

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LAW FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2016

At the Public Hearing on a Proposed Local Law for Solar Energy Systems and the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2016 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, Annette Green, David Bradford, Kathy Mackay, John Mahoney, Nancy Horan, Amber Lindsey, Mose Schlabach, Dave Schlabach, Noah Schlabach, Eli Miller, Luke Martin, Leslie Hickman, Meghan Hickman, Laura Murphy, Frederick Nicholas, Cherie Whitten, Sandy Maine.

Supervisor Wood called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wood told those present that the Public Hearing on the Proposed Solar Energy Systems Law was being moved to January 9, 2017 due to a misfiling of the Local Law and we now have to rescind the Law before we can officially file it again.

Councilman Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Adopted unanimously.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on November 21, 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 312 to 334 General Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$4,589.56 were audited and approved by the Board. Voucher Nos. 175 to 194 Highway Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$16,378.19 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 20 to 22 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$464.78 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Budget Revisions:

General Fund Transfer:

From A1990.4 Contingent Acct to A1320.4 Auditing & Accounting Contractual \$30.00.

From A7410.4 Library Contractual to A7410.1 Library Personal Services \$520.48

From A7140.4 Playgrounds & Recreation Contractual to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual \$123.55.

From A8810.4 Cemeteries Contractual to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual \$77.00.

Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the transfers. Adopted unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor:

David Bradford, Energy Circuit Rider, Adirondack North Country Association spoke to the Board about the new program being implemented and the possible opportunity for grants for Capital Improvements related to Energy. The Town would have to do an Energy Audit and see what the towns' priorities are.

Sandy Maine: Presented the Board with literature on the impact of property values with the development of wind energy. She also asked the Board to consider a referendum vote for the town in regards to the development of a wind farm.

Supervisor Wood told her that she had contacted the Town Attorney on this matter and it is not required and would be a non-binding vote.

Kathy Mackay: asked the Board to check into the history of Iberdrola. There are other wind companies and the town should look at them also.

Nancy Horan: proposed to the Town Board the names of Sandy Maine and Gary Snell as the two representatives of the town if a siting board is established per Article 10.

Supervisor Wood reported that she is working with the Town of Parishville to develop a survey to send out to all taxpayers within the towns of Hopkinton and Parishville to get feedback from all residents. They hope to mail it within the first

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couple of weeks of January.

Correspondence:

No correspondence to review.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she attended the Wind Advisory Board meeting. They were presented with a petition from the Concerned Citizens, which contained 80 signatures, only 20 signatures were from the Town of Hopkinton, to put a moratorium on moving forward with the wind law.

Mr. Sochia and Supv. Wood attended a meeting in Brasher to meet the new Dentist that will be replacing Dr. Alfonso.

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 49 permits to date.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended part one of the IVP Program training. Part two will be in March.

Library: Clerk French reported that Jan Keller, Librarian, reported that they need a porch light. When they installed the new ramp the light was disconnected and was not put back in.

Museum: It was reported that it seems to still be very warm upstairs in the Museum even though the heat has been rerouted for the winter and registers are closed.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He would like the Board to consider transferring \$6,000.00 from the Snow Contractual to the Machinery Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new sander for the small truck. The County has put up low shoulder signs on County Rt 49 due to numerous cars going off the road.

Town Facilities: Susan Lyon reported that the Children's Christmas Party was held, 55 children attended.

Fire: Mr. Parker reported they had 103 MH calls, 123MH work detail, two new members, two calls to assist Tri-Town Rescue and one MVA.

BHLS: minutes of December meeting were presented. The new Dentist is looking into the possibility of hiring a dentist that specializes in children's dentistry.

New Business:

Proposed Local Law A: A Local Law to Repeal Local Law 2 of 2016 entitled "A Local Law on Solar Energy Systems".

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to hold a Public Hearing on January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building on the Repeal of Local Law 2 of 2016. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed Local Law B: A Local Law on Solar Energy Systems.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to hold a Public Hearing on January 9, 2017 at 7:10 p.m. at the Municipal Building on a Local Law for Solar Energy Systems. Adopted unanimously.

End of Year Meeting: Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to hold the meeting on December 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Adopted unanimously.

Town Christmas Dinner: will be held on January 6, 2017 at the Bourbon Barrel in Potsdam. Supv. Wood will make the arrangements.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

Town Clerk