

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2012

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 20, 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, Allen Fukes Assessor & Code Officer, Benny Fairchild, Richard Schrader, Ernest Wood, Brenda Nicholson, Charles Cogan, Shirley Cogan, John Trieller.

Supervisor Rust called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to accept minutes of Regular Meeting & Public Hearing held on July 16, 2012 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Mr. Fukes presented vouchers for mileage in the amount of \$110.00 and Mr. Rust presented a voucher from Joe's Glass for fixing the windows at the town hall in the amount of \$180.00. The windows frames were separating from the windows leaving a gap at bottom when closing. He lubricated and repaired the sills for \$30.00 per window. Mr. Rust also told the Board that they need to plan ahead for replacement windows in the future.

Voucher Nos. 222 to 252 General Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$11,744.26 were audited and approved by the Board. Voucher Nos. 153 to 177 Highway Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$25,830.63 were audited and approved by the Board. Voucher No. 23 to 26 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$867.95 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Wood questioned Mr. Streeter what the expense to Monroe Tractor was for. Mr. Streeter responded that it was for an OSHA approved seat that was needed for the roller, a muffler and other items also needed for the roller.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

SLC Self Insurance Plan: Providing the town with information about participant apportionment and how it is calculated. The Town of Hopkinton's share of workers comp will increase by \$5983.33.

SLC Planning Office: Public Hearing to add property to Agriculture Districts. There is property in Hopkinton be considered for inclusion into Ag District 2.

Tri Town Rescue: The contract with them will stay at the current rate of \$12,460.00 for 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code: Mr. Fukes was not present he presented a written report. He has issued 18 permits. He received a call from John Burth at the APA in regards to a possible violation at Lake Ozonia. He checked into this and Mr. Burth will investigate. He also met with Mr. Burth and rechecked a parcel that was in violation of some wetlands to see if they were complying with the corrections.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He will be attending the Assessor's Conference in September. State sales figures show a 97% equalization rate on 27 sales from July 2011 through June 2012.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that if the Library holds the Apple Festival they may have something in conjunction with them.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported they have had a busy summer. There were 53 children registered for the Summer Reading Program.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. They have finished work for this year on the Ft. Jackson Park. He has turned in his CHIPS reimbursement request for \$99,000.00 for work that is completed. The recycle bin for Electronic Equipment is almost full. The Board suggested we put some posters up to let the public know they can bring items there.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that ETA-49 is back in service. They are still in the process of preparing some specs to replace Tanker.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock asked if some signs could be place in the kitchens and bathrooms to make people aware that the hot water is very hot.

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Mr. Rust reported that the toilets in the bathrooms of the Town Hall had a recall on them. He has received the repair kits and installed them. He also reported that the water lines have a lot of corrosion from the extremely hard water. He is going to contact some contractors to have them look at this and give us a price for replacing some of the water lines and a water softener system for our 2013 budget.

Town Office: Mr. Rust is still in the process of trying to get Senator Griffo's Office to send us the application we need to complete for the member money that is available to the town.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that Toys and games will be accepted for the December Food Pantry. Local gardeners are donating fresh vegetables.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that one of the trees planted in the Hopkinton Park will have to come down and that there are several in the Ft. Jackson Park that have died and have to come down. He reported that the Ft. Jackson Park has been very busy this summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Government Conference: The conference will be held on October 9 at SUNY Potsdam. If any Board Members or committee persons would like to attend please let the Town Clerk know and she will send in the registrations.

2013 Budget: Mr. Rust asked the Board to set a date to start work on the 2013 Budget. The Board agreed they will meet on September 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Potsdam Humane Society: 2013 Contract will remain the same as in 2012, \$1775.00. Ms. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the contract with Potsdam Humane Society in the amount of \$1775.00 for 2013.

Adopted unanimously.

SLC Fire Training Facility: Mr. Streeter reported to the board that he sits on the SLC Fire Advisory Board and the request for a letter of support and a Board Resolution from Dale Gardner is to help with them getting some funding to build a "Live Burn Fire Training Simulator". They already have raised some monies and the foundation is complete. They have looked into funding it through Town Chargeback's. They are not eligible for any grant funding.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to have the Supervisor write a letter of support for the SLC Fire Training Facility. Adopted unanimously.

Fire Protection at Lake Ozonia: Mr. Wood reported to the Board that there are concerns at the Lake about proper fire protection. The Association has met with the Chiefs and they have put forth a proposal to them that the Association would fund a boat at the Lake for Fire Fighting and rescue purposes. The Fire Department is also looking into the possibility up installing some dry hydrants.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC