

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER
2. PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 19, & 28, 2017
4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY & JUNE
5. AUDIT OF BILLS:
 - a. Voucher Nos. 172 to 192 General Account \$ 8,193.10
 - b. Voucher Nos. 78 to 86 Highway Account \$ 14,188.20
 - c. Voucher Nos. 13 to _____ BHLS Account \$ 5.79
6. REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORT TO DATE
 - a. General Fund:
Transfer from A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$3,047.00
7. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Department of Public Service – re: National Grid proposed increase
 - b. BHLS minutes
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Proposed Wind Law
 - b. Open Bids on Surplus Equipment
 - c. DEC regarding land purchase
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Supervisor update
 - b. Code Enforcement
 - c. Assessor
 - d. Library
 - e. Museum
 - f. Highway & Safety
 - g. Town Facilities
 - h. Fire & Rescue
 - i. BHLS Health Center
 - j. Groundskeeper
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Wind Advisory Board vacancy
11. ADJOURNMENT

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 19, 2017

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Crump, Parker, Sochia

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Highway Supt., Clerk French, Assessor Allen Fukes, Scott McDonald, Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano, Deborah Rust, Amber Lindsey, Gary Snell Sr., Richard Eakins, Robert Blum, Sandy Maine, Robin Fefee, Nancy Horan, Luke Dailey, Kelly Pullano, Mary Jane Toomey, Mike Toomey, Beth Rosenbarker Mary Witherell, Jan Keller, Dolores Rice, Janice Pease, Joseph Peace, Kelly Charleson, Patricia Belile, Piper Sochia, Gail Kelly, Tim Kelly, Luke Daily, Douglas Witherell, Lori Witherell, Tom Whitesell, Jon Davis, Norma Davis, Ellen White, Corey Sheldon, Michelle Sheldon

Supv. Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor:

Gary Snell Sr: Taxes vs PILOT. Asked the Board to reject a PILOT agreement. He stated that the \$750,000.00 being offered will be shared between two towns, one school district and the county. Also, that amount includes the Community Agreement. Studies show that it cost between 3.5 and 5.5 million dollars per tower to build times 38 proposed wind turbines would add 130 – 200 million to the assessment roll. He also read a letter from the DPS about the Avangrid Proposal.

Lori Witherell: presented the Board with a petition of 750 signatures against a PILOT agreement.

Luke Daily: asked the Board to keep the set-backs at 5 times the height and to set sound decibels to 35dbs at night to protect the people from infrasound.

Gail Kelly: Encouraged the Board to support the North Ridge Wind Project.

Janice Pease: proposed wind farm is dangerous to population's health.

Richard Eakins: presented Supv. Wood with a Tax Exemption from Solar/Wind form that is available to anyone wishing to apply for the exemption. He asked if the town allows for this exemption. She stated she did not know and would have to refer this to the Assessor.

Mr. Fukes, Assessor, explained it is a state wide form. If someone applies he would have to accept it unless the town opts out of exemptions. He also explained that only the solar panels are exempt not the land they are on.

Kelly Charleson: Consider the sound effects on the animals. Look at what the County is proposing for setbacks. Also the question from the county on the rational of SH72 line for Wind Overlay Zone.

Frank Potenzano: Stated they had paid experts that speak in regards to Audio and Health & Safety at the last meeting held by Avangrid. He stated that the info given by them is being discounted because they are being paid however, the info given by them is supported by the World Health Organization and America Standards National Institute. He asked the Board to do their homework. There are over 1,000 operating wind turbines in Jefferson and Lewis County. Look there to see if there have been any adverse health problems and also taxation vs PILOT.

Kelly Pullano: Town Board now needs to stand behind the Wind Advisory Board and what they have presented.

Kelly Potenzano: Reminded the Board that general consensus about the project is 50/50 with many still undecided.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 15, 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept Supervisors Financial Report for April 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Supervisor Wood reported to the Board that May Financial Report was not available due to Bank Statements had not arrived

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Voucher Nos. 131 to 171 General Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$37,582.10 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 63 to 77 Highway Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$217,231.65 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 12 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$425.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to make the following Transfer. Adopted unanimously.

General Fund:

From A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$1,060.00.

Correspondence:

BHLS: Minutes of June 7, 2017 meeting were presented.

Jefferson County Department of Planning: regarding North County HOME Consortium, Re-authorization for 2018-2020 Federal Awards. This is an automatic renewal for three years unless the Board wishes to opt out. The Board not to opt out.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: regarding the possibility of a state purchase of property owned by MWF Adirondacks, LLC. It would involve four parcels, approximately 274 acres. It would become part of the Whiskey Flats State Forest.

The Board discussed this and asked the Supervisor to contact Mr. Contino for more info in regards to how this might affect the town.

Eugene DeNagel, NE Management Corp: regarding APA Project 2016-0052. He is objecting to any use of area for mining, use of a section of Meacham Road and proposed truck volume in regards to the application by Seaway Timber use-maintenance of the Meacham Road.

Old Business:

Museum Siding & Roof: Mr. Crump reported that he met with the Historical Group and they are willing to pay for the new roof on the Museum if the Town pays for the siding.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to contract with Duane Black Construction to install siding on Museum in the amount of \$13,769.00, the balance of the grant money in the amount of \$12,105.00 and General Fund will be used for payment. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she has been busy attending several meetings in regards to the proposed Wind Farm.

Code Enforcement: Mr. McGill submitted a written report. Supervisor Wood read it aloud.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Grievance Day was held June 6. The Final Roll book is completed.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that the foundation project has been completed. He would like the Board to do a thorough inspection with him before we release the final payment.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to approve final payment in the amount of \$4895.00 to Duane Black Construction pending Board review and approval of the project. Adopted unanimously.

Library: Jan Keller reported that they had 125 patron visits this month. She has been busy getting ready for the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "Build a Better World". It will start on July 10. She thanked

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Stewarts and Lamphere's Market for ice cream cone gift certificates. She is working with NCLS to get Ancestry.com available at the Library. They are also updating their patron info.

She also informed the Board that the Friends of the Library would like to purchase some exterior signage for the library if they town would install them.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to allow the installation of signage for the Library. Adopted unanimously.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He also reported to the Board that Truck 6 blew a front left tire and did a lot of damage to the truck. He contacted the insurance company all damage and towing service will be covered.

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon reported that the Fire Department held their banquet at the Town Hall on June 10. There was a problem with the drain on the steam table. It has been repaired.

Fire & Rescue: Mr. Parker presented a written report. He reported on logged hours and training. They will hold their Field Day on August 5. Tri-Town Rescue had 56 total calls, eight were in the Town of Hopkinton.

BHLS: The new dentist is going to remodel the office. He presented a floor plan. This will be done at his cost.

New Business:

Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer: Mr. Green asked the Board to approve a transfer of funds from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of an 8ft Poly Caster 2.5 Cubic Yard Sander not to exceed a cost of \$5261.60.

Mr. Crump introduced the following Resolution with a second by Mr. Sochia:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Town Supervisor to expend funds from the Town Equipment Reserve Fund of the Town of Hopkinton, subject to Permissive Referendum.

The Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve pursuant to the provisions of section 6-c of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Hopkinton be and she hereby is authorized and directed to transfer from the Town Equipment Reserve Fund of the Town of Hopkinton, duly established on January 1, 1988 to the Highway Machinery Equipment Account expense item DA5130.2 in the Annual Budget for the year 2017, \$5,200.00 of said Reserve Fund to purchase per State Contract a new 8ft. Poly Caster 2.5 cubic yard sander.

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

BY ORDER of the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Crump Aye, Parker Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye.

Budget Amendment: Supervisor Wood asked the Board to approve a resolution in regards to the JCAP grant received.

Mr. Parker introduced the following Resolution with a second by Ms. Lyon:

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton applied for a JCAP grant for CCTV and,

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton received \$6,500.00 from the JCAP grant,

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton increases the Fines and Forfeitures line item A2610 by \$6,500.00 and increases the Justice line item a1110.4 by \$6,500.00.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye

Sale of Surplus Equipment: Mr. Green reported to the Board that he has the following equipment at the Highway Garage that he would like declared surplus and put up for bid:

- 2000 International Tandem Axel Dump Truck with plow, wing, sander, spare tires and parts.
- 2006 1.5 Cubic yard Airflow Stainless Steel Sander with gas engine

REGULAR MEETING CONTINUED

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- Truck Mount York Road Broom

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to declare the items as surplus and advertise for bids. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the July 17, 2017 Board meeting. Adopted unanimously.

St Lawrence County Planning Board: regarding County Planning Board 239-m Decision. Wind Energy Facilities Local Law was approved with Conditions.

The Town Board reviewed all of the Recommendation/Condition.

Section 10 page 13: Wind Overlay Zone. Mr. Crump and Mr. Parker disagreed with the Wind Overlay Zone presented by the Wind Advisory Board. Mr. Parker felt the zone should expand to the south side of State Highway 72. That excluding that area is not fair to persons that may have an interest in that area. He feels there is more forest area on the South side and would absorb more of the sound.

Supervisor Wood and Ms. Lyon disagreed and felt should adopt the Wind Overlay Zone as presented by the Wind Advisory Board.

Section 17 page 24: County had no comment on this section, however Mr. Parker expressed that he would like to see the total sound pressure level generated by a WECS and sources unrelated to the turbines changed to not exceed 45 Leq A-weighted decibels.

Section 18 Page 26 of the proposed local law setbacks: Mr. Crump and Mr. Parker agreed with the County suggestion that the town reexamine the setback dimensions and consider reducing the setbacks from nonparticipating property lines and roads. They feel that the proposed local law is way too aggressive. Supervisor Wood and Ms. Lyon disagreed and felt that we should support the Wind Advisory Boards suggestions.

Section 19, page 26: recommends the town legal counsel conduct a thorough review of this Section. Supv Wood will contact the Town Attorney and have him review it.

Supervisor Wood asked the Board to set another date to continue to work on the Proposed Local Law and set a date also for a Public Hearing.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to hold a Special Meeting on June 28, 2017 to discuss and work on Proposed Local Law Wind Energy Facilities and prepare it for its final revision.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia recused himself.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to set a Public Hearing date of July 13, 2017.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia recused himself.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to enter into an Executive Session to discuss negotiations with Avangrid at 8:45 p.m.

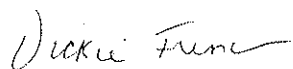
VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye. Mr. Sochia recused himself and removed himself from the Executive Session.

Regular meeting resumed at 9:25 p.m.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Vickie French, RMC

SPECIAL MEETING PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY

JUNE 28, 2017

At the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supv. Wood, Councilpersons Crump, Lyon, Parker, Clerk French, Frances Hazelton, Mary Witherell, Wayne Akley, Amber Lindsey, Ellen White, Willy Dailey, Gary Snell Sr., Michelle Huto, Corey Sheldon, Luke Dailey, Dolores Rice, Patricia Belile, Piper Sochia, Janice Pease, Joseph Pease, Beth Rosenbarker, Guy Rosenbarker, , Robert Blum, Sherry Blum, Douglas Witherell, Lori Witherell, Christina Snell, Jessie Miller Bonno, Luke Martin, Steve Hopkins, Madeline Pennington, Lisa Gray, Andrew Gray, Richard Eakins, Gail Kelly, Tim Kelly, Ellen Devine, J. Neil Devine, Esq., Ira C Miller Jr., Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano, Deborah Rust, Eli Sochia, Scott McDonald, Mary Jane Toomey, Richard Powers. Lynda Bage, Tom Farns.

ABSENT: Councilman Sochia

Supv. Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wood addressed the public and told them there would be no public comment aloud at the Special Meeting. The meeting is for the Board to work on the Wind Energy Facility Law.

Supervisor Wood also stated that Mr. Crump would not be able to participate in the meeting at this time.

Supv. Wood told the board that all the conditions that were proposed by the County Planning Board, that the Town Board agreed with at the June 19th meeting have been changed.

Items to discuss are the Wind Overlay Zone, Set-backs and noise level.

Supervisor Wood thanked the Wind Advisory Board for all their hard work in putting the law together.

Wind Overlay Zone: Councilman Lyon and Supervisor Wood stated they would like to keep the Wind Overlay Zone as presented by the Wind Advisory Board, all turbines would be located North of SH 72. Councilman Parker felt the Wind Overlay Zone should be extended to South of SH 72. He stated that south of SH 72 is less populated, more trees for sound buffer, he does not agree with the loss of hunting most of the proposed area is private land. He also stated that the Tug Hill area has trails near existing wind turbines. He stated that the DEC is involved in the Article 10 process and we need to let them decide if there is a danger to wildlife.

Set-backs: The Wind Advisory Board is proposed 2500 ft , the current law sets it at 1800 ft based on smaller turbines than being proposed currently.

Mr. Parker stated that the 2500ft set-back will exclude the whole town, therefore we should not be trying to pass a law for the regulation of a wind farm we should be writing a law not allowing wind turbines. He felt 2500ft was too restrictive.

Supervisor Wood stated that if we pass the law with the 2500 ft set-back the wind company has the option to file for a variance.

Noise: Supervisor Wood and Councilman Lyon stated they would like to leave the DBA at 40, which was recommended by the Wind Advisory Board. She reported that the Town of Parishville set theirs at 35 dba for the nighttime and 40dba for daytime.

Mr. Parker commented that he would like to see it raised to 45dba in the daytime. He has research what other states have theirs set at and they are much higher.

Supervisor Wood stated that we should try to keep our law in line with the same one Town of Parishville passed.

Mr. Parker felt they should have consulted with the Town of Hopkinton before passage.

SPECIAL MEETING CONTINUED

JUNE 28, 2017

Supv. Wood commented that there was plenty of opportunity for all board members to attend meetings on this matter before hand and if we do not come to a compromise on these matters the 2011 law that is filed will stand and it is to no benefit to any of us.

Mr. Parker stated that he would like to see the set-backs changed to 1800ft from residence, not from property line. He would like the dba raised to 45 and extend the Wind Overlay Zone to south of SH 72. Ms Lyon stated that she is willing to move some on the set-backs but not as far as 1800 ft. She also is not in favor of extending the Wind Overlay Zone south of SH 72 nor is she in favor of raising the dba to 45.

Supervisor Wood stated she has concerns about shorting up the set-back. She is also concerned about what we have 20 years from now will not be enough.

Supervisor Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to postpone the Public Hearing that was scheduled for July 13, 2017 while the Board continues to work on getting more answers set-backs, noise levels, Wind Overlay Zone.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Lyon Aye, Parker Aye, Crump Abstained, Sochia Absent.

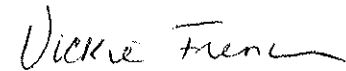
Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to rescind the motion made on June 19, 2017 at a Regular Meeting to hold a Public Hearing on July 13, 2017.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Absent.

Supervisor Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



· Vickie L French

RMC

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers
GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE

Total Claims: \$8,193.10

07/17/2017

Number 007

Voucher #	Claimant	Account #	Amount	Check	Date
172	JAMES LYON JULY ACCT FEES	A1320.1	949.67	9538	07/10/2017
173	KEY BANK 804449806/ADOBE PDF CONVERTER	A1410.4	21.60	9539	07/10/2017
174	TEAMSTERS HEALTH & HOSPITAL AUGUST HEALTH INS HWY SUPT	A9060.8	829.67		
175	USHERWOOD OFFICE TECHNOLOGY 641549/COPIER SERVICE CONTRACT	A1345.4	59.51		
176	NYS ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION AMISH CONTRUCTION TRANING	A1355.4	55.00		
177	ALLEN FUKES ASSESSOR MILEAGE	A1355.4	113.50		
178	NICHOLVILLE TELEPHONE CO. GARAGE PHONE & INTERNET	A5132.4	108.74		
178	NICHOLVILLE TELEPHONE CO. LIBRARY	A7410.4	36.14		
179	BAKER & TAYLOR 2032924698/BOOKS	A7410.4	8.56		
180	J & F TRASH SERVICE 16860/TRASH REMOVAL JULY	A8160.4	75.00		
181	SERVICE EDUCATION INC. 1706-00813/COURT MAINT/SUPPOR AGREEMENT	A1110.4	1,140.00		
182	WAYNE BROCKWAY SANITATION SERV 5221/PORT-A-POTTY FT JACK PARK	A7140.4	190.00		
183	DAVID BEEKMAN 4-6-17 TO 6-28-17/MILEAGE	A1110.4	285.00		
184	BENEFACOR FUNDING CORP 1708903/WATER TEST TOWN HALL	A1620.4	30.00		
185	JOHNSON NEWSPAPER CORP 786642/LLEGAL NOT EQUIP RESERVE	A1410.4	30.02		
185	JOHNSON NEWSPAPER CORP 786643/LLEGAL NOT SPECIAL MTG	A1410.4	16.16		
185	JOHNSON NEWSPAPER CORP 786644/LLEGAL NOT SURPLUS EQUIP	A1410.4	27.33		
186	NATIONAL GRID STREET LIGHTS	A5182.4	572.34	9540	07/10/2017
187	JAN KELLER SUMMER READING SUPPLIES	A7410.4	155.01		

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Voucher #	Claimant	Account #	Amount	Check	Date
187	JAN KELLER SUMMER READING SUPPLIES	A7410.4	57.01		
188	NYSTCA 17-18 DUES	A1410.4	75.00		
189	JOHNSTON'S WATER ZONE 151006/COOLER CLEANING	A1620.4	34.95		
189	JOHNSTON'S WATER ZONE 007974/WATER & CUPS GARAGE	A5132.4	17.98		
189	JOHNSTON'S WATER ZONE 151007/COOLER CLEANING GARAGE	A5132.4	34.95		
190	WAL*MART 01946/FILE FOLDERS COURT	A1110.4	5.94		
190	WAL*MART 01946/CLERK SUPPLIES	A1410.4	35.76		
190	WAL*MART 01946/FILE FOLDERS OFFICE	A1660.4	5.94		
191	CAPPELLO & LINDEN 38641/Iberdrola Wind Towers	A1420.4	3,046.87		
192	TIME WARNER CABLE JUDGE INTERNET & PHONE	A1110.4	29.25		
192	TIME WARNER CABLE SUPV INTERNET & PHONE	A1220.4	29.24		
192	TIME WARNER CABLE ACCT INTERNET & PHONE	A1320.4	29.24		
192	TIME WARNER CABLE ASSESSOR INTERNET & PHONE	A1355.4	29.24		
192	TIME WARNER CABLE CLERK INTERNET & PHONE	A1410.4	29.24		
192	TIME WARNER CABLE CODE INTERNET & PHONE	A8020.4	29.24		
Total:			8,193.10		

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers
HIGHWAY

Total Claims: \$14,188.20

07/17/2017

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Voucher #	Claimant	Account #	Amount	Check	Date
78	TEAMSTERS HEALTH & HOSPITAL AUGUST HEALTH INS	DA9060.8	5,551.14		
79	SHEEHAN EQUIPMENT CORP 28935/GRAVEL	DA5112.2	1,944.00	8725	07/11/2017
80	SHEEHAN EQUIPMENT CORP 28797/BLACK TOP GREEN ROAD	DA5110.4	722.00		
81	POTSDAM TIRE & AUTO 159527/ALIGNMENT 02 GMC	DA5130.4	72.79		
82	BEAM MACK SALES & SERVICE 201605W/FILTER	DA5130.4	19.04		
83	JEFFERSON-LEWIS BOCES 541-17A/ADMN CHARGES DRUG & ALCOHOL	DA5120.4	66.25		
84	LONG PARK TIRE, INC 584007/TIRES TR 4 & 6	DA5130.4	680.24		
84	LONG PARK TIRE, INC 584176/TIRES TR-4 & 6	DA5130.4	1,128.70		
85	MIDSTATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 17-48484/FILRITE PUMP	DA5130.4	629.00		
85	MIDSTATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 17-48665/FILL-RITE H/D METER	DA5130.4	219.99		
85	MIDSTATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 17-48676/POLY BROOM REFILL	DA5130.4	354.35		
86	MX FUELS 022343/DIESEL FUEL	DA5110.4	577.84		
86	MX FUELS 030762/GAS	DA5110.4	813.30		
86	MX FUELS 030761/DIESEL FUEL	DA5110.4	867.88		
86	MX FUELS 022281/DIESEL FUEL	DA5110.4	541.68		
Total:			14,188.20		

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

BHLs FUND

TOWN OF HOPKINTON ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NY ABSTRACT NO. 7

DATE OF AUDIT JULY 17, 2017

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CLAIM NO	CLAIMANT	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	CHECK	AMOUNT
B-13	ELLIOTT'S FARM & HOME SUPPLY	BHLS	\$ 5.79		\$ 5.79
		TOTAL	\$5.79		\$ 5.79

To the Supervisor

I certify that the vouchers listed above were audited by the _____ Town Board _____ On the above date and allowed in the amounts shown. You are hereby authorized and directed to pay to each of the claimants the amount opposite his name.

07/17/2017
Date

Town Clerk



Department of Public Service

Public Service Commission
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Chief Executive Officer

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June 30, 2017

Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

In April 2017, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, requested that the New York State Public Service Commission approve a proposed increase in its electric and gas delivery rates. National Grid serves approximately 3.2 million customers in 37 counties in Upstate, Central and Western New York State.

To ensure full public participation, the Commission will hold public statement hearings throughout National Grid's service territory to solicit input and public comments regarding the proposed increases. Each hearing will be preceded by an information session where a National Grid representative will describe the Company's filing and Department of Public Service Staff will explain the rate case process and how individuals can participate. The public comments will be considered by the Commission in deciding this case.

The enclosed fact sheet provides an overview of the Company's proposal, information on how to participate in the public statement hearings and available options to submit comments on the National Grid proceeding. Information about the rate proposal can be found at the Commission's www.dps.ny.gov web site. From the homepage, click on "Search," and enter the case number (17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

It is the Commission's intent to facilitate and encourage active and meaningful participation throughout all of its proceedings. We hope you will consider joining us at one of the hearings listed below.

Sincerely,

Michael Corso
Consumer Advocate

Enc.

The public statement hearing dates and locations for the National Grid rate proposal are as follows:

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, July 25	Schenectady County Community College Stockade 101 78 Washington Avenue Schenectady, NY 12305	Information Session – 1 pm Public Statement Hearing – 2 pm
Tuesday, July 25	Hilton Garden Inn Sage II Conference Room 235 Hoosick Street Troy, NY 12180	Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Thursday, July 27	Lake Placid Olympic Conference Center 2608 Main Street Lake Placid, NY 12946	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Monday, July 31	Nottingham High School Auditorium 3100 East Genesee Street Syracuse, NY 13224	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Tuesday, August 1	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Gallery Conference Room 1 Lafayette Square Buffalo, NY 14203	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm



**Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
d/b/a National Grid
Proposed Rate Increase**

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The utility's filing includes the utility's proposed new rates and the supporting documentation to justify its proposal. Once the filing was received, a formal rate case proceeding was initiated. Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff began an analysis of the Company's request to evaluate whether – or to what extent – a rate increase is justified. DPS represents the public interest in rate proceedings and evaluates such requests with the goal of ensuring safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates. Review of the National Grid filing is also underway by other parties to the proceeding.

SUMMARY OF THE RATE CASE

On April 28, 2017, National Grid filed for new electric and gas delivery rates to be effective beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019. According to the filing, the Company's proposal will enable National Grid to continue to provide safe and reliable electric and gas service. National Grid asserts that the rate request will also allow the Company to provide enhanced low-income customer programs, modernize the electric distribution system, and create programs providing customers with the opportunity to better manage their energy consumption.

Proposed Rates:

An electric or gas bill consists of two parts: delivery and supply. The *delivery* charge is the cost to transport the electricity or gas to customers throughout the utility's system. This fee is regulated by the Commission. The *supply* charge is the cost of the electricity or gas itself. This cost is determined by the competitive market place and is not controlled by the Commission or the utility.

Electric Rates: Under this proposal, National Grid requests an increase in annual electric delivery revenues by approximately \$326 million (a 22.8% delivery revenue increase or 13% increase in total revenues). If the proposed rate request were to be approved, the Company estimates that the monthly bill for electric service to a residential heating customer using 600 kWh per month will increase by approximately \$11.23 (21.8% increase on the delivery charge or a 13.9% increase on the total bill).

Gas Rates: For its gas business, National Grid is requesting a delivery revenue increase of approximately \$81 million (24% increase in base delivery revenues, or 14% increase in total revenues). The Company projects that the requested increase in delivery revenues will result in a monthly bill increase of about \$10.38 (24.8% on the delivery charge or 14.9% increase on the total bill) for an average residential heating customer using 77 therms per month.

Rate Case Components:

- **Electric Transmission and Distribution System Improvements:** National Grid proposes several new or enhanced programs to increase the reliability, safety and resiliency of the electric transmission and distribution systems. The Company is proposing enhanced tree trimming to address reliability concerns arising from Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Additionally, National Grid's proposal includes expenditures to address new load growth on its system as well as aging infrastructure replacement.
- **System Modernization:** The Company proposes several new initiatives to modernize their electric distribution system. These initiatives, such as the development of a distributed generation interconnection portal, will enable new technologies to be integrated onto the system. Additionally investment in this area will provide for greater system visualization, and increased automation leading to improvements in outage restoration.
- **Low Income Programs:** National Grid proposes to enhance its low income programs, including providing tiered monthly bill discounts to customers who receive a Home Energy Assistance Program benefit and establishing a fuel conversion program to convert low-income customers living near a gas main at no cost.
- **New Programs:** National Grid is proposing new programs to engage customers. The Company plans to develop a residential solar marketplace to inform customers and match customers interested in installing solar panels with providers in the area. The Company is also proposing a geothermal heating and cooling project to explore the use of underground heat exchangers used in combination with advanced solar hot water panels.
- **Street Lighting:** National Grid proposes to make Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights the standard for replacement for luminaire failures in the event the failure cannot be remedied by simple maintenance such as a bulb replacement. The Company also plans on implementing an energy efficiency program that provides incentives to facilitate municipalities' conversion to LED street lights.
- **Leak Prone Pipe Retirement:** National Grid has approximately 675 miles of leak prone pipe (LPP) inventory. The Company proposes to accelerate current LPP retirement efforts to 50 miles per year, which will result in the retirement of the entire LPP inventory within fifteen years. The Company proposes to either increase, maintain or modify its existing leak backlog, emergency response, damage prevention and compliance measures.
- **Gas Business Enablement:** To address aged computer systems, manage regulatory compliance, standardize operational processes and enhance work management, the Company is proposing to develop new information systems programs collectively called Gas Business Enablement (GBE). According to National Grid, the benefits of the GBE system are providing more efficient asset management, operational effectiveness, establishment of standard processes and training for its employees and enhanced customer interaction.
- **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI):** National Grid proposes to replace its electric and gas metering technology with AMI and AMI-compatible technology that will provide customers with more detailed information regarding their energy consumption.

The full text of the rate case may be viewed online at DPS's www.dps.ny.gov website. From the homepage, click on "Search," and enter the case number (17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

For major gas and electric utility filings, the Commission is required to render a decision on the rate request within 11 months. Under New York State Law, the Commission must consider a utility's proposal and may adopt or reject it in whole or in part, or modify it by adopting changes proposed by participating parties, the general public or the Commission.

The Commission strongly believes that obtaining public input is a critical component of the rate setting process. Stakeholders such as consumers, government agencies and officials, public interest and environmental groups and industry representatives are invited to participate in the process, review the proposal and submit comments. An Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will preside over the gathering of public comments and all evidence relating to the rate request.

There are several ways to participate in the rate case process, including:

- **Provide Comments:** Comments submitted through the methods indicated below will be accepted at any point while this proceeding is pending. All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission:
 - **Via Public Statement Hearings:** The Commission will hold hearing in multiple locations in National Grid's service territory during July and August 2017. Interested members of the public are invited to attend the public statement hearings and provide comments regarding the proposal. The hearings will be preceded by an information session where a National Grid representative will describe the Company's filing and DPS Staff will explain the rate case process and how individuals can participate. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material in order to speak at the hearings.
 - **Via the Department's Website:** Comments may also be entered directly into the case via the www.dps.ny.gov website. Enter the associated case numbers (17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239) in the "Search by Case Number" field on the homepage of the website. After clicking to open the case, enter comments in the "Post Comments" section located at the top of the page.
 - **Via Mail/E-Mail:** Submit comments electronically to Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments delivered in these manners should reference "National Grid Rate Case" (17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239).
 - **Via Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to comment by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments about Cases 17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239 "National Grid Rate Case." Comments received via the Opinion Line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission for their consideration.

- **Request Party Status:** Some individuals or groups participate in rate cases by becoming a party in the case. Generally, parties commit to contribute to the development of a complete record in a proceeding by conducting discovery, submitting testimony, briefs, or other formal written comments, and/or participating in evidentiary hearings, procedural conferences and other formal events conducted in the case. A request for party status can be submitted online through the Commission's www.dps.ny.gov website by searching for the case numbers and clicking the "Request for Party Status" link at the top of the Case page. Alternatively, a request form can be downloaded from the website or by writing to the ALJ, NYS Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223. The requestor will be provisionally given party status, subject to the right of other parties to object and subject to the determination of the ALJ.

- **Join the Service List:** Interested persons who wish to monitor the proceedings of a particular case can do so without the formal commitment to become a party to the proceeding. The persons who subscribe to the service list of a case will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulings. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Commission-issued documents by regular mail.

To register online, click on the "Subscribe to Service List" link at the top of the dedicated page for Cases 17-E-0238 and 17-G-0239. A "Service List and Mail Service List Request Form" can be downloaded from the site and the completed form sent by e-mail to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to: Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350.

- **Monitor the Case on the Commission Website:** Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive e-mail notifications can view our website at their convenience to check on the status of a case. For a given case, all documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and Commission issued documents are posted on the website. All comments submitted by the public are posted under the 'public comments' tab for the case.

The regular monthly meeting of the BHLS
Board of Managers meeting next July 11, 2017
at the Stockholm Town Hall at 9:30 am.

Present: Bill Demo, Gilbert Sochia, Nancy Lynch

We reviewed the correspondence.

Dr. Gulden's July rent check \$ 1000.00

Elliott's Farm + Home Supply, Inc.

- Toilet Flapper \$ 5.79

Nationwide policy for 8/29/2017 - 8/29/2018

NO BILL YET.

MBT statement ending 5/31/2017 \$ 22,531.01

after reconciliation \$ 23,106.01

The next meeting will be Aug 8, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 10¹⁵

TOWN OF HOPKINTON

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

MONTH OF: June 2017

- 6 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
- 21 TOTAL PERMITS TO DATE
- 1 DEMOLITION PERMIT
- 5 PERMITS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME
- 2 VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

EXPLAINED

- 6-2 Dollar General plumbing inspection. Passed.
- 6-2 Met with homeowner at 2850 SH 72 concerning code violations. Intends to comply within 30 days.
- 6-2 Complaint received concerning livestock / fence issues at 256 CR 49. Determined that homeowner is within his rights.
- 6-9 Dollar General inspection of slab. Passed.
- 6-9 Complaint received concerning garbage and boarded windows at 7 Peck St.
- 6-15 Dollar General framing inspection. Passed.
- 6-15 Site inspection at 7 Peck St. following complaint on 6-9. Possible violations, letter sent.

PERMITS:

- 6-9 420 Sqft. camp, Kildare
- 6-9 160 sqft. Addition, 9 Brown Tract, Lake Ozonia
- 6-23 24x28 camp, 8x28 porch, WWTS, Sylvan Falls Rd.
- 6-23 7x8 addition, 1011 Santamont Rd.
- 6-30 Demo – 20x20 barn, 30 Circle Rd.
- 6-30 Partial Demo of boathouse, new dock & siding, Young Rd.