

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LL A TO REPEAL LL 2 OF 2016

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 09, 2017

At the Public Hearing, Organizational and Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 09, 2017 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk French, Allen Fukes Assessor & Code Officer, Kelly Pullano were present for the Public Hearings.

ALL OTHERS PRESENT ARRIVED AT 7:35 p.m. or later: Cherie Whitten, Dwight Tuinstra, Jenna Blondell, Beth Rosenbarker, Rachel Martin, Luke Martin, Nancy Horan, Albert Hickman, Eli Miller, Wayne Akley, Leslie Hickman, Mary Witherell, Megan Hickman, Sandy Maine, Laura Murphy, Fred Nicholson, Tom Whitesell, Joseph Pease, Janice Pease, Diane Cary-Dingle, Kathy MacKay, Kevin Sigourney, Connie Vitale, John Mahoney, Patti Walzer, Forrest Gallian, Nathan Collins, Joseph Snell, Dean Laubsher, Stephen Lindberg, Luke Daily, Amber Lindsey.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law A to Repeal Local Law 2 of 2016 was called to order by Supervisor Wood at 7:00 p.m.

Supv. Wood explained that the Local Law on Solar Energy Systems was filed before the Public Hearing was held in error therefore we have to repeal it and refile.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 7:05 p.m.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law B Solar Energy Systems was called to order by Supervisor Wood at 7:05 p.m.

Kelly Pullano questioned the Board on what the local law was for. Supv. Wood responded that it was guidelines for the installation of Solar Energy and the permitting process.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 7:06 p.m.

Supv. Wood called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Annual report of Clerk French was presented, audited and signed by the Board.

There were no other annual records to audit due to the fact bank statements had not arrived as of yet. They will be presented at the February meeting.

A copy of all appointments and fiscal resolutions are attached.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2016 and Special Meeting held on December 30, 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Approval of December 2016 Financial Report was tabled due to the fact that there was no bank statements.

Voucher Nos. 1 to 17 General Fund Abstract 1 in the amount of \$8,834.08 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 1 to 5 Highway Fund Abstract 1 in the amount of \$12,710.08 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 1 BHLS Fund Abstract 1 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.

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Privilege of the Floor: Several persons present spoke to the Board in regards to the negative impacts they feel having a wind farm in the town would have on residents and the town. They also presented the Board with literature on this matter.

Supv. Wood responded that the Town Board is doing the best they can to become educated on all the pros and cons of a wind farm and to represent the people. She also reported that a wind survey will be mailed out to all property owners within the next week.

Correspondence:

Association of Towns: regarding the 2016 training school and proposed resolutions.

St. Lawrence County Real Property: breakdown of Town Chargebacks.

BHLS: Minutes of Jan 3 meeting and 2017 Budget were presented.

Old Business:

Proposed Local Law A: Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to adopt proposed Local Law A as Local Law 1 of 2017 “to Repeal Local Law 2 of 2016. 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, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye.

Proposed Local Law B: Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to adopt proposed Local Law B as Local Law 2 of 2017 “ Solar Energy Systems”. 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, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Mrs. Wood reported she has the wind survey ready to mail. She is continuing to do research on wind turbines. She also received correspondence from Roger Linden, Town Attorney, in regards to proposed revisions to Parishville’s Wind Energy Facilities Law of 2012. He also suggested that the Town of Hopkinton and Town of Parishville retain the services of Mr. Melewski or some other appropriate attorney to assist in evaluating whether or not changes are needed or advisable to each of the town’s local laws whether or not same is engendered by the townships themselves, Advangrid and/or the concerned citizens group.

The Board agreed with Mr. Linden’s suggestion.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 50 permits for the year, which is up nine permits from last year.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Enhanced STAR and Aged Exemption renewals will be mailed out. New York State will still handle all new applications. The final Equalization rate has been filed as 100% for 2017.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that the furnace still was not working. Cornerstone came and installed a new thermostat. He also updated the Board on the progress of the Museum foundation work.

Mr. Black reported to him that there is a lot of wiring that needs attention. The Board agreed to get a quote on wiring.

Highway & Safety: The Board was given a written report.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that the transition of Dentist is going well.

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon reported that the water softener has been installed at the Town Hall.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker reported that they had six calls. They were all MVA. They had 308 man-hours of training and 72 man hours of work detail.

Groundskeeper: Installed the water softener at Town Hall.

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North Country Life Flight: Mr. Crump introduced the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Lyon:

WHEREAS, North Country Life Flight, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service for critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$500.00 which represents the Town’s share for 2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$500.00 is hereby appropriated to Account No. A4540.4 for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

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

Potsdam Humane Society: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the 2017 Contract with the Potsdam Humane Society in the amount of \$1,800.00. Adopted unanimously.

Quad Town Seniors: Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the 2017 Contract with the Quad Town Seniors in the amount of \$750.00. Adopted unanimously.

Supervisor Wood reported to the Board that Iberdrola (Avangrid) had contacted her in regards to changing the wind overlay map. The Board tabled any decision on this matter at this time.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Adopted unanimously.

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Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve all appointments and fiscal Resolutions.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Lyon Aye, Crump Aye, Sochia Absent, Parker Aye.
Supv. Wood abstained on appointment of Groundskeeper.

APPOINTMENTS, RESOLUTIONS OTHER;

APPOINTMENTS BY SUPERVISOR:

- 1. DEPUTY SUPERVISOR Susan Lyon
- 2. DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPT. Leland McAllister
- 3. BUDGET OFFICER Vickie French
- 4. LOCAL ACCOUNTANT Lyon Accounting
- 5. REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS Vickie French
- 6. HISTORIAN Mary Converse

7. DEPUTY HISTORIAN Cindy Niles

APPOINTMENTS BY TOWN CLERK:

1. DEPUTY TOWN CLERK\REGISTRAR & DEPUTY TAX COLL. Etta Phelix & Katrina Parker

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL:

1. REPRESENTATIVE-ASSOC. TOWNS MTG. None

2. CUSTODIAN TOWN HALL & TOWN OFFICE Sue Converse

3. GARBAGE PICK-UP (TOWN HALL, TOWN OFFICE, TOWN GARAGE, FT. JACKSON PARK) J & F Trash Removal

4. DOG CONTROL OFFICER Robert Phillips

5. LIBRARY CLERK Jan Keller

6. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Allen Fukes

7. GROUNDS KEEPER Ernest Wood

OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

1. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER Courier-Observer

2. INSURANCE AGENCY McFadden Dier (NYMIR)

3. DATE & TIME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS Jan, & Feb 2nd Mon. Rest of year 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM

Fiscal:

1. FEES FOR USE OF TOWN HALL:

(a) COMMUNITY (TOWN RESIDENTS)

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| 1. PRIVATE PARTIES | <u>\$65.00</u> |
| 2. WEDDING RECEPTIONS, DANCES, DINNERS | <u>75.00</u> |
| 3. X-TRA FOR KITCHEN STOVE USE | <u>35.00</u> |
| 4. PUBLIC MEETINGS | <u>Free</u> |

(b) NON-COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

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| 1. ALL EVENTS | <u>\$110.00</u> |
| 2. X-TRA FOR KITCHEN USE | <u>45.00</u> |
| 3. PUBLIC MEETINGS | <u>Free</u> |

A \$75.00 DEPOSIT WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL EVENTS RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT. EACH PERSON USING THE TOWN HALL WILL RECEIVE A LIST OF RULES FOR USE AND MUST SIGN THE FORM THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THEM. ALL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES.

2. SALARIES OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS SHALL BE PAID PER SCHEDULE:

(a) ANNUALLY- BUDGET OFFICER, REGISTRAR, HISTORIAN, DEPUTY SUPV. DEPUTY HWY SUPT., COUNCILPERSONS WILL BE PAID IN NOVEMBER.

(b) BI-WEEKLY- TOWN CLERK, SUPERVISOR, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ASSESSOR, JUSTICE, TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN, COURT CLERK.

(c) MONTHLY- ACCOUNTANT. (1st pay period of the month).

(d) WEEKLY- SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS, HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES.

(e) HOURLY - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK & LIBRARIAN, LABORERS & GROUNDSKEEPER.

3. RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AUTOMOBILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AT 50 CENTS PER MILE.
4. RATE OF PAY FOR PART TIME EMPLOYEES \$10.90 PER HOUR.
5. TOWN OFFICIALS TO BE REIMBURSED FOR PROPER CHARGES WHILE ATTENDING MEETINGS AND SCHOOLS WITH PROPER RECEIPTS.
6. SUPERVISOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT IN SUMMARY FORM. CERTIFIED COPY ON FILE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND NOTICE TO OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER THAT IT IS ON FILE NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2017.
7. PAYROLLS, BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER CONTRACTS SHALL BE PAID BY SUPV. WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL.
8. SUPERVISOR, AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE CERTIFICATES DEPOSIT AT ANY BANK DEEMED WISE.
9. APPROVAL OF BONDS FOR ALL ELECTED AND/OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS.
10. PETTY CASH OF \$200.00 SHALL REMAIN WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND NOTED ON FINAL REPORTS.
11. THE HIGHWAY SUPT. MAY SPEND UP TO \$1500.00 BETWEEN AUDITS IN THE HIGHWAY FUND AND THE SUPERVISOR CAN AUTHORIZE UP TO \$500.00 SPENDING BETWEEN AUDITS IN THE GENERAL FUND WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL.

REVIEW PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR 2017.

REVIEW INVESTMENT POLICY FOR 2017.

REVIEW OF CREDIT CARD POLICY FOR 2017.

REVIEW OF SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY FOR 2017.

REVIEW OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY FOR 2017.

The following designation of Depositories for 2017 will be:

NBT Bank: Supv. Wood, Clerk French, Justice Beekman.

Vickie French

RMC

