

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 17, 2017

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 17, 2017 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Highway Supt., Clerk French, Scott McDonald, Dan Murdie, Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano, Deborah Rust, Amber Lindsey, Gary Snell Sr., Richard Eakins, Robert Blum, Richard Powers, Larry Drake, Gail Kelly, Tim Kelly, Tom Farns, Douglas Witherell, Lori Witherell, Beth Rosenbarker, Joe Snell, Christine Snell, John Mahoney, Duane Butterfield, Brenda Butterfield, Creedence Tyo, John McDonald, Ellen White, Robin Fefee, Kelly Pullano, Madeline ?, Patricia Belile, Piper Sochia, Amy Mitchell, Diane Cary ?, Mary Witherell, Wayne Ashley, Joel Parmer Sr., Colette Parmer, Michael Toomey, MaryJane Toomey, Jessica Burnett, Janice Pease, Joe Pease, Jim Spear, Angela Spear, Meg Dempsey-Goddard, Martin Goddard, Tom Whitesell, Ann Slater, David Slater, Katherine Demo, Rachel Martin, Luke Martin, J. Neil Devine, Esq, Ellen Devine, Rick Eakins, Ashley ?, Cole Eakins, Richard Eakins, Ira Miller Jr., Maureen Miller, Mose Schlabach, Levi Zook, Sam Schlabach, Dave Schlabach, Reuben Miller, Dan Schlabach, Albert Schlabach, Timothy Martin, Barbara Martin, Melvin Martin, Clarissa Martin, Kip Martin, Easton Martin, Harold Phippen, Mose Miller.

ABSENT: Councilman Crump.

Supv. Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor:

Janice Pease addressed the audience in regards to several matters pertaining to what she believes to be the negative impact on the Health and Safety of persons living within wind turbine farms. She stated that there has been peer reviewed scientific evidence of the effects. She believes the proposed North Ridge Wind Project is not the financial windfall that they are advertising. She presented the Board with documents and testimonials and asked each Board Member to review them all. She also stated that she had read the Preliminary Scoping Statement submitted and has many concerns. She would like to meet with each Board Member to go through these items.

David Slater: Asked the Town Board if our Local Law to enforce Wind Turbines is contradictory with the Town of Parishvilles', how that would affect the enforcement. Supv. Wood stated that her understanding is that the more stringent of the Local Laws would be used. He also told the Board that he had heard rumor of a 30 year PILOT, upon his research NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 487 states a PILOT cannot be for more than 15 years.

Lori Witherell: spoke to the Board in regards to compromise in regards to what the wind developer wants and what the majority of citizens want. She stated that the Wind Advisory Board had looked at the many concerns the Concerned Citizens had and compromised on their suggestions.

Kelly Pullano: asked the Board to support the suggestions given them by the Wind Advisory Board. They have given many volunteer hours creating the proposed wind law.

Frank Potenzano: addressed the Board in regards he does not feel that the Concerned Citizens are the majority of the Town. He stated that the DPS Roster has 92 names and only 30 are from Hopkinton. He also questioned the Board if they have pursued any other avenues, other than grants, to bring revenue into the town. He stated you cannot run the town on grants. He stated the Hopkinton Wind Advisor Board and the Parishville Planning Board did a great job on the draft, but it takes us out of the project, it is up to the Board to modify it if they want to be in the project.

Gary Snell Sr. feels Mr. Crump still has a conflict of interest.

Jeff Snell: Has the Board done a study to see what cost the town is going to incur building new roads to service

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the wind company or is Avangrid/Iberdrola going to pay for it.

Kelly Potenzano: stated that the Concerned Citizens are against wind and solar. If we do not have green power then what are we left with other than big oil companies and fracking.

Richard Eakins: addressed the Board in regards to this being a good project for the town.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2017 and the Special Meeting June 28, 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

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

Voucher Nos. 172 to 192 General Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$8,193.10 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 78 to 86 Highway Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$14,188.20 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 13 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$5.79 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Ms Lyon 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 \$3,047.00.

Correspondence:

NYS Department of Public Service: regarding National Grid asking for a rate increase.

BHLS: Minutes of July 11, 2017 were presented.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: seeking public input on St. Lawrence Foothills Draft Unit Management Plan. The Open House will be held on July 25th at the Potsdam High School Auditorium.

NYS Board on Electric Generation siting and the Environment: in regards to the ruling on intervenor funding requests. The Town of Hopkinton and Parishville were awarded \$17,500.00, total, with such amount to be divided equally between the Towns. CCRP was awarded \$17,500.00 on condition that they perfect its pre-application funding request to provide "a copy of any contract or agreement or proposed contract or agreement with each expert witness, consultant or other person" as required by 16NYCRR Section 1000.10(c) (ix).

Old Business:

Proposed Wind Law: Supervisor Wood reported that the Board has agreed to all conditions that the SLC Planning Office proposed.

Mr. Parker stated he would agree to the 2500 foot set-back from property line and a DBA of 40, but he felt we need to increase the Wind Overlay Zone to include south of SH72.

Supervisor Wood reported that she went to the Wind Advisory Board in regards to the change of the overlay district and they were in agreement.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the proposed revisions.

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

Proposed Local Law #4 Wind Energy Facilities for the Town of Hopkinton:

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton with a motion by Mr. Parker and a second by Ms Lyon to hold a Public Hearing on August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on Proposed Local Law 4, Wind Energy

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Facilities for the Town of Hopkinton.

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

Bids on Surplus Equipment: No bids were received on the 2006 1.5 Cubic Yard Airflow Stainless Steel Sander with gas engine or the truck mount York Road Broom.

The following bids were received on the 2000 International Tandem Axel Dump Truck with Plow, Wing, Sander, Spare Tires and Parts

Dean Lamphere: \$4,200.00

Michael Toomey: \$5,399.00

Joseph Szczepaniak, Jr. \$5,690.00

Highway Superintendent, Stephen Green told the Board that he felt the truck was worth more than the high bid and would like to contact the high bidder to see if he would offer more, if not possibly list it on the online auction web site.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to table the matter until the August Board Meeting.

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

DEC Land Acquisition: Supv Wood reported to the Board that she contacted the DEC in regards to the land acquisition and the Boards concerns. The response was that the parcel of land will be added to the Whiskey Flats State Forest, and the State will continue to pay taxes on the property. This acquisition will provide opportunities for additional public recreation along with reducing Department management costs by reducing the amount of State boundary line they need to maintain.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she received a phone call from Eugene DeNagel opposing the agreement with Seaway Timber to gain access to their land using the Meacham Road.

She also has been reviewing the Preliminary Scoping Report from Avangrid/Iberdrola.

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

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The report was read aloud.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that the Historical Group had met and picked out the siding color, it will be tan. Mr. Blank will be starting the roof and siding within the next two to three weeks. Richard Powers thanked the Board for all the repairs to the Museum foundation and other work that has been done.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. All paving is done. They are preparing the Days Mills Road for paving next year.

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon reported that we need to purchase some new tables. There are funds in the equipment account for buildings. The Board was in agreement to purchase some new tables.

Fire & Rescue: Mr. Parker presented a written report. They had 64 MH responding to calls; 186 MH of training; 67 MH of General Station Work.

Tri-Town Rescue reported 58 calls with six being in the Town of Hopkinton.

Groundskeeper: has requested some topsoil and fertilizer for the Hopkinton Park. The Board asked for an estimate.

New Business:

Wind Advisory Board Vacancy: Steve Hopkins one year term has ended as of June 30, 2017 and he has requested not to be reappointed to the position.

Supervisor Wood proposed the names of Loren Taylor and Sandra Maine for the appointment of a five-year term on the Wind Advisory Board.

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The Board discussed this and Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to appoint Loren Taylor to a five-year term on the Wind Advisory Board.

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

Window Enclosure for Clerk Office: Clerk French reported to the Board that she had found a Rolling Counter Shutter to secure her office. Upstate Doors in Waddington provided an estimate for the purchase and installment of the Counter Shutter in the amount of \$2,350.00.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to purchase the counter enclosure for the Clerk's Office from Upstate Doors in Waddington at a cost of \$2,350.00.

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

Parishville Recreation Contract: Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the Summer Recreation Contract with the Town of Parishville in the amount of \$6500.00 for a five week period.

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French, RMC