

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 18, 2011

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Rust, Councilpersons Wood, Bagnato, Sochia, Jock.

OTHERS PRESENT: James Hollenbeck Deputy Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Alan Fukes, Ernest Wood, Brenda Nicholson, Patti Drake, Amy Randall, Frank Potenzano, Kelly Potenzano, Robert Phippen Jr., Loren Shattuck, Adam Britton, Kelly Johnson-Eilola, Georgia Macy, Tom Whitesell, Jeannie Pielzarz, Dennis Burnett, Ellen Miller, Jean Edward, Kevin Hanson, Tim Helfter, Paula Helfter, Dan Helfter, Anne Britton, Jenny Burke
IBERDROLA.

ABESENT: Supt. of Highways Streeter.

Supervisor Rust called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Rust explained the Rules of Order for the Board Meeting. There will be a 30 minute period for Privilege of the Floor with a three minute time for each person to speak. He also asked that all in attendance please sign-in on the meeting attendance sheet.

The majority of the persons present were there to comment on the proposed wind facility in the Town of Hopkinton.

Supv. Rust gave all persons present that wanted to speak pro or con a chance to voice their opinion on the project.

He also expressed to them that we are in the very early stages of the process and still working on the local law.

He made a trip to a wind farm in Churubusco, Chateaugay, Ellenburg, Harrisburg, Altona and surrounding areas. He was accompanied by Robert Phippen. They made many stops during their trip and talked with various people discussing the pros and cons.

Jenny Burke IBERDROLA explained that they are in the early process and just gathering data. It will be at least three years before any turbines would even be constructed if the plan proceeds.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to approve the Financial Report for March 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 91 to 119 General Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$8,533.49 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 51 to 70 Highway Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$12,111.04 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 12 to 14 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$1,066.99 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nina Pierpont, MD, PhD: regarding Wind Turbines and the negative impacts of wind farms.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall Steps: Mr. Rust reported that he had contacted Jeff White and St. Lawrence Valley Concrete for a price on the repair or replacement of the steps. St. Lawrence Valley Concrete submitted a price quote to replace the current steps with a precast 6 foot step with rails and spray sealed in the amount of \$555.00. Mr. White verbally spoke with Mr. Rust and stated he could

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not meet that price.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to hire St. Lawrence Valley Concrete to replace the front steps of the Town Hall with a 6 foot precast step to include hand rails and be spray sealed in the amount of \$555.00. Adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He sent two letters regarding garbage and debris on property.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended county meeting. He will be serving on a board of five Assessors, the Real Property Director and Deputy Director to examine land tables.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported that the date for Book Battle has been set for May 21. They have 13 teams. She has also ordered three books on Wind Farms for the library.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the Maple Fest cleared over \$600.00. They are planning a "Reminiscing with the Locals" day. Mr. Rust brought up that he has concerns about the cost of heating the Museum with the increase in the cost of heating oil and the building is in need of great repair. He has asked Mrs. Wood to pass along the concerns to the group and see if they have some suggestions for helping out.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. Mr. Hollenbeck reported that he attended the water run off course. He stated that the town is exempt from permits as long as it is road maintenance. He said that when we start to work on the new entrance to the Ft. Jackson Park we will need to apply for a permit. He also attended Blasters training. If he continues to hold a blasters license we need to apply for a Federal license and we would have to purchase a seismograph. The Board discussed this and Mr. Rust made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock not to renew Mr. Hollenbeck's Explosive license. Adopted unanimously.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter submitted a written report. They are continuing OSHA training. They will hold a chicken barbeque on May 29, 2011 with all members participating. They held election of officers and he submitted a list of officers. They held their Open House. 30 children went through the safety trailer/photo ID.

Town Facilities: Supv. Rust reported that he talked and met with Dustan McKee, McKee's Construction, in regards to doing some exterior repairs on the town office. He submitted a price quote in the amount of \$750.00. The Board discussed this and Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to hire McKee's Construction to do some exterior repairs on the Town Office in the amount of \$750.00. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Jock reported that he was not able to contact Carr Electric in regards to the generator hook up. He will keep trying. Mr. Rust asked him to check the fan in the men's room of the Town Hall.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that all is well.

Seniors: Mrs. Wood reported that they held their first dance of the year. Approximately 35 attended.

Food Pantry: Mrs. Macy reported that all is running smoothly and they are servicing more people each month.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he will be starting the spring yard work in the next couple of weeks.

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New Business:

SLC Department of Highways: Request for SEQR Lead Agency Status for a Proposed St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to have Mr. Rust sign the Lead Agency Agreement Form for the County to be lead agency with respect to the SEQR review of the proposed Multi-Use Recreational Trail System in St. Lawrence County, New York. Adopted unanimously.

NCC Systems: Renewal of three year Monitoring Contract. The cost will be the same \$18.00 per month. Mr. Fukes recommended that we check with Alltech. He thinks their rate is only \$12.00 per month. The Board tabled this matter. Mr. Rust will contact Alltech and NCC to see if we can get a better rate.

SLC Board of Elections: Ownership of voting machine. They are asking if the town would like to take ownership of the lever machine to send them a letter requesting this and then the town is free to do whatever they wish with the machine. Mr. Hollenbeck stated that the price of scrap metal is up.

Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to write a letter to the SLC Board of Elections asking them to turn ownership over to the town. Adopted unanimously.

SLC Informational Meeting Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance: Mr. Rust informed the Board that the County is hosting a meeting to give out info on the MEGA. It is a not-for-profit development corporation designed specifically to serve municipalities, school districts and businesses. They pool potential customers and bid out the power load to private energy service companies. Mr. Rust is going to attend the meeting and bring back more info.

Municipal Health Insurance: Mrs. Wood informed the Board that there is going to be a meeting April 29 and she plans on attending.

Bond Resolution: Mr. Rust told the Board that we need to pass a Bond Resolution to borrow the money for the purchase of the John Deere Loader. This Bond is subject to a Permissive Referendum.

Mrs. Bagnato introduced the following Bond Resolution, with a second by Mr. Jock:

VOTE: Supv. Rust Aye, Councilpersons Wood Aye, Bagnato Aye, Sochia Aye, Jock Aye.

A copy of the resolution is attached.

2010 Census: Town of Hopkinton count is 1,077 that is up 5.6%.

Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

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