

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TAX CAP

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2014

At the Public Hearing held on Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Crump, Sochia, Potter.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Allen Fukes Code & Assessor, Annette Green, Brenda Nicholson, Ernest Wood, Benjamin Wood, Chris Adams, Ethan Reynolds, Amanda Reynolds. Veron Parker and Raymond Parker Jr. arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Wood called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wood told those present the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear those for or against the adoption of Proposed Local Law 1 of 2014 entitled "To Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c. She also told those present that it was not the boards' intention to go over the 2% Tax Cap, but we need to be prepared as we go through the budget process.

Ernest Wood spoke in favor of the Proposed Law. There were no persons speaking against.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump that all persons desiring to be heard for or against have been heard and therefore the hearing on the Proposed Local Law 1 "To Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C is terminated at 7:05 p.m. Adopted unanimously.

Supv. Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor:

Ethan Reynolds spoke to the Board in regards to an event the SLC Trappers Association will be holding at Camp Mandaville. This is a camp established to teach trapping to youth. The event will be held October 10, 11, 12, and 13. Scholarships are available.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2014 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the Supervisors Financial Report for July 2014 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 231 to 266 General Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$9,576.55 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 99 to 111 Highway Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$16,507.85 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 16 to 19 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 8 in the amount of \$1,660.99 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Correspondence:

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation regarding the Hopkinton Green. State review Board has recommended to the commissioner of SHPO that the Village Green be listed on the NYS Register of Historic Places and nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. SHPO has agreed and placed the property on the State Register of Historic Places. The nomination will now be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D. C. If approved the Village Green will be listed on the National Register.

American Power & Gas: regarding a rebate check. We received a 25% rebate on our average month's billing. The check was for \$40.51.

BHLS Health Center: presented a copy of their minutes from the August 5th meeting.

James Hollenbeck: presented his letter of resignation as a MEO from the Highway Department effective August 10th, 2014.

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Old Business:

Generator: Chris Adams from Tri-Town Rescue was present and reported to the Board that the deadline for bids was being changed. We will be receiving a new letter with the details. Discussion was held on the cost of a new propane generator. The Board tabled this matter until the September meeting.

Local Law on Tax Cap: Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to Adopt Local Law No 1 of 2014 entitled To Override the Tax Levy Limit established in general Municipal Law 3-c.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Sochia Aye, Crump Aye, Potter Aye, Lyon Aye.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she met with the Town Attorney on the abandonment of Clear Pond Road. All Board Members have copies of the correspondence from Roger Linden, Town Attorney and a copy of the proposed Certificate and Resolution of Qualified Abandonment of Town Highway. The County Superintendent of Highways has to call for a Public Hearing. She also spoke with him in regards to preparing the bid package for the new Town Office.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The property owner on County Route 49 with the junk and garbage will be taken care of this month and into September.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. All files have been updated on the computer files, roll books and hard copies.

Library: Brenda Nicholson reported that the Summer Reading Program is completed. They had 57 children participate.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He reported to the Board that this will be the last year we can get sand out of our own pit. He is currently working with Dave Fullerton to get sand out of his pit. The price of salt has gone from \$42.00/ton to \$65.00/ton. The bridge at the Ft. Jackson Park has been replaced.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported on the calls, man hours, training and work detail for the month. They made a profit of \$4500.00 on the Garden Tractor Pulls and the chicken barbeque. They have purchased a Thermo Camera. They are having a work detail and if persons who work at Alcoa volunteer to help they can receive funding. The Boat is in the water at Lake Ozonia. Tri-Town Rescue had 9 calls.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that they had a fire extinguisher inspection. They have sent in their Budget request for 2015. They are asking for the same as last year \$750.00. They are looking into purchasing a generator.

Food Pantry: Georgia Macy presented a written report. They supplemented 259 people in August.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported he has been mowing and trimming. He also made the Board aware that there are persons setting up lawn sales in the park and parking their vehicles on the lawn.

New Business:

Clear Pond Road: Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to proceed with the Qualified Abandonment of Clear Pond Road. Adopted unanimously. Mr. Green will notify the County Highway Superintendent.

Library Ramp Railing: A quote was received from J.B.S. Welding for 95 feet of two line rails primed and painted at \$23.16/foot for a total of \$2200.00. Discussion was held and it was reported that the metal plate that is covering a crack in the ramp is more of a hazard than the railing at this time. Mr. Green said he would look at the ramp and see if he could remove the plate and repair the crack. The Board tabled a decision on the railing until next month.

Court Grant: Supv Wood reported to the Board that there is another round of court grants and she asked the Board to approve a resolution to apply.

Mr. Crump introduced the following resolution with a second by Ms Lyon BE IT RESOLVED that at a regular
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Town Board Meeting of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, on August 18, 2014, the Town Board unanimously agreed to apply for a Justice Court Grant.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Lyon Aye, Potter Aye, Crump Aye, Sochia Aye.

Vacancy in Highway Dept: Mr. Green reported that he has five applicants. One applicant does not live in the Town of Hopkinton. He is going to start interviewing next week. As soon as an applicant is hired the application will be sent to SLC for approval and upon that person passing a physical and Drug and Alcohol test he will set a start date.

Local Government Conference: will be held on October 14 at SUNY Potsdam. Those wishing to attend should notify the Town Clerk for registration.

Budget Meeting: Budget Officer, Vickie French, asked the Board to set a date to begin work on the 2015 budget. The Board agreed to hold a Special Meeting on September 9th at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Office to begin work on the 2015 budget.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC