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HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES/HAMPDEN POLICE STATION – 104 ALLEN ST.
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Town House

Approved 2/11/15

John Matthews, Chair, opened the Public Hearing at 8:16 PM.

The Public Hearing was scheduled on the application of the Hampden Police Station requesting approval under Section 6.117 of the Hampden Zoning Bylaws as required for a Special Permit in the Water Supply Protection District.

Members Present: John Matthews, Chair; Judge Robert Howarth, Mark Casey and M. Paige Gore

Introduction of Board Members: Mr. Matthews introduced the Planning Board Members.

Statement of Authority: Mr. Mathews read the Statement of Authority.

Legal Notice: The Legal Notice was read by Mr. Matthews.

Reports from Other Agencies: The Tax Collector reported the Police Department is tax exempt. The Building Inspector, Lance Trevallion, reported he has no objections. The Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool, reported, "The Board of Health is not in receipt of any septic plans for the new Police Department building. Being in the Water Supply District, the plan will have to comply with certain requirements.

Applicant's Presentation/Board Questions: Mr. David McKinley, Landscape Architect, of Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. presented to the Board Site Plans (dated 11/13/2014 Prepared by Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc.) for the 8,489 sq. ft. building to be built on the Allen Street property. He explained they will be sharing the lot with the Senior Center. The Police Station will have one access in and out. Mr. McKinley explained the various details of the project as reflected on the plans. He indicated the septic system will be located in front of the building, and the well will serve both the Senior Center and Police Station. There will be a chain link fence around the station with plantings. He stated the plans have been approved by the Conservation Commission.

Audience Questions/Comments: Various residents attended the hearing to ask questions concerning the project. Mr. Vincent Mandolini of 17 Fernwood Drive questioned why the perc test was done in the fall and not the spring. Mr. McKinley indicated that perc tests can be done any time of the year. Mr. Mandolini asked if the building would be on a slab, and Mr. McKinley indicated that it would be. Other questions involved the costs of the project, and Mr. Matthews explained that all site work and development costs were approved at Town Meeting.

Ann Garbecki of 76 Allen Street asked various questions concerning the distance from the catch basins to her well. She indicated the infiltration area is 100 feet from her well. Mr. McKinley stated code is the septic must be 75 feet from a well (minimum to code). He explained that the proposed system is a Pressure Pose System which removes nitrogen from the ground, prevents contamination of the water, and is an environmentally friendly system.

Decision: Judge Howarth made a motion to approve the application for a Special Permit within the Water Supply Protection District. M. Paige Gore seconded the motion. All in favor so approved (4-0).

Mr. Matthews declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:44 PM.

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