

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 21, 2012

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Rust, Councilpersons Wood, Sochia.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Collette Parmer, Wanda Malette, Ernest Wood, Richard Schrader, Benny Fairchild, Brenda Nicholson arrived at 7:00 p.m.

ABSENT: Councilperson Jock.

Supervisor Rust called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2012 with correction. Adopted unanimously.

*CORRECTION: Gen Fund Abstract 4 NBT Bank void payment error in billing.

Highway Fund Abstract 4 Jeffords Steel void error in billing.

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

Voucher Nos. 126 to 161 General Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$26,544.22 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 80 to 107 Highway Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$39,064.78 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 13 to 17 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$796.61 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

No persons present had anything to bring to the Board.

Correspondence:

North Country Clean Energy Conference: will be held June 21-22, Lake Placid Conference Center.

Congressman Bill Owens: regards to reduced services of rural Post Offices.

Town of Parishville: Notice of Public Hearing on Local Law entitled "Wind Energy Facilities", May 22 9:30 a.m. at Parishville Town Hall.

COAX: regarding SLC Legislator passing a resolution opposing the Article X portion of the Power NY Act of 2011.

NYS Department of Transportation: funding for safe routes to school program.

SLC Treasurer: Mortgage Tax Report and payments to towns.

Old Business:

Posting of Ft. Jackson Park: Tabled.

Donald Hassig: regarding a resolution in regards to Persistent Organic Pollutants. Tabled.

Town Office: Supv. Rust updated the Board on the possibility of a new Town Office. He met with the USDA and filled out a pre-application. He has contacted Senator Griffo's Office regarding Member monies. They will send an application. He met with the Town Attorney to go over the legalities. He can represent us as legal counsel and bond attorney. He has met with Tom Pahler, Engineer, he will write up a proposal.

BHLS: Supv. Rust reported that he and representatives from the Town of Brasher, Stockholm and Lawrence will meet Wednesday morning to go over some different options to offer Dr. Alfonso in regards to a new lease.

Committee Reports:

Code: Mr. Fukes was not present, but prepared a written report for the Board.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes was not present, but prepared a written report for the Board.

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Planning Board: Mr. Schrader reported to the Board that he and Duane French went to Planning Board training in Canton. It was in regards to encourage towns to come up with a comprehensive plan. Mr. Rust reported that he is putting together an application for the process of installing wind tower for personal use. He will present it to the Planning Board at their next meeting and use this as training on the application process.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they will meet to review the names and select an applicant for a scholarship from the Hopkinton Historical Group.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported the Book Battle was a great success. The winning team will compete again on June 9th.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. Mrs. Wood questioned why the gate was left open at the Highway garage over the weekend. She also questioned now that they are done paving when can work start on the new entrance to the Ft. Jackson Park. Mr. Streeter commented that they will still be helping other towns do their blacktopping.

Mr. Streeter reported to the Board that International Auction web site has a single drum vibratory roller listed. It is a 1989 roller with 2000 hours. The current bid is at \$9100.00. He has looked at other used rollers and the prices are between \$32,000.00 and \$47,000.00.

Mr. Rust made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to allow the Highway Superintendant to continue to bid on the roller in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. Adopted unanimously.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that there will be a chicken barbeque May 27. They have completed OSHA training.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that the flowers are planted. He is going to cut brush at the ball field at a later date. He mowed the Catherinesville Cemetery. Mr. Wood also reported that he is going to have shoulder surgery and will not be able to take care of the grounds for a few weeks. He proposed to the Board that his son Benjamin Wood would be able to fill in if they would like.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that the ramp to the building has been repaired.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that SUNY Potsdam and BJ'S made donations this month. There is a teacher at St. Lawrence Central that donates non-food items each month. Shawn Streeter is taking over the pickups at Stewarts. They thanked the Town Board for the use of the Town Hall each month.

New Business:

Appointment of Councilperson: Supv. Rust reported to the Board that Deborah Bagnato has resigned her position of Councilperson effective May 9, 2012. We will need to appoint someone to fill the position until the next General Election in November.

Mrs. Wood reported to the Board that she had talked with Amanda Potter and she would like to be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Bagnato.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to appoint Amanda Potter as Councilperson to fill the vacancy left by Deborah Bagnato.

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

Amend Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds: Mr. Streeter reported that he has completed the blacktopping and we need to amend the original agreement.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to amend the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds. Adopted unanimously.

Local Law Budget Exceed Budget Cap: Budget Officer French asked the Town Board if they would like to move forward with adopting the Local Law to exceed the 2% tax cap for the budget year 2013. If we have this

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on file before our budget process and something happens that we exceed the 2% we will still be in compliance. The Board agreed to move forward with the Local Law.

International Bus: Mr. Streeter reported to the Board that he has listed the International Bus for sale on the web site of the International Auction. He asked the Board for permission to accept the highest bid.

Mr. Rust made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to allow the sale of the International Bus to the highest bidder on the International Auction web site. Adopted unanimously.

Groundskeeper Sub: Supv. Rust stated that we would not be able to appoint Benjamin Wood to fill in because we do not have a quorum, due to the fact the Mrs. Wood will have to abstain.

Mr. Rust made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Office for the purpose of appointing a substitute for the Groundskeeper. Adopted unanimously.

Summer Recreation Contract: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to approve the Summer Recreation Contract with the Town of Parishville in the amount of \$6500.00 for a period of six weeks, starting on July 9, 2012. Adopted unanimously.

Appointment of Registrar: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to appoint Vickie French to a four year term as Registrar of Vital Statistics. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC