

PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 16, 2012

At the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law to override tax levy limit and Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 16, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, James Hollenbeck, Benny Fairchild, Richard Schrader, Richard Eakins, Michael Robinson, Ernest Wood, Brenda Nicholson, Leland McAllister, Terry Zahler, Loren Hollenbeck, Wanda Malette, Susan Lyon, Etta Phelix, Kenneth Phelix.

Debbie Rust, Charles Cogan, Shirley Cogan arrived at 7:00 p.m.

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

Supervisor Rust explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments on the proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

Mr. Rust told those present that the Board hopes to not exceed the 2% tax cap, but would like to pass the Local Law to have in place in case that happens. Last year we thought we were in compliance, but was notified by the Comptroller's Office after the budget process was completed, that we had exceeded the limit.

Mr. Eakins objected to the proposed Local Law. He felt the Board needs to live within the limits of the 2% tax cap.

Budget Officer, Vickie French, responded that the goal is to live within the 2% tax cap.

There being no further comments from the public and all persons desiring to be heard for or against the proposed law, 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 Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2012 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the Financial Report for June 2012 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 187 to 221 General Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$7,500.56 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 130 to 152 Highway Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$33,685.41 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 19 to 22 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$655.69 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Wood questioned what the bill from Travelers Insurance was for. Clerk French responded it was for the crime policy and bonds.

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Mr. Eakins asked the Board if it would be possible to use the Highway Department Roller to roll the track for the Hopkinton Summer Fest Tractor Pulls on July 22. The Board did not have a problem as long as a Highway Employee volunteers their time to operate the roller. Terry Zahler volunteered his time.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to allow Terry Zahler, Highway Employee, to operate the town roller during the Hopkinton Summer Fest. Adopted unanimously.

Correspondence:

NYS Office of Real Property: Tentative Equalization Rate is set at 100%.

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NYS Department of Ag & Markets: Dog Control Inspection Report completed on June 26, 2012. All services were rated Satisfactory.

NYMIR: Subscriber accounting statement for fiscal year 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

SLC Trail Advisory Board: Mr. Sochia reported on the meeting he attended. The state is saying they cannot have the trail by Carrie Reservoir because it will not meet the 500' set back. They are going to continue to work on this.

BHLS: Mr. Rust reported that all Board Members have a copy of the lease agreement drawn up by the Town Attorney between Dr. Alfonso, DDS and the four Towns.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the lease agreement as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed Local Law: Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to pass Local Law No 1 of 2012 as presented entitled "To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c". with the intention not to exceed the 2% tax cap.

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

Committee Reports:

Code: Mr. Fukes was not present he presented a written report.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report.

Planning Board: Mr. Schrader reported that the Board held a meeting and Mr. Rust presented them with a sample application for personal wind turbine. They learned a lot and will hold their next meeting on October 2.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported they will be putting a float in the Summer Fest parade. Mr. Rust checked into the additional insurance that the Historical Group has purchased and it is not a double coverage. Mr. Streeter reported that they held a celebration honoring Margaret Zahler for all of her volunteer work given to the town.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported they have 51 signed up for the Summer Reading Program.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He asked the Board to approve a bill from F&R Unlimited for the installation of guide rails on River Road in the amount of \$3291.75.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to approve the bill from F&R Unlimited in the amount of \$3291.75. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Streeter also reported that the recycle bin for electronic equipment is at the Highway Garage and anyone that has electronic they need to dispose of can bring it to the Highway Garage during regular operating hours.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported they are continuing training. Air bottle testing is complete. They have filled some pools. Assisted Tri-Town Rescue. One truck is out of service with a bad engine.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that a shut off valve has been installed in the ladies room of town hall.

Fascia has been repaired at highway garage. Front doors of Town Hall have been painted.

Mr. Rust reported that the new entrance at the Ft. Jackson Park is going well. The park seems to be getting a lot of use.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that the donations are still coming in. He thanked the Summer Fest for their donation this month.

New Business:

The Town Board presented Mr. James C. Hollenbeck an award for 40 years of service to the Town. Highway Supt. Streeter presented him with a plaque. Mr. Hollenbeck will be starting his 40th year as a Highway Employee and the town is very thankful for his years of service to the town.

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Mr. Jock commented that we have good workers at the Highway Garage and they do not get enough credit for what they do.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC