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

October 16, 2006  
6:30 pm

625 Main Street  
Town House

Present: Duane E. Mosier, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Duane Mosier.

The Board discussed the pending articles to be discussed at the Advisory Hearing at 7:00 pm and supplied additional background and financial information to Mike Crowley, Acting Chair for the Advisory Committee.

Liquor Store Hours: Rick Green was approached by a local store owner regarding hours of operation for two upcoming holidays that fall on a Sunday. The current license allows for the hours of operation of 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The store owner requested an extension of those hours for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. The Board discussed and the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Rick Green to extend the hours of operation allowed for liquor stores on Christmas Eve from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and New Years Eve from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, subject to approval from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board then moved to the Auditorium for the Advisory Hearing.

7:00 pm      Advisory Hearing

Refer to the Advisory Minutes for a summary of the hearing.

The Board reconvened at 8:30 pm in the Selectmen's Office to continue their meeting.

Cemetery Commission: Dave Quill and Hank Dunwoody from the Cemetery Commission came before the Board to discuss adding plots at the old cemetery on Chapin Road. With that, comes the need for a new road. The Commission members came to the Board with their sketch and their intent. The Board responded that they received a letter that day from Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent stating his concern about drainage from the road design that was designed to be tied into the Town's drainage system. Dana's concern was whether or not the additional drainage could be handled by current

system. He recommended that the plan be reviewed by an engineer to determine its feasibility. The commission left a copy of the drawing and requested further review of it.

Dick Puzzo, 184 Somers Road: Mr. Puzzo came before the Board to discuss an ongoing situation concerning a dog complaint lodged against dogs owned by him and Dagmar Childs. He is working on the requirements set forth by the Dog Officer who was present at the hearing and has requested that further information be allowed to go on record, and become part of the file in this office. Once received, the information will be filed with the outcome of the hearing.

Jane Budynkiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator:

Jane met with the Board to discuss transfer station operations, specifically the recycling needs of the town and the possibility of extending hours by opening more frequently. During a recent inspection done by Tighe and Bond for DEP requirements, the Town learned that we need to ensure availability to recycle and be vigilant in separating recyclable articles from other waste.

A motion was made by Rick Green to change the days of operation for recycling at the transfer station from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, to every Saturday, to coincide with the transfer station hours, and was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Board then discussed the need for additional containment of recyclables and various options as well as improving the traffic flow for those vehicles needing access to recycle. The Board will ask Dana Pixley to investigate moving the existing containers further back on the site, and moving the existing wall which would allow for improved traffic flow to the containers.

The Board will also request that Dana Pixley price out a block building for use at the recycling area. It was also noted that there are bikes currently stored in one of our trailers at the site that need to be auctioned off by the Police Department.

Information will go out to residents about the computer recycling day on November 4 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

A resident called this office inquiring about any permitting required for the use of wood burning furnaces. The Board is aware that these have become an issue for some people and will ask Dave Martel, Town Counsel to review the recent Chicopee ban against these.

Jane B. came before the board to discuss the inspection issues at 312 Main Street. She is concerned about the water quality and all inspections performed prior to the sale. We have faxed some information to Dave Martel and will forward it to MIIA as well. Jane will call the homeowners and let them know that we have turned the issues over to our Town Counsel.

The Board will invite all town inspectors in to our meeting on November 6, 2006.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm and was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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