

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 18, 2012

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Rust, Councilpersons Wood, Sochia, Jock, Potter (6:35).

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Allen Fukes Assessor and Code Officer,  
Supervisor Rust called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 21, 2012 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to accept minutes of Special Meeting held on May 30, 2012 as presented.

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

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

Voucher Nos. 162 to 186 General Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$11,975.08 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 108 to 129 Highway Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$107,671.83 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 18 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$350.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

No persons present had anything to bring to the Board.

Correspondence:

Adirondack History Center: regarding summer lecture series at the Adirondack History Center Museum.

Old Business:

Posting of Ft. Jackson Park: Supv. Rust gave the board a sample of wording for posting in the Ft. Jackson Park.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to post the Ft. Jackson Park as follows; No discharging of firearms or other hunting or trapping devices allowed within the confines of the James A Tharrett Memorial Park. Adopted unanimously.

Town Office: Supv. Rust updated the Board. Pre-application has been sent to the USDA. Councilperson Potter is looking into on alternative power and heating sources.

BHLS: Supv. Rust reported that he and representatives from the Town of Brasher, Stockholm and Lawrence have met with the dentist and come to an agreement. He will continue to pay \$1,000.00 per month in rent and also start paying his own electrical, heat and sewer. When the natural gas line is in place the towns would purchase a new furnace for the building. They have agreed to set this up as a two to three year agreement and upon his retirement to leave for the new doctor for at least a year and then meet again to see if a revision in the lease agreement is necessary. Town of Brasher Supervisor will contact town attorney to have a lease agreement drawn up.

Propose Tax Levy Limit Local Law: Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to hold a Public Hearing July 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. on Proposed Local Law entitled "To Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c" as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Hopkinton, County of St. Lawrence pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Hopkinton, County of St. Lawrence to adopt a town budget for town purposes for the fiscal year 2013

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that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

### **Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

### **Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton, County of St. Lawrence is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2013 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

### **Section 4. Severability**

In any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, indirectly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

### **Section 5. Effective date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 12 permits to date.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended the May training in Canton. Informal hearings were held along with Grievance day on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Eleven property owners attended Grievance Day. Total reductions for the 2012 B.A.R. were 97.

Planning Board: Mr. Schrader reported the next meeting will be held July 10. They will work on a sample application for a small wind turbine installation.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported the June meeting was held at Mary Converse’s house. They reviewed the work the Town Historian has been doing. They are cleaning the Museum and trying to plan something for the Summer Fest.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported The Summer Reading Program will be held July 2 through August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. The DEC has new regulations on storage tanks.

Each tank must have a monthly report. Mr. Streeter also reported to the Board that he did not win his bid on the roller. He was contacted by another municipality, Town of Avoco, and they have a roller for sale, it is a Case and they want \$18,000.00. We would have to go and get it. It was suggested that maybe could meet half way. He will know more about this after their board meets. He looked at one at Perras Excavating for \$28,000.00, but felt it was too much money for the quality of it.

Mr. Streeter also reported that the International Bus was sold for \$2,050.00

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to allow the Highway Superintendent to contact the Town of Avoco and purchase the roller from them upon their board’s approval. Adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Wood asked Mr. Streeter if the Highway Department was going to be available the week of Summer Fest to help set-up and clean up. Mr. Streeter stated they will be bring the equipment and the trailer up on Wednesday and will install the fencing at the Tractor Pulls on Thursday. They will also plan to help with clean up on Monday.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that there was a problem with the engine on the tanker. They held their Banquet. He was given an award for 25 years as Chief. They have applied for a FEMA grant.

Groundskeeper: Mrs. Wood reported that Ben is trying to keep up with the mowing.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that the Girl Scout Cadets from Potsdam donated to the Food Pantry.

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New Business:

No Fee Electronic Waste: Supv. Rust reported to the Board that he had been contacted by Tom Smith in regards to free residential Electronic Waste. They will supply the container and pick them up when they are full. The container does need to be in a covered secure area. We do need to fill out a DEC permit, but the fee is covered by the company. Residents will be able to bring certain electronic waste to the Highway Garage during regular hours and when the dumpster is full we would call and they will come pick it up and replace it with an empty dumpster. They will provide us with a list of acceptable equipment.

The Board discussed this and Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to allow Supervisor Rust to sign a EWAN Municipal Partner form to become an RCR&R E-Waste Alliance Partner. Adopted unanimously.

SLC Trail Advisory Board: holding a meeting to form a study committee to discuss the development of a snowmobile community connector between Franklin and St. Lawrence County on the east side of Cary Reservoir. Mr. Sochia is interested in attending this meeting and will update the board.

NCLRA Rates: Supv. Rust reported to the Board that he had contacted Dan MaKillup in regards to assisting in negotiations next year. He sent a list of what his rates will be so we have something to work with at budget time.

Health Insurance: Supv. Rust reported that he and James Hollenbeck had attended a meeting at the Town of Stockholm in regards to alternative health insurance plan. He would like to set a meeting up in the near future with the representative and our Highway Employees so they can see what the plan has to offer.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC