

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 20, 2011

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, SLC Legislator Scott Sutherland, Richard Schrader, Diane Schrader, Robert Phippen Jr., Jenny Burke IBERDROLA, Scott McDonald IBERDROLA, Wanda Mallette, Anne Britton, John Mahoney, Adam Britton, Jessica Parmer, Collette Parmer, Jeanie Piekarz, Tom Whitesell, Georgia Macy, Miles Wolpin, Lynda Bage, Ernest Wood.

ABSENT: Councilperson Bagnato.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Scott Sutherland, SLC Legislator: addressed the Board in regards to the County Finances. They are looking at a 22% tax increase without adding in any of the daily expenses. He outlined some of the cuts they are looking at.

Jenny Burke: introduced Scott McDonald. He works in the wind Engineering and Meteorology Department for IBERDROLA. He will be looking at the data collected from the test tower to see if it is feasible to continue.

There will be a joint meeting with the Town of Parishville Town Board and Hopkinton Town Board on August 8th to discuss the proposed Wind Farm at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

Robert Phippen asked if there are any test data results as of yet. Mr. McDonald stated that what they have collected so far looks good.

Richard Schrader: asked about interference with telecommunications. Jenny Burke responded that the only problem that she knows of so far is with persons who still have television antennas. She stated that she believes there has been a study on that issue and she will have info for August meeting.

Anne Britton: commented that there is documented data from the Clinton County Border Patrol in regards to radio problems.

Lynda Bage: asked how many more test towers would be put up. Mr. McDonald responded approximately five.

She also read a letter to the Town Board and asked that it be entered into the minutes a copy is attached.

Supv. Rust commented on the letter in regards to him having a Conflict of Interest. According to the attorney he does not have conflict in the writing or voting of the passage of the local law when the time comes.

Mrs. Wood commented that she does not feel that a letter with three taxpayers and two non-residents on it constitutes enough support to have a moratorium on any development of wind or permitting process.

Clerk French also commented that the paragraph stating that there is a Wind Planning Advisory Board is untrue. No oaths of office have been given for any member of a Wind Planning Advisory Board.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

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Voucher Nos. 159 to 196 General Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$7,598.93 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 93 to 114 Highway Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$56,496.51 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 19 to 21 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$555.49 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYMIR: regarding Subscriber/Member Capital Distribution will continue through 2012.

Mary Fullerton: regarding the Fire Department not filling her pool. She feels that she as a taxpayer she should be able to receive some service. Mr. Streeter reported that he had contacted Nicholville Fire Dept and they filled it for her. This will be taken up with the Fire Commissioners at their next meeting.

Senator Patty Ritchie: regarding an update on Health Department Food Safety Inspections.

Public Service Commission: regarding approval of the SLIC Network franchise for cable TV with the town.

Roger Linden, Town Attorney: regarding the Local Law on Wind Towers. He is recommending the Town retain the services of Daniel Spitzer out of Buffalo to assist the town and him with the development of the wind law.

Supv. Rust reported to the Board that he had received an estimated cost of no more than \$2,000.00.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to retain the services of Daniel Spitzer from the firm of Hodgson Russ LLP at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 to assist in the development of the wind law and the applications for permits that may arise. Adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stone Bids: No bids were received; therefore it will be used for fill on site.

Water testing at the Ft. Jackson Park: Mrs. Wood will check into the cost of this and what the process will be.

Participation in MEGA: Supv. Rust reported that we would save approximately \$20.00/month. He has filled out the application. Hopefully will be able to make a decision next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 16 permits to date. He had a complaint at Lake Ozonia. APA contacted him about the complaint will be meeting with a representative to go over it with the property owner.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Grievance Hearings were held June 7. The 2012 Version 4 update and info has been installed on the computer. He attended monthly Assessors training.

Library: The Summer Reading Program will start on July 11.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they held the Tea and Quilt show. Reminiscing with the Locals was also held.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He also reported that the roadside signs have to be checked for reflectivity. The County purchased a meter. He is going to check and see if we can borrow it. He attended annual training in Ithaca.

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Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that they made \$1063.00 at the chicken barbeque. He has been appointed to the Fire Advisory Board. They had a fire call on the Converse Road.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that Mr. Streeter is painting the boards that were replaced at the town office. The roof has been fixed at the Highway Garage. The toilet is not working at the Town Office need to install a new one and he will install a shut off for the water at the same time. Need to install two new fans in the restrooms of the town hall.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that everything is going well.

Seniors: Mrs. Wood reported that they Seniors are still holding their monthly dances.

Food Pantry: Mrs. Macy reported that they were down a little this month. She is still looking for donations.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he is working at the Ft. Jackson Park. The highway employees are making a couple more picnic tables. He needs some top soil for along the new sidewalk in the Hopkinton Park. Need to check on the electrical in Hopkinton Park the lamps are not working. Mr. Streeter will check into this. Supv. Rust told Mr. Wood that he is doing a great job and the park looks wonderful.

New Business:

Summer Rec Contract: Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the Summer Rec Contract with the Town of Parishville for a six week period in the amount of \$6500.00. Adopted unanimously.

ComLinks Contract: Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to renew the ComLinks contract for the food pantry for a period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Adopted unanimously. Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

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