

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 18, 2011

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: James Hollenbeck Deputy Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Richard Schrader, Diane Schrader, Jenny Burke IBERDROLA, Wanda Mallette, Anne Britton, Collette Parmer, Jeannie Piekarz, Georgia Macy, Lynda Bage, Mike Opal, Charles Cogan, Shirley Cogan, Brenda Nicholson, Frank Barney.

ABSENT: Supt of Highways Streeter.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Anne Britton: asked the Board if they knew when they hired attorney Dan Spitzer to help with the proposed wind farm that he has a conflict of interest.

Lynda Bage: read a letter to the Board she received in regards to Mr. Rust and Mr. Sochia having a conflict of interest in development of a wind law. According to her resources they cannot be involved in the drafting of the Wind Energy Law.

Mr. Rust explained again the neither he nor Mr. Sochia have a conflict of interest in the development of a Wind Energy Law and they can vote on it. It only becomes a conflict of interest when the wind company actually makes an application, then it becomes a conflict of interest.

Frank Barney: addressed the situation about the town using fire equipment and the Fire District needing equipment or the services of the town. He explained that it was agreed upon by the town and the Fire District that if the town needs to use fire equipment it would make written request to the Fire District Board and vice versa for the Fire District. He suggested that each spring the Board make a written request to use equipment to water the flowers in the park and anything else that may come up avoiding the problems this year. The Fire District will do the same for use of any town equipment. Only Fire Department members will be able to use the equipment and only town employees will be able to use the town equipment. The Board was in agreement on this matter.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 197 to 226 General Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$12,965.67 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 115 to 135 Highway Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$121,411.19 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 22 to 23 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$499.54 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Deborah Rust: Mr. Rust read a letter written by Deborah Rust commending the Hopkinton Summer Fest Committee on the great job of putting on the Summer Fest.

State Comptroller: regarding a seminar on Living with the Property Tax Cap on Thursday, August 25 in Plattsburgh.

SLC Treasurer: regarding the distribution of Mortgage tax. Hopkinton will receive \$3624.35. There will be a second payment in December.

SLC Industrial Development Agency: regarding the application that Mr. Rust filed for funding to help with the new entrance to the Ft. Jackson Park. The application was not approved for funding.

IBERDROLA: regarding a Standard Development Schedule.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Water testing at the Ft. Jackson Park: Mrs. Wood reported that it would be \$30.00 per sample. Mr. Hollenbeck stated that there is so much silt built up now that it would take a lot to clean it up. At this time there is no water in the swim area.

The Board discussed this and Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to get a sample out of the stream that feeds the swim area to see if the water is even useable. Adopted unanimously.

Participation in MEGA: Supv. Rust reported that he faxed them a second copy they lost the first one. Hopes to have something to report next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library: The Summer Reading program has started. It was discussed about teaching the types of trees and naming and labeling them. This would be done at the Ft. Jackson Park. We will have some help from the County Youth Program for a couple of days in August to help with cutting a trail.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. Collette Parmer asked about the work on the Wilson Road. Mr. Hollenbeck commented that he thought they would do prep work this year and black top next year.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that the hand railing on the ramp has been fixed. He replaced the toilet at the Town Office. He will install the new fans in the restrooms of the Town Hall this week.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that the doctor is remodeling the office. He is going to pay for it. He also stated the ramp entrance to the building needs to be addressed and the air conditioner is in bad shape.

Food Pantry: Mrs. Macy reported that they are still receiving donations. She is concerned about the cut in funding to ComLinks. She has sent Senator Griffo a letter asking him to put more money back into the funding of ComLinks.

New Business:

Hopkinton Park Lamps: It was brought to the Boards attention that the lamps in the Hopkinton Park need some attention. Most of the lamps do not light anymore due to the fact they keep shorting out. The all need to be rewired and steel bolts need to be used to hold them on to the foundation. Duane French stated he would do the job by the hour plus materials.

The Board decided to draw up a spec sheet and advertise for some price quotes.

Ford Dump Truck: The Board stated that we need to look into the cost of a new one and put the one we have out for bid. They will discuss this with Mr. Streeter.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

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