

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE18, 2018

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk French, Supt of Highways Stephen Green, Dolores Rice, Janice Pease, Joseph Pease, Duane French, Amber Lindsey, Randy Lindsey, Deb Rust, Kelly Potenzano, Frank Potenzano, Eli Sochia, John Mahoney, Douglas Witherell, Lori Witherell, Lorena Charleson, Richard Eakins, Earl McBride, Kelly Charleson, Ernest Wood, Mary Witherell, Richard Powers, Jeff Snell, Jose Ignacio Sanchez Galan, Pat Walzer, Luke Daily, John Mahoney, Kathy McKay.

Supv. Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Supv. Wood reported that the presentation by Good Energy would be in July.

Deb Rust read a letter to the Board in regards to the disappointment with the action and inaction taken in regards to the wind project by the Town Board.

Earl McBride addressed the Board regarding the Wind that was in effect when Avangrid was invited in 2010. He stated that the current wind law supersedes the first wind law when filed with the Secretary of State. He stated it cannot impede or prohibit land use law. He also stated the town never hired an engineer to get actual scientific data.

Richard Eakins stated that Supv. Wood owed Mr. Parker and Ms. Lyon an apology for the attack on them at the May meeting.

Kelly Charleson supports the appointment of John Niles and John (Steve) Hopkins to the Wind Advisory Board.

Pat Walzer thanked the Board for putting the health, safety, and the environment ahead of financial interest. She also offered her services to help with applying for grants.

Jeff Snell thanked the Board for their time and an educated decision on the wind project.

Janice Pease thanked the Board for doing their research and listening to the people.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pullano to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on, May 21, 2018 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept Supervisors Financial Report for May 2018 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 131 to 154 General Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$12,168.80 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 61 to 72 Highway Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$11,377.12 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 8 to 9 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$1,225.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No 10 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$425.00 was audited and approved by the Board.

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

**Correspondence:**

Young/Sommer LLC: regarding Atlantic Wind will cease all development efforts on the North Ridge Wind Farm.

Wind Advisory Board: Supv. Wood told the Board that we still need to make two appointments to the Wind Advisory Board. Mrs. Pullano suggested that the Board reconsider calling it a Wind Advisory Board and possibly name it an Energy Board.

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Clerk French reported to the Board that she had contacted the Association of Towns legal department in regards to the motion made at the May meeting in regards to the appointment of Duane French and Earl McBride to the Wind Advisory Board. Mr. Sochia voted even though Supv. Wood told him he could not vote due to a conflict of interest. He stated she would have to get a Judge's Order to stop him from voting, therefore the motion carried.

The Association of Towns response was that the supervisor, presides over the meeting in accordance with the town board's rules of procedure. Determinations of conflicts of interest are typically addressed locally and so I would defer to the determination of the town attorney and/or ethics board regarding whether or not Mr. Sochia had a prohibited conflict of interest that prevented him from voting. As a general legal principle, and action of the town board is presumed valid until such time as it is challenged and invalidated in a judicial proceeding.

The Board discussed this and decided to speak with the Town Attorney on this matter.

Local Law Prohibiting the Building of Primary Residences on Seasonal Use Highways: Supv. Wood asked Clerk French if she and Mr. Green had come up with a law in regards to this matter. Clerk French responded she was not aware that she was supposed to write the law. Supv. Wood stated she would get with Mr. Green regarding this matter.

Meeting Nights: Supv. Wood asked if the Board had any thoughts on changing the meeting night. Mr. Parker, Mr. Sochia and Ms. Lyon all said that the third Monday of the month, as it is now, was best for them.

Clerk French commented that the meeting dates for 2018 had been set at the Organizational Meeting, if they want to change them they should address it at the 2019 Organizational Meeting.

Library handicap ramp: Mr. Parker reported that he had contacted a couple of people in regards to the work on the ramp and they were not interested. He stated we can keep looking or accept Mr. Blacks quote.

Insurance Report: Supv. Wood reported that we need to remove or repair the basketball court at the Ft. Jackson Park. She has asked Mr. Green to remove it.

The training for the Anti-Harassment and Anti-Violence can be done on-line through the Fire Department. Mr. Parker will get the link and info to the Supervisor.

**Committee Reports:**

Supervisor: No updates.

Code Enforcement: A written report was presented. Supv. Wood read it aloud. Nine permits have been issued to date.

Assessor: No report.

Library: A written report was received. Supv. Wood read it aloud. Battle of the Books was held on April 28 at the Town Hall, 35 people attended. Summer Reading Program will be held July 5-August. The bathroom is ready for the renovation project.

Museum: Mr. Parker reported that just waiting for the bathroom renovation to start. The gazebo sidewalk is being completed.

Highway: A written report was presented. Paving is done. They did 2.9 miles on the Days Mills Road and six tenths of mile on Mill St. The cost was \$150,260.50. Fuel tank at barn has been cut and cleaned will send paperwork into DEC.

Mr. Green asked the Board to declare the following equipment surplus and put it out for bids:

2006 Ford F450 cab and chassis with bad engine, 2006 stainless steel Air-Flow sander 1.5 cubic yards, 9' Hiniker Plow with controls, and 8' truck mount power broom.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to advertise for bids on the surplus equipment. Bids will be

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opened and read aloud at the July 16 meeting. Adopted unanimously.

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon reported that there has not been much going on at the Town Hall. She reported that the port-a-potty has been delivered to the Ft. Jackson Park.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that they are having trouble with the ramp and are looking for someone to look at it.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that the grounds have not been mowed because he was away and the mower has been in for some repairs. He got tangled in some wires when mowing at the highway garage.

Supv. Wood reported that she is still waiting on some quotes for shrubbery.

**New Business:**

Drawing and Bid for Town Hall Repairs: Supv. Wood thanked Mr. Parker for his work on the repairs to the town hall and drawing up the prints. Supv. Wood asked the Board to approve a Solicitation for Bids for the project.

Mrs. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to advertise for sealed bids for various repairs to the Town Hall. Bids are to be returned in a sealed envelope by noon on Monday, July 16, 2018. They will be opened and read aloud at the regular meeting on July 16, 2018. Adopted unanimously.

Summer Rec Contract: Mrs. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Summer Rec contract with the Town of Parishville in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a five week period. Adopted unanimously.

Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk: Clerk French appointed Richard Powers as third Deputy Town Clerk.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to approve the appointment. Adopted unanimously.

Rabies Clinic Report: Clerk French reported that the clinic was held on June 14 at Tri-Town Arena along with Stockholm and Lawrence. 196 vaccines were given. Donations received were \$280.00. Vet was paid \$135.00 and syringes cost \$24.00. \$121.00 balance was divided by the three towns, each town received \$40.33.

Advance Business Systems copier quote & Network care quote: They quoted \$5508.01 for a Kyocera similar to the Canon we currently have. The service agreement would be \$460.80 per year we are currently paying \$821.00 per year.

Supv. Wood is going to contact Aaron Hall in regards to the network security and cyber policy and have more info for next meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French, RMC