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

May 29, 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 at 6:00 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.
John Flynn was unable to attend the meeting.

Town Administrator Position: The board asked that Carol Fitzgerald to come to this meeting to discuss the process of selecting a Town Administrator. They would like her to head to group working on this and she suggested that a group of five would work best, without becoming too cumbersome. She thinks one selectman should be chosen, and Norman volunteered. She also thinks that either the Town Accountant or Town Treasurer should be part of the process. She asked if we had received any letters of interest and we have, from: Mary Ellen Glover, Nancy Zebert, Don Davenport and Ellen Bump. Carol will work on a job description first and will then determine what level of decision making the board will allow for the position. She will get that information to the board first and then come back to a meeting to discuss further on the 11th. It was recommended that the ad go into the Beacon (a State publication) as well as the Republican.

Mary Ellen Glover asked if the public will be invited to offer input as well and Carol suggested using a survey monkey for that input. Carol will also do a brief description to make the public aware of what the plan is for this new position.

Zoning Issue with GreatHorse: Wendel Hulbert came before the board to express his frustration in dealing with GreatHorse during the permitting process. Also in attendance was John Drost, Attorney with Fitzgerald, Attorneys at Law, representing GreatHorse. As Wendel explained, GreatHorse was permitted to expand a structure (The Starting Gate) as they wished to increase their storage in that building. Since the expansion, GreatHorse has removed a wall to expand the seating area allowed in the space. GreatHorse received a letter from the DEP stating that they are not permitted to increase their usage of the septic system, therefore the additional seating area is not allowed either. GreatHorse has pushed Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool to give them a permit, but as she has pointed out numerous times, the DEP has sole control over this system. Owner, Guy Antonacci continues to visit Wendel's office seeking a permit for the premises, and Wendel continues to tell him that there is nothing he can do to remedy the situation. Permits have not been sought by GreatHorse and the facility continues to operate while promoting events for 500 people. They do not have a smoke and carbon permit

from the Fire Department and they do not hold a Certificate of Occupancy for The Starting Gate venue.

John Drost asked very specific questions so he can go back to his client to try and figure the issues out. It was stated by Atty. Drost that GreatHorse built in anticipation of getting water and sewer with the Town's plan, but without that, are not legally permitted for the operation they are running.

The board explained that they have no authority in this situation and suggest that this be worked out between Wendel Hulbert, GreatHorse, the DEP and Owner, Guy Antonacci. Wendel emphasized that his hands are tied, but that he is willing to work with GreatHorse, as long as they comply with the process the State has outlined.

Entertainment Licenses: The board has not yet established a method to measure noise level as to what could be considered a nuisance. This will continue to remain on the agenda until resolved. Norman Charest is working on this.

Fiber Optic Contract with Spectrum: The board is fine with the contract for fiber optic installation for the Town House, contingent upon approval by Town Counsel, Rose Crowley.

Construction Contract with Ludlow Construction: The board signed the contract after receiving signatures from Ludlow Construction. This is for the drainage project on Wilbraham Road.

Correspondence from resident Todd Pelletier: Mr. Pelletier has an issue with the property assessment for his home on South Ridge Road and has brought his complaint to the board. The board has no authority in the matter as the assessors are elected officials.

Transfer Request for COA: Becky Moriarty submitted a request for a transfer from Building Maintenance to Building Expenses in the amount of \$527.82. A motion was made by Norman Charest to approve, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Used Car License for Michael Sedergren, Reliable Rides: The board reviewed the application submitted for Reliable Rides, at 484 Main Street. The file is in order and a motion was made by Norman Charest to approve as presented, the application having met all requirements, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

4th of July Parade: Vinnie Villamaino in East Longmeadow will attend; John Flynn is a maybe due to injuries from his automobile accident.

Seeing 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
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