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

October 23, 2006
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: Duane E. Mosier, Richard R. Green
Absent: John D. Flynn, out of town
Guests: Doug Farmer, Wilbraham-Hampden Times, Cindy Bailey, Bob Majkut

Duane Mosier called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

6:30 pm Walk-Ins

Bob Majkut came before the Board to discuss the Howlett Hill Road hearing scheduled for November 13th at 7:00 pm. He wanted an overview of the Board's plan to discontinue maintenance of Howlett Hill Road.

7:00 pm Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant: Cliff came before the Board to discuss the certified free cash amount and was praised for being responsible for our free cash certification being the first one done in the State. He also discussed a check the Town will receive from the School District in the amount of \$49,000 prior to our setting our tax rate.

The Sumaria installation (new software for the accountant and collector) is ready to go. Cliff will confirm that the information Sumaria currently is sufficient for the installation. It still needs to be determined where the software will be installed, Cliff's recommendations is that it go on its own server in town hall.

7:30 pm Mark Feeney, Building Inspector: Mark came before the Board to give an update on a number of subjects:

Spray Park Status: The tank and lines are going in underground and the slab will be poured within the next three weeks. The fixtures/features will be installed in the spring.

Driveway Update: Mark visited the two residents on South Road where debris from their driveways spill out into the town road. They are both aware that the driveways should have been paved some time ago and acknowledge that they are not in compliance with the building regulations. They hope to have the necessary paving completed by November 15th.

The driveway at 10 Glendale Road is currently being relocated off of Scantic Road. The property owner had come before Mark last year for approval for the reconfiguration and it was approved.

Mark also stated that he will leave the position of Building Inspector on December 1. He feels that he is being made the scapegoat on the South Ridge Road failure and that the Board is no longer supportive of the job he does. He will not remain on the job without the full support of the Board. When asked, he suggested that the Board contact Lance Trevallion, Building Inspector for Wilbraham to see if he has any interest in the position.

Rick Green spoke of Mark Feeney's original appointment as Building Inspector many years ago and stated that Mark has done an admirable job as inspector and has served the town well for many years. Duane Mosier and Rick both noted that the Town will feel a loss with Mark's departure. He has worked hard to accommodate people's needs as well as their schedules, although he has worked in the job on a part time basis only.

1. IBPO Contract Response: The IBPO sent language to the Board to be incorporated into the final contract. The language has been approved by Stan Weinberg, labor counsel and the change will be made. Once done, the Police will sign off to finalize this contract.
2. BOH Variance for 30 Burleigh Road: Board of Health Agent, Lorri McCool has requested a variance for the installation of a septic system that is closer than 100' to the well, but is down gradient from the well. The lot does not allow for other options. A motion was made by Duane Mosier to approve a variance for 30 Burleigh Road as recommended by the Board of Health agent, to allow the installation of a system located less than 100' as outlined by Civil Engineering Associates dated 10/9/06 and was seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.
3. Motions for Special Town Meeting: The Board reviewed the preliminary motions for Special Town Meeting on October 30th.
4. South Ridge Road Inspection: Dana Pixley submitted a letter with a cost estimate to the Board for core sampling of South Ridge Road. A motion was made by Rick Green to proceed with the tests as proposed by Allied Testing Laboratories, Inc. for core sampling and evaluation of those samples, seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. This office will ask that Dana move forward as soon as possible so we might have results for Special Town Meeting.
5. 312 Main Street Inspection: The Board reviewed the water testing results for this location. A motion was made by Duane Mosier to pay for this water test out of Board of Health expenses, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Jane B. will inform the residents to proceed with their contractor to close the inspection areas as the Town is satisfied with the results.
6. Recycling Shelter Proposal: Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent informed the Board of the cost proposal for a pre-cast concrete shelter for \$11,500 for the recycling worker, and the cost is over budget for the Transfer Station. The Board

will pursue a clothing allowance for Carroll Willey, who currently works in the Recycling area.

7. 47 East Longmeadow Road: Attorney McEwan visited with Rick Green and asked how the Board will proceed if the situation is not remedied. The Board responded that the equipment that he is working on will be allowed, but all others must be removed. A home occupation is allowed, but this is not a commercial lot.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn at 9:20 pm and was seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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