

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW FIREARMS

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2012

At the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Alan Fukes, Collette Parmer, Dale Burnett, Karen Compo, Bennett Belile, Richard Compo, Varick Chittenden, Mary Converse, Rich Schrader, Diane Schrader, Gerald Goldsworth, Wanda Mallette, Steve Hopkins, James Hollenbeck arrived at 6:55 p.m., Brenda Nicholson arrived at 7:00 p.m., Richard Eakins arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor Rust called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 on p.m.

Bennett Belile spoke to the Board in regards to some concerns he had about the law as it was proposed. He stated that the law does not address persons that have permits to carry concealed weapons and the way it is wrote that a person just coming to the Town Office to purchase a hunting license would be in violation if they had their rifle in the vehicle.

There being no further comments on the Proposed Local Law and all those present had a chance to speak Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Supervisor Rust called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to accept minutes of Organizational Meeting, and Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2012 with correction. Adopted unanimously.

*CORRECTION: Organizational Meeting: rate of pay part-time employees should be \$9.79/hr.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to approve the Financial Report for December 2011 and January 2012 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 28 to 61 General Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$27,970.57 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 7 to 27 Highway Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$27,911.52 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 1 to 5 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 1 in the amount of \$2,032.81 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:

Varick Chittenden, TAUNY, spoke to the board about the possibility of nominating the town village green area for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Chittenden explained the process and stated that it would be the village green not the buildings that would be on the registry. The Board overall thought this would be positive thing for the town, but wanted to think about it until the March meeting before making any final decisions to move forward.

Correspondence:

Adirondack Park Local Government Day: all Board Members were given registration info.

Old Business:

Rabies Clinic: Clerk French reported that the tentative date for the clinic is June 28 at the Brasher Fire Station. The tentative cost will be \$125.00 vet, Syringes \$6.40/hundred, Certificates \$12.05/hundred, tags \$11.61/hundred, serum free. There will also be a cost for an assistant to the vet. The cost will be offset by donations and the balance will be divided by the towns of Hopkinton, Stockholm, Lawrence and Brasher.

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Proposed Local Law on Firearms: Mr. Rust made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to table any decisions on the local law until we can get a clearer meaning of the concealed weapons law and other parts of the law.

Adopted unanimously.

Fuel Bids: Bids were received from Econo Fuels based on rack price in Syracuse on January 23, 2012 in the amount of:

On Road April – October ULSD \$3.16 differential .30, November-March Winter ULSD \$3.195 differential .30, #2 heating fuel \$3.1729 .30 differential, low sulfur kero dyed \$3.6288 .30 differential.

MX Fuels based on rack price in Syracuse on January 23, 2012 in the amount of:

Fuel Oil \$3.1179 .2780 differential, Kerosene \$3.3290 .2780 differential, ULSD \$3.1505 differential .2780.

Blended fuel for winter months will be based on the blending ratio of the Kerosene and the ULSD used during the time of delivery.

Specs were also sent to Buckley Energy Group no bid was submitted.

Mr. Streeter also presented the Board with a State Contract listing for January 23, 2012, which was higher than both bids.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia for Mr. Streeter and Supervisor Rust to get together and compare the bids and go with the lowest price after comparisons. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued two permits. Monthly code meetings will be starting in March.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has approximately half of the reassessment done. He attended training in Canton.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the Museum will open March 6.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported on the number of patrons using the library in 2011. She also reported that the Friends of the Library are holding a Citrus Sale.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He reported to the Board that a car ran a stop sign and collided with him damaging the right front of the town pick up.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that they had five calls, attended the Tri-Town Winter Carnival Parade. They also held a district 5 meeting.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that he purchased the new runners for the Town Hall. We had to purchase a new refrigerator for the Town Hall he also fixed part of the metal roof that blew off at Highway Dept.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that they continue to have a large turnout. Donations are still coming in.

New Business:

Agreement with County to Spend Highway Funds: Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds with the county. Adopted unanimously.

Holding Harmless Agreement: Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato:

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Hopkinton and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Hopkinton and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

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WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton hereby agrees, to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of St. Lawrence from and against liability, loss, damage, claim or action resulting from the work performed by St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. The Town of Hopkinton does not indemnify and hold harmless the County for any liability, loss, damage, claim, or action which arises during the actual performance of services by the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. Said St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and the Count of St. Lawrence assumes the liability for losses, damages and claims for the actual physical performance of the work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:
General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County Shall is an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

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

2012 Budget: Budget Officer, Vickie French, reported to the Board that she had met with a representative from the Comptroller's Office in regards to exceeding the 2% tax cap. She explained to her the formula we used to arrive at the amount of tax we could raise. The response was that the formula was not a one size fits all. Therefore we exceeded the tax cap by \$12,506.00. Budget Officer French went through the items with the Board that she has adjusted and the Board needs to set up a Budget Reserve Account and put those funds in that account and they cannot use those funds until the 2013 budget.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to set up the Budget Reserve Account and to transfer the following funds from the General and Highway Accounts. Adopted unanimously.

General Fund Reductions: A1345.2 Purchasing \$1,000.00, A1440.4 Engineer \$1,000.00, A1910.4 Unallocated Ins. \$2,000.00, A9010.8 Retirement \$3,000.00.

Highway Fund Reductions: DA9010.8 Retirement \$4,006.00, DA 9050.8 Unemployment Ins \$1,500.00.

North Country Housing Council: regarding Proposed Home Buyer Project. This project helps low to moderate households in the purchase of decent and affordable starter home.

North Country Affordable Housing: regarding funding for replacing mobile homes that are 10 years or older with a stick built home. They are asking the town to send a letter of support to include in their funding application. Supv. Rust reported to the Board that he wrote a letter of support and sent it.

Planning Board: Supv. Rust reported to the Board that the Planning Board will meet for the first time on March 27 at 6:00 p.m. A representative from the County Planning Office will be attending.

Hopkinton Fire District: request to continue shared services for the year 2012 between the Town of Hopkinton and the Hopkinton-Ft. Jackson Fire District. Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the request for 2012. Adopted unanimously.

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Agreement to Spend Funds: Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds with the County as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Vickie French

*CORRECTION: Museum will hold a meeting only on March 6.