

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Annette Green, Christina Snell, Nancy Sochia, Ernest Wood, Jan Keller, Sarah Ferrar, Lynda Bage, Tom Whitesell, Beth Rosenbarker, Cindy Niles, John Niles, Sandy Daniels, Kelly Johnson-Eilola, Gaylord Collette, Michael Opal, Sandy Mainie, Margaret Dempsey-Goddard, Luann Crocker, Colette Parmer, Joel Parmer, Amy Rice.

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Supervisor Wood addressed the public in regards to rumors going around town in regards to the Town Board holding secret meetings and having a secret vote in regards to wind turbines during the primary election. She told those present that the Town Board has never held a secret meeting and there was no secret vote and she wanted the rumors to cease. All meetings of the Town Board are open to the public.

Sandy Maine spoke to the Board in regards to the development of a local Cannery. She stated that the local Amish are without a market for their vegetables. She asked the Town Board to research USDA for grants in development of the cannery.

Luann Crocker complimented the Town Board on the new Municipal Building. She stated it was well worth it the old building was a fire trap.

Lynda Bage questioned the Town Board on the proposed Wind Farm. She read a letter from Concerned Citizens Group, a copy was put on file.

Supv. Wood responded the Board is trying to investigate every avenue. The good and the bad. They have visited a couple of towns with developments with wind turbines already running.

Amy Rice read a letter to the Board discrediting wind-watch-.org web site and the work of Dr. Nina Pierpont. She also cited benefits of a wind farm. The letter was written by Richard Brandt, Science Manager Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, and ASRC Whiteface Mountain Field Station. A copy is on file

Margaret Goddard-Dempsey urged the Board not to accept a PILOT Agreement from Iberdrola.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on August 15, 2016 and Public Hearing for Proposed LL 2 Tax Cap Override and Budget on September 12 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 225 to 251 General Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$5,733.35 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 120 to 141 Highway Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$83,207.26 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No 16 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$425.00 was audited and approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to transfer \$56,738.47 from the Equipment Reserve Fund and add to DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment for the purchase of 6105E Cab Tractor. Adopted unanimously.

Correspondence:

BHLS: minutes of September 7, 2016 were presented.

North Country Life Flight: asking the Town Board to renew its support in 2017 to continue air medical transport accessible and affordable for all citizens.

Old Business:

Bid Advertising for Museum repairs: Supv. Wood reported that no bids were received. She will rewrite the bid specifications and advertise them again.

Solar Law: Supv. Wood reported that she is updating the law. She is going to contact the County Planning Board for suggestions. She should have a draft for next month's meeting.

Proposed Local Law 2: Entitled "To Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C". Budget Officer French asked the Board to table the adoption until next month. Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon

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to table the action on Proposed Local Law 2 until the October meeting. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. reported that she has finalized the paperwork for the Museum Grant. She has continued to visit towns with wind turbines and talking with the Supervisors.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended his monthly training in Canton. All files have been updated.

Library: Jan Keller reported that she received a \$1,000.00 grant from Senator Little's office. She is going to purchase three new tablets. She is working on a staff manual. Storytime will start on October 5. Computer #3 was repaired by NCLS. They have had 1,000 patrons this year.

Museum: Bill Smith, Adirondack Storyteller, will be at the Congregational Church on September 24.

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

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon reported that the water softener for the Town Hall has been purchased. It is in the basement waiting for someone to hook it up.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker reported on the calls and training for the month. They purchased Engine 80 from Potsdam and are preparing to get it ready to put in service.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he is finishing up the summer work. He is mowing Catherinesville Cemetery for the last time this year. He also reported to the Board that he is going to need someone to fill in for him from November 14 until February. The Board will look for someone.

New Business:

Wind Advisory Board: Supv. Wood read a letter of resignation from Dale Kingsley effective August 27, 2016 due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept the letter of resignation and appoint Jody Wenzel, alternate, to the position on the Wind Advisory Board. Adopted unanimously.

Board of Review: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that David Haynes term of office to the Board of Review will expire on September 30. He is interested in being reappointed.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to appoint David Haynes to a five year term commencing on October 1, 2016 and expiring on September 30, 2021. Adopted unanimously.

2017 Budget: Clerk French presented the Board with the 2017 Tentative Budget. She reported that all changes they had discussed at the September 12 meeting had been done. The current budget is within the Tax Cap.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to adopt the 2017 Tentative Budget as presented as the Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing on the budget on October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

RMC