

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Powers, Mr. Fukes, Mr. Ploof, Jan Keller, Deb Rust, Vickie French, Etta Phelix, Kelly & Frank Potenzano, Lori & Doug Witherell, Luann Crocker, Robert Blum, Charlie Rohifs, Amber Wilcox, Richard Eakins (arrived 7:20).

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Supr. Wood answered previous questions from the floor regarding the proposed 2020 budget.

Ms. Pullano asked for the October 21, 2019 minutes to reflect the following correction regarding the Clarkson solar farm visit. The tour was with Bruce Tremper (not Kemper). Ms. Pullano then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker, to accept the minutes, as revised, of the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2019 and the Special Meeting held on November 4, 2019. Approved unanimously.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept the Financial Reports for October 2019. Approved unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 278 to 302 General Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$9,056.91 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 121 to 136 Highway Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$33,214.15 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 22 to 22 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 10 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. Approved unanimously.

Budget Report: Supr. Wood noted transfers as follows: \$220.00 from A7710.4 (Parks) to DA5110.4 (Highway transportation) - 110 gallons gas; \$122.00 from A8810.4 to DA5110.4 (Highway transportation) - 61 gallons of gas. She then provided clarification of \$56,173.58 in the A2300 Miscellaneous account.

Correspondence:

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

Old Business:

Congregational Church/Town Hall Septic issue: Discussion was held regarding a possible meeting with the Church trustees. Supr. Wood will set up a meeting with the trustees and herself and Ms. Pullano.

Solar Law: Supr. Wood is still working on revisions and awaiting additional revisions from the council members. She noted that the present six month Moratorium will be expiring on November 24, 2019. Clerk Powers noted that a new Town Law would have to be passed to extend the moratorium. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

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Committee Reports:

Supervisor Update: Supv. Wood discussed the issue of the Jones Bridge closure. Several options have been brought forward with no viable answers to date. She also noted that she will be attending a town supervisors meeting Tuesday, October 22, 2019, regarding the sales tax issue.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Ploof noted he had issued a 30-day junk yard notice to a property owner on State Hwy. 11B. He also stated that the issue with a property owner on Whitehill was improving.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes read his written report.

Library: Ms. Keller read her report. She noted that she is in need of additional volunteers for the Library.

Museum: Mr. Powers noted that the recent Holly Berry Sale was a success and thanked the HFJFD for the use of the Fire Department building and all their support for the event.

Highway: Supt. Green presented his written report.

Town Facilities: Nothing to report.

RESCUE: No report.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported on the submitted report from the November 12, 2019 meeting.

Groundskeeper: no report

New Business:

2020 Budget: Mr. Eakins spoke briefly that he was concerned regarding the addition of a fifth man on the Highway budget.

Ms. Pullano introduced the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Lyon:

RESOLVED WHEREAS, this Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and all persons present were heard, for or against the proposed budget, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget as the Annual Budget of 2020.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood AYE, Councilpersons Lyon AYE, Parker AYE, Pullano AYE, Sochia AYE.

Court financial institution request: Supr. Wood stated that Justice Bory has requested approval to change financial institutions for the Justice account. Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pullano, to change financial institution for the Justice account from NBT Bank to Community Bank, N.A. Approved unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard L. Powers
Town Clerk