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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 APPROVED MARCH 12, 2012

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:34 PM on Monday, February 13, 2011.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
George Langwasser, Selectman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Denis Goddard, Selectman (arriving at 6:00 pm)
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Tom Congoran

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin
voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; motion passes 3-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board tabled the Public and Non Public Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2012 due to the lack of a quorum. The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of January 30, 2012. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of January 30.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin
voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; motion passes 3-0.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to go into non public session with regards to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: O'Brien: yes;
Langwasser: yes; Pellerin: yes

The Board went into non public session at 5:39 pm. The Board returned from non public session at 6:03 pm. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to come out of non public session.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin
voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; motion passes 3-0.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non Public meeting for one (1) year. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin
voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; motion passes 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Lester Cressy inquired if there would be a Meet the Candidates night. Mr. Cass replied yes, it will be Sunday, March 11, 2012, it will begin at 2:00 pm and it will be held at the high school.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Chairmen O'Brien stated that Tom Congoran has forward his votes on the Warrant as he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to accept the recommendations of Selectmen Congoran as it pertains to the Warrant, pending approval of town counsel. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against; motion passes 4-0.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$ 5,574,223 for general municipal operations. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to recommend this article. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to recommend.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to support restoring the position of Human Services Director to full-time status, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,436.00 which represents the balance of wages and benefits for 8 month of a full-time director. Selectmen Goddard made a motion to NOT RECOMMEND. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to not recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to not recommend.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred sixty-two thousand (\$ 362,000) to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve funds. Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to recommend. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to recommend.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in previously established Expendable General Trust Funds. Selectmen Langwasser

made a motion to recommend. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to recommend.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-five thousand, dollars (\$95,000) for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Pay by Bag Fund (Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 2010 Town Meeting to fund this appropriation. No funds to be raised by taxation. Selectmen Goddard made a motion to recommend. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to recommend.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for conceptual architecture and engineering for a new fire station with plans to be presented at the 2013 Town Meeting. Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to recommend. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to NOT recommend.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 19 as amended that was approved at the March 2010 Hopkinton town Meeting. Passage of this new 2012 Warrant Article will end the so called "Pay-by-Bag" trash disposal program in its entirety. Cancellation of "Pay-by-Bag" will become effective on April 30, 2012. Selectmen Goddard made a motion to NOT RECOMMEND. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to NOT RECOMMEND. Selectmen Congoran voted to NOT RECOMMEND.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to set the price of the official Pay-by-Bag bags as follows:

13 gallon bags	\$ 0.75
33 gallon bags	\$ 1.25

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to recommend. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to recommend.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to review all possible options for a community center or community center space and report back to the Board of Selectmen by September 1, 2012 with the intent of the Board of Selectmen recommending action to the 2013 Town Meeting.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (X-X)).

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Community Center Capital Reserve Fund created in 1999. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the Town's general fund. Selectmen Goddard made a motion to recommend. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to recommend.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to pay off existing debt. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to NOT RECOMMEND. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to NOT RECOMMEND. Selectmen Congoran voted to NOT RECOMMEND.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell an approximately 1.18 acre lot listed in the Town Tax Records as Map 211, Lot 014 located on Tamarack Road. Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to recommend. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to recommend.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred twenty-two dollars (\$1,522) for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Senior Center and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Senior Center Rental Fund (Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 2009 Town Meeting to fund this appropriation. No funds to be raised by taxation. Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to recommend. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 to recommend. Selectmen Congoran voted to recommend.

Flood Land Reimbursement-Chairmen O'Brien stated he attended a public hearing for a bill regarding flood reimbursement. He stated that although the Finance Committee is concerned that towns are not being reimbursed, they note the State does not have the finances to pay. Selectmen O'Brien further stated that the language states the State shall pay the towns. This would indicate the State must pay the towns regardless of whether Massachusetts pays New Hampshire. Chairmen O'Brien would like a letter from Town Counsel preserving Hopkinton's rights to this money.

Pay By Bag Report-The Board looked over the Summary Sheet and the Report by Steve Clough. It was noted that recycling is up, trash is down. A discussion ensued with regards to a handout for Town Meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Candidates- Mr. Cass announced there are 2 contested races. Running for Selectmen is George Langwasser, Karen Irwin and Merle Dustin. Also the Town Clerk/Tax Collector has 7 people running for that office: Chuck Gangle, Maria Doval, Virginia Haines, Wendy Hayes, Kathy Donohoe, Sherri Seabury, and Laurie Shepard.

Selectmen O'Brien informed the Board about the CVP's plan to raise water rates. The CVP is considering constructing a new facility with a cost of 4 to 5 million which cost would be on the tax payers in the CVP. He noted it would be a substantial increase. New meters were also put in and taxpayers in CVP were charged for the meters. The precinct wants to charge a monthly charge for the meters as well as the rate hikes. It was noted that the Board of Selectmen have no control over the precinct.

Sale of land, Map 243 Lot 44 and Map 211 Lot 10 were discussed at the last meeting and those present at the meeting voted to sell both pieces.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cass stated the school and town employees are involved in a wellness program challenge.

Mr. Cass stated that he attended a Reasonable Suspicion Training.

An e-mail received from LGC with regards to HB212 which deals with risk pools was reviewed. The Board decided to wait and see how the hearing would turn out. It was noted that risk pools help to keep costs down.

ADJOURNMENT

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to go into non public session with regards to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (a) and (e). Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: O'Brien: yes;
Langwasser: yes; Pellerin: yes;
Goddard: yes; no votes again; motion

passes, 4-0.

Selectmen O'Brien noted there would be no further business after the non public session. The Board entered non public session at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.