
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA

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

Gina Kahn from HWRSD: Gina works on grants for the District and came before the board to discuss a grant she is seeking for Mental Health Awareness Training. She explained the training that everyone agrees is a vital need in the schools and communities and she has discussed this to some degree with Chief Farnsworth. She has his commitment to the training inasmuch as his department can be involved in the training process. She essentially wanted the support of the Board before she moves forward in the process. The board agrees wholeheartedly with the program.

Town Resident/Troubadour Bernie Appleby: Bernie Appleby is a resident who asked for townspeople's help in writing a song about Hampden. He was inundated with ideas and wrote a song describing his love for Hampden. He was asked to come to the board meeting to sing it for the board, which he did, to the pleasure of everyone in the room. It was a lovely tribute to the town and left us all visibly affected by the words. The board agreed that he should perform the song on Memorial Day sometime after the service on the common.

Status of Chapin Road dam project: The board will have Tighe and Bond, Town Engineers in next week to discuss the matter.

Minutes: March 26, April 2, 9, 17, 30, May 7, 14: The Board reviewed all the meeting minutes for the listed meetings and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve all as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Used Car Dealer Application: Mike Sedergren, Reliable Rides, Inc.: Norm would like an opportunity to review this application further. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Internet Service: Proposal from Spectrum for Fiber Optic Service: The board reviewed but would like further information before making a decision, specifically how long the contract will last.

Construction Contract for Wilbraham Road Drainage: The board reviewed and signed. This will be forwarded to Ludlow Construction for their signature.

Complaints for Zoning Officer: The board made note of complaints that have been lodged with Wendel Hulbert, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.

Town House Renovations: There was discussion about the condition of the building and how to and whether to spend the \$75,000 for repairs/renovation in the vacated Police Department.

Memorial Day Parade: The board hopes the Commander will find a speaker for the service. The Police Department has asked if the Selectmen will be purchasing the ice cream that the officers hand out again this year. In the past, the board members paid for the ice cream out of pocket, but this year the cost will be paid by the Town Events account.

Town Administrator Committee: Two people have volunteered to be on the committee to search for a Town Administrator; they are Donald Davenport and Ellen Bump.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING

Visit with new COA board candidates.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela B Courtney
Administrative Assistant

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