

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 16, 2016

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, Ernest Wood, Annette Green, Benjamin Wood, Jan Keller, Jeff Reinkemeyer Iberdrola Renewables, Daniel Murdie Iberdrola Renewables, Richard Eakins arrived 7:10 p.m., Ronald Streeter arrived at 8:30 p.m.

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

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 11, 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept Supervisors Financial Report for April 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 102 to 140 General Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$9,282.42 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 56 to 76 Highway Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$18,243.94 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 9 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$425.00 was audited and approved by the Board.

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

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to pay John Deere Financial \$15,374.08 for the backhoe payment.

Adopted unanimously.

Privilege of Floor:

Jeff Reinkemeyer and Daniel Murdie, Avangrid (Iberdrola) spoke to the Board in regards to the proposed wind farm for the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville. They are hosting a public informational meeting in the Town of Parishville jointly with the Town of Hopkinton on June 15. They are currently in the Project Info Phase. There will be approximately 40 wind turbines between Hopkinton and Parishville. They currently have one test tower in Parishville and will be doing three in the Town of Hopkinton. They answered many questions of concern from the town board.

Richard Eakins spoke to the Board in regards to paving the parking lot at new Municipal Building. He stated that he was against paving it and that we should use the funds on the roads. Supv. Wood explained to him that the funds we have for this project are in a reserve fund for the building and it was grant money received that has to be used for the building. He stated that we should then use the funds to pay the debt down on the building. Supv. Wood responded that upon the advice of our Town Attorney that was not advisable.

Mr. Eakins also asked the Assessor if solar panels were assessed. Mr. Fukes stated currently if they are attached to a roof of a building he is not assessing. As far as a solar farm, he needs to contact the County Real Property for some advice since this is unchartered territory for the town.

Correspondence:

Parishville Hopkinton Central School: Frank Barney, DMOT Parishville-Hopkinton CSD, thanking the Town and Highway Department for their support to the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School by supplying a truck and driver to haul topsoil to help facilitate in the repair of one of the athletic fields.

SLC Public Health Department: notifying the Town Board that Joseph Miller 2120 SH 11-B, has applied for Organic Certification. Therefore he is requesting that no spraying be done adjacent to his property.

Potsdam Lodge No. 2074: Annual Youth Recognition Day on Thursday, May 26.

Old Business:

Sign for Municipal Building: Supv. Wood presented the Board with a price quote and a design for the sign. The cost of a sign 36x36x1/2" single sided \$475.00, Pressure Treated posts with PVC Post Sleeves and Caps \$395.00, Installation \$550.00. The Board discussed this and Mr. Green stated that we can do the post and install it ourselves.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the purchase of the sign only in the amount of \$475.00.

Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she is still trying to get the contract from Betty Little for the \$50,000.00 grant.

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Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has addressed the property line issue between Tyo and Schlabach. He issued four permits.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He also reported that a property on the Converse Rd owned by MTDW has been put back on the assessment roll and will be placed on the tax auction this fall. He reviewed what the process for STAR applicants will be. He also reported that the Director at SLC Real Property is looking into the state easements.

Library: Jan Keller thanked Mr. Green and the highway crew for repairing the ramp and planting grass seed around the building. She reported that the railings still need some attention on the ramp. Mr. Green will look at them. They had a 122 patrons, 153 books signed out. They have four new patrons. They are updating their web page and preparing for the Summer Reading Program, which will be held July 5 to August 8. They will hold a book sale at the Town Hall on June 3 & 4. She has installed a carbon monoxide detector and the Fire Extinguisher has been inspected.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that the water softener and new sump pump has been installed.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. Mr. Crump thanked Mr. Green and the highway crew for doing some work at the fill site on SH 11B for the Fire Department.

He also reported to the Board that at budget time we talked about sealing the Highway Garage parking lot. He said it should not cost more than \$2700.00.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve seal coating the Highway Garage parking lot in an amount not to exceed \$2700.00. Adopted unanimously.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker reported on the calls and training for the month. They will hold a chicken barbeque on May 29th at the Fire Station, sell refreshments during the Town Wide Garage Sales on June 4 and hold a Field Day on July 23. Benjamin Wood reported that Tri-Town Rescue had 59 calls and nine were in Hopkinton.

Town Facilities: Discussion was held on getting a water softener for the Town Hall.

BHLS: Copies of the monthly minutes were presented. Mr. Sochia reported that they have a small leak in the roof and are trying to determine where it is coming from.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood thanked Steve and the highway crew for the yard work they did around the new Municipal Building. He has mowed the Hopkinton Park. He had to put four new tires on the Ferris mower. He is going to need a new trimmer. He needs to get some lime for the Hopkinton Park. He will be starting work at the Ft. Jackson Park. He has already cleaned up the Community Garden that was left unattended and never cleaned up. He also commented that we need new flags for the streets.

Mr. Wood asked permission to use the town mower at the Fire Departments fill site on SH 11B.

Ronald Streeter stated he mowed the site last year and he will volunteer to do it again this year.

Supv. Wood reported that someone volunteered to rake the leaves at the Ft. Jackson Park.

Sue Lyon reported that the port-a-pottie will be delivered next week.

New Business:

Mowing Contract with County: Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Roadside Mowing Contract with the County in the amount of \$2,128.80. Adopted unanimously.

Amend Agreement To Spend Funds: Mr. Green stated we cannot do this at this time he does not have the final confirmation on CHIPS funding. This was tabled.

Meeting with Iberdrola: This will be held in Parishville with the Town of Parishville. Iberdrola is hosting the meeting. The Town Board will be attending to gather information only. It was agreed to notify the public that they will be attending the meeting.

Water Softener Town Hall: Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to purchase a water softener from Lowes and install in the Town Hall. Adopted unanimously.

Trimmer: Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to purchase a trimmer not to exceed \$225.00 for the parks. Adopted unanimously.

Land Use Training Session: will be held on May 26 at St. Lawrence University. The cost is \$25.00.

Planning Board: Clerk French reminded the Board that all five positions on the Planning Board are vacant and will need to

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be filled to address the Wind Law or any permits that maybe issued for the purpose of the wind project.

Hitching Post: Clerk French reported to the Board that we need to install a hitching post for the Amish. They are tying the horses to the trees and it is taking the bark off of the trees. Mr. Wood will see if he can get something.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

RMC