

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2019

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Parker, & Pullano

ADSENT: Councilperson Sochia

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Powers, Mr. Ploof, Deb Rust, Vickie French, Etta Phelix, Kelly & Frank Potenzano, Robert Blum, Janice & Joe Pease, David Slater.

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

Privilege of the Floor: No comments

Ms. Pullano asked for the October 21, 2019 minutes to reflect the following correction regarding the Clarkson solar farm visit. The tour was with Mike Tremper (not Bruce). Ms. Pullano then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker, to accept the minutes, as revised, of the Regular Meeting held on November 18, 2019. Supv. Wood, AYE, Councilpersons, Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Pullano AYE.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the Financial Reports for November 2019. Supv. Wood, AYE, Councilpersons, Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Pullano AYE.

Voucher Nos. 303 to 327 General Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$17,651.96 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 137 to 143 Highway Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$3,397.82 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 23 to 24 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$484.97 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon, to pay the bills. Supv. Wood, AYE, Councilpersons, Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Pullano AYE.

Budget Report: No report

Correspondence:

Supr. Wood read a written report from SLC Legislator Perkins. The Board reviewed an article noting an increase in local sales tax collections compared to last year. Supr. Wood shared an email from Sandy Maine regarding recent health regulations that have been endorsed regarding industrial wind turbines. Supv. Wood also shared a letter from the NYS DOT concerning a scheduled project in 2021 to repair a red-flagged culvert on NY Route 458. The letter offered an opportunity to provide any input/information, prior to February 28, 2020, for NYSDOT to consider.

Old Business:

Solar Law moratorium: Clerk Powers noted that under the "Term" of Local Law #1 of 2019, the Board has the ability to renew the Solar moratorium, for an additional six (6) months, by resolution.

Ms. Pullano introduced the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Lyon:

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WHEREAS, the current Moratorium for Solar Energy Projects (Local Law #1, 2019) expired on November 21, 2019, which called for stopping the processing of applications for, and the issuances of, any permits, certificates of occupancy, or approvals for certain land uses relating to solar energy. The moratorium was for a period of 6 months, allowing the Town Board to analyze and determine potential appropriate regulations concerning this use, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton has determined it is necessary to extend the moratorium due to various concerns in the law, and

WHEREAS, under "TERM" in Local Law #1 of 2019, "this local law shall be subject to renewal for a cumulative period of up to an additional six (6) months, if necessary, by Resolution of the Town Board", now therefore be it,

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Hopkinton does hereby agree to extend the moratorium for an additional six (6) months.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Pullano AYE.

Sales Tax resolution: A discussion was held regarding possible support of the sales tax resolution approved by the SLC Association of Mayors and SLC Association of Town Supervisors. There was also discussion in regard to a "tax cap" proposal. Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to table a decision, awaiting more information. Supervisor Wood NAY, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Pullano AYE.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Update: Supv. Wood noted she was investigating the possibility of LED lighting.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Ploof noted he was closing out several work permits.

Assessor: Supv. Wood read Mr. Fukes written report.

Library: No report.

Museum: Duane's Construction has begun the attic renovations.

Highway: Supv. Wood read Mr. Green's written report.

Town Facilities: Mr. Parker reported there were no issues. Ms. Lyon noted that 46 children attended the annual Christmas Party. Thanks were given to Jack Phelix and Frank Potenzano for their assistance in decorating the Town Park for the holidays.

RESCUE: No report.

BHLS: Supv. Wood read the BHLS meeting notes.

Groundskeeper: no report

New Business:

End of Year Meeting: Supv. Wood noted scheduling the 2019 End of Year on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Town Board Christmas Party: Supv. Wood asked if there was interest in holding a Town Board Christmas Party. After discussion, she will look at possible venues on the first weekend in January, 2020.

Solar Law: Supv. Wood discussed that she had finished updates on the new Solar Energy Law. Ms. Pullano discussed a concern that the new law discouraged small projects and mentioned possibly preparing separate laws for large vs. small solar projects. Further discussion will be held at the December 30, 2019 meeting.

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Sales Tax Cap: In regard to the previously noted discussion on a possible Sales Tax "cap", Ms. French noted that a "cap" could limit future sales tax income received by the Town.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pullano to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Pullano AYE.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard L. Powers
Town Clerk