

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 Ancestroy.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

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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