

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2016

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk French, Allen Fukes Assessor & Code Officer, Jan Keller, Sandy Maine, Luke Dailey.

ABSENT: Supt of Highways Stephen Green.

Supv. Wood called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 274 to 311 General Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$32,766.42 were audited and approved by the Board.  
Voucher Nos. 156 to 174 Highway Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$48,600.36 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No 19 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$425.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Transfers:

General Fund:

From A1990.4 Contingent Acct to A1320.4 Auditing & Acct Contractual \$45.00

From A7410.4 Library Contractual to A7410.1 Library Personal Services \$197.00

Highway Fund:

From Retirement Reserve Fund to DA9010.8 Employee Benefits State Retirement \$1,705.00

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve all transfers. Adopted unanimously.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Luke Daily representing the Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation read a letter to the Board in regards to the proposed wind development. They are concerned about the assessed values of homes dropping and the equitable distribution of revenues. They also made reference that Iberdrola has offered a PILOT agreement that would bring in \$750,000.00 per year if application is approved.

Supv. Wood commented that the reference to the PILOT is not true. They Board has never even met with Iberdrola to discuss anything in regards to a PILOT agreement.

Mr. Fukes, Assessor also commented that he has made several calls to other assessors with wind projects located in their towns and they have seen no decrease in property values.

**Correspondence:**

BHLS: minutes of November 1, 2016 were presented.

LBSH Housing Corporation: They have sent some Application packages for referrals of elderly or disabled constituents who may be seeking services and assistance for an apartment or Enriched Housing.

NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment: regarding 16-F-0268-Application of Atlantic Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of the North Ridge Wind Energy Project in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County. If an application is submitted, two ad hoc public members will be appointed to the Siting Board for the purpose of providing a local voice in the review of the project and decision on the application.

Supv. Wood asked the Board to be thinking about persons that may be interested and could sit on the board.

NY Municipal Insurance Reciprocal: regarding an underwriting survey. A list of recommendations were provided from the survey. All recommendations at the Highway Garage have been corrected. The other locations, such as Parks, Museum, Library had several items to be corrected. The handicap ramp at the library has been completed. There are still other items that need to be addressed.

Laura Murphy: submitted a letter to the Town Boards in regards to the proposed wind development.

NYS Department of Public Service: Winter outreach and education effort. Provided a list of publications related to the

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upcoming winter season.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: two DEC violations at two different localities within the town.

**Old Business:**

Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law Solar Energy Systems: Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to hold a Public Hearing on December 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building. VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilperson Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye.

Sexual Harassment Policy: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy for the Town of Hopkinton as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Supv. Wood will distribute to all employees and have them sign a copy and return for their personal file.

Workplace Violence Policy: Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt the Workplace Violence Policy for the Town of Hopkinton as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Supv. Wood will distribute copies to all Employees.

Tri-Town Rescue Financials: Supv. Wood reported that she has been given permission to go to the Tri-Town Rescue building at any time and review the files.

**Committee Reports:**

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she has been attending wind meeting and gathering information.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 46 permits to date.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended the Local Government Conference in Potsdam. He also took a course on Flood Map Training. We will not receive new maps.

Library: Jan Keller thanked the Board for the new ramp and septic system. The new computer is ready for use.

Supv. Wood reported to the Board that there is a problem with the new ramp location. The snow comes directly off the Museum Annex roof and hits the railing of the ramp. Mr. Black gave an estimate of \$2675.50 to extend the new roof over the library entrance to cover the ramp and put up rain gutters. The Board tabled this at this time.

Museum: They had 22 tables at the Holly Berry Sale. They also reported that they don't think the furnace is working.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker reported on the calls and training for the month. Tri-Town Rescue had eight calls in the Town of Hopkinton.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that they are still waiting to hear from the new dentist replacing Dr. Alfonso.

**New Business:**

Museum Foundation: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that we received one bid from Duane Black Construction for repairs to the Museum foundation. The bid amount was for \$37,895.00.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to award the bid to Duane Black Construction. Adopted unanimously.

SLC Department of Highways: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that she had received the October 1, 2017 - April 15, 2020 Snow & Ice Agreement.

Mr. Crump introduced the following Resolution with a second by Ms Lyon:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hopkinton enters into an Agreement with St. Lawrence County, dated as of November 22, 2016, for the winter maintenance of certain roads on the Official county Road System and provide as follows: The Town of Hopkinton, acting through its Town Superintendent of Highways with the approval of the Town Board shall provide standard snow and ice control as required on the following County Roads: all County roads in the Town of Hopkinton 6.11 Miles and 2.55 miles in Town of Stockholm.

WHEREAS, the term of the contract shall be for three (3) years beginning as of October 1, 2017 and ending June 1, 2020 and

WHEREAS, in return for the performance of such work, the County will pay the Town at the following Tier I annual amounts per mile for the total miles state above: 2017-2018 \$4,807.13, 2018-2019 \$4,855.20 and 2019-2020 4,903.75.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton approves this agreement with the County.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilmen Lyon Aye, Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Sochia Aye.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

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