

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 15, 2019

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 15, 2019 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Powers, Supr. Green, Deb Rust, Vickie French, Kelly & Frank Potenzano, Dolores Rice, Jeff Snell, Lori & Doug Witherell, Beth Rosenbarker, Jan Keller, Amber & Randy Lindsay, David Slater, Charlie Romifs, Kelly Charleson, David Strack, Janice Pease, Piper Sochia, Cindy Niles.

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

Privilege of the Floor: none

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2019. Approved unanimously.

Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the Financial Reports for May 2019. Approved unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 173 to 197 General Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$19,750.60 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 70 to 80 Highway Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$20,724.02 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 12 to 14 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$1,243.98 were audited and approved by the Board.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to pay the bills. Approved unanimously.

Budget Report:

Supr. Wood noted that recent payments for Time Warner had not been distributed appropriately into the proper accounts. Mr. Powers will investigate and correct as necessary.

Correspondence:

Supr. Wood read a provided report from SLC Legislator Perkins.

She noted that the Town received a letter from the Office of the State Comptroller with a check for \$28,133.13 for the AIM payment which was restored.

A letter had been received from FEMA regarding a risk mapping, planning and assessment discussion if any board members were interested in attending.

An email had been sent from St. Lawrence County regarding a Workman's Compensation Self Insurance Plan meeting in September. Supr. Wood has signed up and asked if anyone else was interested.

Supv. Wood informed the Board that we had received a check for \$2,326.42 for Stumpage Disbursement. This had previously been reimbursed through charge-backs but the towns will now be paid by check.

Old Business:

Town Hall Door: Supv. Wood received a response from Continental Construction that the door lock is still under warranty. It was noted that by Ms. Lyon that there were still issues with the lock and that it is not working properly. Supv. Wood will contact Continental.

Ice protection - Town Hall: Supv. Wood has received a quote from Coot's Masonry for 45' Ice Bar to protect handicap ramp and also including top soil/seed if needed to repair lawn. Discussion was held regarding the top soil/grass expense. A quote with a breakdown of services will be requested and attempt made for additional quotes. Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to table the discussion. Approved unanimously.

Required Trainings: Supv. Wood reminded the Board of training that needed to be completed annually. Mr. Powers will send the list to each Board member as well as other employees.

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Committee Reports:

Supervisor Update: Supv. Wood meet with Senator Little regarding LBSH issues as well as the approved Town Hall contract. Sen. Little said that there had been some political delays but the check should be coming soon.

Code Enforcement: no report

Assessor: Supr. Wood read a provided report from Mr. Fukes.

Library: Ms. Keller provided a report. Ms. Pullano noted appreciation for the library and its staff.

Museum: Mr. Parker noted that the Museum will be holding a Genealogy Day in conjunction with the Firemen's Field Day on July 20, 2019.

Highway: Mr. Green presented his report. He noted that he had decided not to trade-in the backhoe as the market is presently flooded. He reinforced the fact that the "extreme winter" funds (AIM) had been returned and with remaining funds left after paving, a total of \$55, 580.81 which will be used to work on Whitehill Rd. Supr. Green also stated that two new year-round homes are expected on the Fountain Rd. and Fletcher Rd., each requiring additional upgrades of approximately 4/10 of a mile each to be able to maintain and plow. He noted a cost of \$100,000-150,000 for each. Abandonment of other unused roads should be considered as well.

Town Facilities: Nothing to report other than the door issue.

RESCUE: No report

BHLS: Mr. Sochia read the minutes from the July 9, 2019 meeting.

Groundskeeper: no report

New Business:

Local Government Conference: This year's Conference will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Early registration available through October 4, 2019. Please contact Mr. Powers to register.

2020 Court Grant: Supv. Wood and Justice Bory have discussed a joint application for \$30,000/\$30,000 to provide additional rooms for attorney interviews.

Mr. Parker introduced the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Pullano;

BE IT RESOLVED, that at a regular Town Board Meeting of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, on July 15, 2019, the Town Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Hopkinton Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2019-20 grant cycle. Approved unanimously.

In addition, Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pullano, to also apply for a 2020 Town Grant to combine with the above JCAP grant. Approved unanimously.

Assessor/Board of Review: It was noted that the Assessor and one member of the Board of Review are up for appointment in September. Mr. Fukes and Mr. Cicchinelli are both open to re-appointment. These appointments will be placed on the September 2019 agenda.

SLC Tax Foreclosure Sale: Mr. Powers noted the 2019 Tax Foreclosure Real Estate Auction will be held on September 14, 2019. A complete list of included parcels will be posted on a website shortly after August 15, 2019. The website address will be noted on the Town's website for those interested and the Town Office will also have one copy available for viewing.

Solar Law workshop: The workshop to discuss the Solar Law will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019. It was noted by a member of the floor that the municipality has the option to remove property from the Foreclosure auction, for possible redevelopment. Supv. Wood responded that the Town was aware and had done that in the past.

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Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard L. Powers

Town Clerk