

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Alan Fukes, Richard Schrader, Benny Fairchild Northern New York Newspapers, Brenda Nicholson, Wanda Mallette, Dan Murdie IBERDROLA, Anne Britton, Collette Parmer, Georgia Macy, Frank Perry, Loren Shattuck, Luke Dailey, Miles Wolpin, Lynda Bage.

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

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Special Meeting August 8, Regular Meeting held on August 15, 2011, and Special Meeting held on September 12, 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 256 to 284 General Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$23,890.19 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 1586 to 178 Highway Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$18,941.67 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 28 to 29 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$590.46 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to make the following transfer in the General Fund: From A1009.4 Contingent Acct to A3410.4 Fire Fighting Contractual \$500.00. Adopted unanimously.

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Frank Perry, President of the Cemetery Assoc., spoke to the town board in regards to the care of the cemetery. They are experiencing a lack of help and funds to keep the cemetery going to the standards we are all use to. They currently have a six person board. Two persons on the board would like to turn it over to the town; the rest would like to ask the town for some help. They are asking the board if they can provide some monetary, equipment, manpower etc.

Supv. Rust told Mr. Perry that he has spoke with the Board about this problem and at the budget meeting they approved putting \$1,000.00 in the cemetery account to help them out in 2012 and we can see where it goes from there.

Mr. Perry thanked the Board for their assistance in this matter they would like to keep the Association going as long as possible.

Lynda Bage presented the Board with a petition with 66 signatures requesting that an immediate moratorium be placed on wind energy development for one year.

Requesting that the Board be aggressive in the protection of Hopkinton's treasured places taking time to investigate all the facts.

Requesting workshops be held and open to the public to consider input for the majority of the residents land owners and representatives to bring clarity to the threats that face our communities and environment.

No Action was taken on the petition. A copy of the petition is on file with the Town Clerk.

Correspondence:

Anne Britton emails on Wind Turbine noise and jobs.

Cornerstone: regarding service fees. Board discussed having the furnace at the Town Hall cleaned. Will check

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prices with Econo Fuels and Cornerstone.

Old Business:

2006 Ford Dump: Mr. Streeter reported to the Board that we received one bid on the on-line auction in the amount of \$21,600.00. He reported to the board that there are no trucks available on state contract. OGS has not put out any new contracts and it will be several months before they do and there are no trucks available at the moment even if we bid.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to reject the bid of \$21,600.00 for the 2006 Ford Dump.

Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 23 permits to date. He investigated one complaint regarding a possible wetland violation at Lake Ozonia. He met with the representative with the APA and there was no problem with the location of the cottage or future septic system.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The land table for the town's reassessment program was discussed with the County Director using sales figures and establishing new values. Real Property will run the sheets to be able to assess all lands with the new figures.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported that they have been very busy.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that she attended the meeting of the Historical Society and asked them if they could help financially in doing some repairs on the Museum. They are willing to contribute some funding to do some repairs on the building. Mrs. Wood also told them that the foundation is in need of major repair. They will put together a list of repairs that they think are necessary and we can get some prices.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He reported the cost of salt this year should be around \$52.00/ton.

Georgia Macy reported to him that on intersection of Converse Rd and Circle Rd near culvert there is a hole in the shoulder.

Mrs. Wood commented that the gates are not being closed at night at the garage. Have employees check on this at the end of the day.

Mrs. Wood also asked him if there was room in the old rescue building to store some of the Summer Fest equipment so we can move it out of backroom of Town Hall. He stated there is no room in rescue building possible in the old barn. He told her she could come down and look it over.

Mr. Streeter reported that there is no longer a County safety program. He needs to purchase a new DVD player and try to get some DVD's on safety.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that the burn building has to be torn down. It would not pass State inspection. A new building will cost approx \$450,000.00. This is a building that is used by the whole county for training. They are looking for donations. There are no grants available at the moment.

The Fire Department will hold a chicken Barbeque October 9.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that there was a leak in the Town Hall kitchen faucet. New exhaust fans have been installed. He and Supv. Rust had looked into what can be done to not heat the Museum this winter but keep the water from freezing. They are going to insulate the area in the basement where the water tank is and enclose it, install a thermostat and keep that area warm enough not to freeze.

Also looking into some prices for a new floor for the Town Hall, the current floor is down to the nail heads and cannot be sanded again.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that the Doctor is remodeling. Goodrich Refrigeration will be installing the new

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A/C system at a cost of \$5,450.00, which will be paid by the Health Center.

Food Pantry: Georgia Macy reported that the Customs and Border Patrol donated food. They would like the Fire Department to give away Smoke Detectors and batteries at the October pantry if they have some left. In November they are going to give out winter coats, hats and mittens.

New Business:

Town of Brasher Supervisor: asking the Board to support the Town of Massena in its efforts to extend the runway to accommodate commercial jet service.

Mrs. Wood introduced the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Bagnato:

WHEREAS, The Massena International Airport has the potential to attract thousands of our Canadian neighbors to utilize its services, and

WHEREAS, getting an influx of thousands of people creates the potential for creating business for St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, and an increase in sales tax revenue, which will affect everyone in a positive manner, and

WHEREAS, The existing runway at Massena International Airport is not long enough to accommodate commercial jet service, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Hopkinton Town Board, does hereby support the Town of Massena in its efforts to extend the runway to accommodate commercial jet service.

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

2012 Budget: Budget Officer, Vickie French, presented to 2012 Tentative Budget to the Town Board. She went over all items compiled in the 2012 budget. She reported that the budget was within the 2% tax cap.

Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to adopt the Tentative Budget as presented as the Preliminary Budget for 2012. Adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget on October 17, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. at the Town Hall. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed Wind Law: Supv. Rust reported to the Board that the Proposed Wind Energy Facility Law was received back from the SLC Planning Office. He has reviewed and imposed some of the findings and determinations that were suggested. All Board members were given copies of the proposed law.

Mrs. Wood made a motion with a second by Mr. Sochia “ Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton to hold a Public Hearing on a Proposed Local Law entitled “Wind Energy Facilities” of the Town of Hopkinton on October 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall. The Town of Hopkinton proposes this Local Law to promote the effective and efficient use of the Town’s wind energy resource through Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) and to regulate the placement of such systems so that the public health, safety, and welfare will not be jeopardized.

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Vickie French