

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LL 3 CODE OF ETHICS

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 15, 2017

At the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk French, Nancy Horan, Amber Lindsey, Joe Snell, Gary Snell Sr., Lori Witherell, Douglas Witherell, Lucia Dailey, Kelly Pullano, Adele Sochia, Janice Pease, Joseph Pease, Morgan Newtown, Jesse Bonno, Christina Snell, Scott McDonald, Deborah Rust, Ila Durant, Alden Durant, Richard Eakins, Harold Phippen, Lisa Gray, Sandy Maine, Robert Blum, Jack Kelly, Tom Whitesell, Luke Martin, Josie Severtson, Levi Cook, Kelly Charleson.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 3 Code of Ethics was called to order by Supervisor Wood at 7:00 p.m.

The following persons spoke in favor of the revision to the Code of Ethics for the Town of Hopkinton:  
Richard Eakins.

The following persons spoke against the revision to the Code of Ethics for the Town of Hopkinton:

Lisa Gray, Sandy Maine, Robert Blum, Tom Whitesell, Joe Snell, Gary Snell Sr., Lori Witherell, Lucia Daily, Kelly Pullano, Kelly Charleson,

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 7:25 p.m.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Approval of April 2017 Financial Report was tabled due to computer issues.

Voucher Nos. 100 to 130 General Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$18,056.19 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 49 to 62 Highway Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$11,791.44 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 9 BHLS Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$1,246.61 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 4 Building Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$5,000.00 was audited and approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to make the following Transfer in the General Fund:

From A1990.4 Contingent Acct. to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$1,783.00. Adopted unanimously.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Supv. Wood addressed the public in regards to rumors going around that Avangrid/Iberdrola has been giving the Town and Fire Department bribes. She stated that the town has received nothing from them and there have been no negotiations with the Fire Department.

Amber Lindsey: informed the Board that there is a property located on SH 11B next to the Judge's residence that has a large number of abandoned cats living there. She is concerned about the possibility of rabies and other disease. She contacted Dog Control and was told they do not take care of cats. It was suggested to inform the Code Officer of the situation.

Kelly Pullano: Wind Advisory Board is coming to an end of their responsibility and the Wind Law will be turned over to the Board. She is asking the Board to remember their responsibility to the citizens. She also asked that when meetings are held with the Supervisors, Supt of Schools, County and Avangrid that they keep the meetings open to the public.

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Morgan Newtown: Keep in mind that the PILOT money will run out.

Lori Witherell: PILOT vs. full taxation. Tax money should be spent on more solar or hydro.

**Correspondence:**

BHLS: Minutes of May 2 meeting were presented.

Common Ground Alliance: meeting on July 11 for the APA. Deals with issues of the park and makes recommendations.

Association of Towns: Countywide Shared Services Plan. What you need to know about proposed shared services and transfers of functions. The second provides an overview of the data on shared services. Supervisor Wood is going to attend a meeting in Malone on this process.

NYS Assembly: 2017/18 CHIPS total as well as 2017/18 Pave NY. We will receive \$176,660.48 in CHIPS funding and \$33,902.85 in Pave NY funding.

NYS Town Clerks Association, Inc: informing the Board that the Town Clerk, Vickie French has been awarded the Associations certification as a Registered Municipal Clerk.

**Old Business:**

Proposed Local Law 3: Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to adopt proposed Local Law 3 Code of Ethics of the Town of Hopkinton. A full text of this Local Law is filed in the Local Law Book of the Town of Hopkinton.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood, Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia recused himself, Crump recused himself.

First Baptist Church: asking the Board for permission to use the Hopkinton Park July 10-14 for a Bible Club. Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to allow them to use the park.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilman Sochia Aye, Lyon, Aye, Crump Aye, Parker Abstained.

**Committee Reports:**

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported she is working on a Tentative Application for Intervener Funds. Supervisor Votra, Town of Parishville, and her are working on names to submit for the siting Board.

Code Enforcement: Mr. McGill presented a written report. Supervisor Wood read the report aloud.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Supervisor Wood read the report aloud.

Library: Jan Keller presented a written report. Supervisor Wood read the report aloud. They have a leak in the bathroom sink. Mr. Crump will check on this.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that he met with Mr. Black and did a walkthrough of the work being done. He has some outside work left. Discussion was also held on roof replacement and siding.

We have a price quote from Mr. Black on the roof replacement in the amount of \$9,100.00, includes fascia replacement.

The following price quotes were received on the siding:

Duane's General Construction: \$13,769.00 for 40 squares.

Fearlbridge Builders: \$25,000.00 Siding, Soffit & Fascia: \$7,000.00, Roof: \$25,000.00

Tharrett's Construction: \$14,361.00.

The Historical Group will pay for the roof if the town takes care of the siding.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to table making the decision until June meeting. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to pay Mr. Black his final payment after inspection. Adopted unanimously.

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Highway & Safety: The Board was given a written report. Supervisor Wood read the report aloud.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported on the bank balance.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker presented a written report and read it aloud. He also reported that Richard Daby will receive a 60 year pin and Ronald Streeter will receive a 50 year pin at the annual Banquet on June 10. Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to have the Supervisor draft a Proclamation to present to them at the June 10 Banquet on behalf of the Town Board. Adopted unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: regarding Lead Agency Determination-Mined Land Permit Application Ozonia Sand & Gravel Mine, Permit Application #6-4046-00062/00001 Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County. This project is subject to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). An application and Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form was presented for the Towns review. The DEC proposes to act as Lead Agency for this action.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to sign the letter of no objection for them to act as Lead Agency.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Sochia Aye, Parker Aye, Lyon Aye, Crump recused himself.

CHIPS Budget Revision: Mr. Sochia introduced the following Resolution with a second by Ms Lyon:

WHEREAS the additional funds were included in the 2017-2018 New York State Budget for Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)-PAVE-NY and Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR), and

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton will receive an additional \$33,902.85 in PAVE-NY and \$28,133.13 in EWR,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton increases the CHIPS line item DA3501 by \$62,035.98 and increases the Capital Improvements line item DA5112.2 by \$62,035.98

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Sochia Aye, Lyon Aye, Parker Aye, Crump Aye.

Printer: Clerk French informed the Board that the Code Officer needs a new printer. There is a Canon Image Class Laser printer on Amazon for \$142.99. She also updated the Board on the price of the laptop for the Code Officer. Upon ordering the laptop the quote had expired so the quoted price of \$587.99 expired and that computer was no longer available. The one purchased actually cost \$666.39 and the Microsoft Office was \$184.99.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to purchase the printer from Amazon in the amount of \$142.99. Adopted unanimously.

Roadside Mowing Contract: Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the 2017 Roadside Mowing Contract with the County. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French  
RMC

