

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2011

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 21, 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 Allen Fukes, Jenny Burke IBERDROLA, Dianne Schrader, Rick Schrader, James Hollenbeck, Lynda Bage, Henry Keller, Robert Phippen Jr., Wanda Mallette, Collette Parmer, Dale Nicholson, Brenda Nicholson, Richard Eakins, Neil Habig IBERDROLA.

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 Regular Meeting held on October 17, and Special Meetings on October 26 & 27, 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 314 to 351 General Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$11,273.64 were audited and approved by the Board. Voucher Nos. 198 to 225 Highway Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$36,673.25 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 33 to 38 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$1,848.50 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Privilege of Floor:

Henry Keller reported that he had been asked by Mr. Rust to survey the trees at the Ft. Jackson Park and determine if there were any trees that should be taken down due to damage from the ice storm and if it would be feasible to harvest some of the timber. He was also asked to look at the possibility of creating camping sites and wilderness trails. Mr. Keller reported that there are some hazardous trees. He feels we should do an assessment each spring and where people might be using the park the most remove those trees, but felt there were not enough trees that need to be taken down to harvest. He reported that he has some ideas of where to put trails and improve the picnic area. He also felt just cleaning some of the underbrush would enhance the area and make it safer and enhance the appearance and this would not take a large amount of money to do.

Correspondence:

SLC Planning: Regarding Planning Board Training on November 29, 2011.

2010 Census Count: Population in Hopkinton is reported at 1,077, an increase of 5.29%.

Tri-Town Rescue Christmas Party will be held December 10, 2011.

NYS Teamsters Council Health & Hospital Fund: regarding audit from January 2004 until December 2010. The examination disclosed that no audit liability is due.

Associations of Towns: regarding an explanation of what charge-backs, that are billed on property taxes, are for.

New York Wind Education Collaborative: regarding a Wind Power Forum being held at Suny Canton on November 28.

Office of the State Comptroller: regarding training for new Town Officials in January.

Old Business:

Proposed Local Law: Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2011 entitled "Wind Energy Facilities". This Local Law will be 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: Supervisor Rust Aye, Councilpersons Wood Aye, Sochia Aye, Bagnato Aye, Jock Aye.

Supv. Rust stated he will start putting some names together for the Board to consider appointing to a Planning Board.

Committee Reports:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He also reported that during the reassessment he has found several new building construction projects without permits. He will send letters to all persons whom have constructed without a

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permit.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The reassessment program is moving along. He attended the Local Annual Government Conference in Potsdam and received 4 CE points towards the 24 needed per year to stay certified.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported that they sent a team to a Teen Tournament and they won.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the Holly Berry Sale was held. December 2 they are going to have a sing-a-long at the Museum and on December 10<sup>th</sup> will hold the Children's Christmas Party at the Town Hall.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He also reported that he had contacted the Town of Brandon and they have only received one grant for \$20,000.00. All other monies received were FEMA payments for storm damage. They have not purchased any new truck or equipment from grants.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that two fire fighters are starting pump operation school. They sponsored a Halloween Party, 41 children participated.

Town Facilities: Mr. Rust reported that he had to replace the pressure switch on the pump at Museum. When we received out electric bill it was over \$400.00 and that was the problem. The museum is in the process of being winterized. The new door at the top of the ramp has been installed. Mr. Streeter took the registers from inside the town hall and cleaned and painted them.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that the A/C has been installed they are also going to install a quick recovery hot water heater.

Seniors: Mrs. Wood reported that the dances have been well attended.

Food Pantry: Attendance was up slightly this month. They are going to distribute hats, coats and mittens next month. They also raffled off two turkeys.

New Business:

Board of Review: Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to appoint David Haynes to a five year term on the Board of Review. Effective October 1, 2011 until September 30, 2016. Adopted unanimously.

ORKIN: Budget Officer, Vickie French, brought to the Boards attention that we are currently pay ORKIN Pest Control \$63.72 each month and after speaking with the custodian felt this service was not needed and asked the board to consider discontinuing this service. Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to discontinue service as of December 31, 2011. Adopted unanimously.

HHGC: Supv. Rust reported to the Board that he had been thinking of ways to get residents involved in projects to promote the town. He has come up with the idea of have Helping Hopkinton Grow Committees. There will be one for Recreation and Park Development, Facility Renewal, Revenue Building, which will encourage business grown and new business, and one for Summer Fest helpers. He encouraged those present to sign up and to work on getting others in the community involved.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC