



# Town of Hopkinton, NH

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**SELECT BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014  
APPROVED October 6, 2014**

Jim O'Brien, Chairman, called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:40 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Chairman O'Brien introduced the members of the Board. Police Chief Steve Pecora led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Jim O'Brien, George Langwasser, Sara Persechino, Ken Traum and Sue B. Strickford

**Staff Present:** Neal Cass, Town Administrator, and Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant; Jessica Bailey, Recreation Director

**Public Present:** Ken Wilkens, Merle Dustin, Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Lucia Kittredge, Bob LaPree, Janet Krzyzaniak; Michael Lobsinger and family members, Police Chief Steve Pecora and members of the Police Department

## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Consent Agenda**

Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (5-0) the Consent Agenda, taking the following action on motion made by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mrs. Persechino.

Item	Date	Action	Comments
Accounts Payable Manifest		Approved	113,719.00
Accounts Payable Manifest		Approved	111,139.71
Payroll Manifest		Approved	59,889.70
Building Permit		Approved	Map 203/Lot 5 Garage
Building Permit		Approved	Map 222/Lot 75 deck
Building Permit		Approved	Map 203/Lot 5 Addition
Building Permit		Approved	Map 210/Lot 20 Demo
Building Permit		Approved	Map 257/Lot 7.1 Greenhouse
Building Permit		Approved	Map 208/Lot 68 Addition
Building Permit		Approved	Map 102/Lot 65 Shed
Building Permit		Approved	Map 216/Lot 30 Addition
Intent to Cut Broderick	09-22-14	Approved	Map 243/Lot 9
Intent to Cut Meadowsend	09-22-14	Approved	Map 232 Lots 4, 5,6
PAF-POLICE DEPT	09-22-14	Approved	New hire replacement

Transfer of Funds Pay by Bag	09-22-14	Approved	To General Fund 63,750.00
Transfer of Funds Library Re	09-22-14	Approved	To General Fund 6,973.00

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of September 8, 2014; with one correction. Mr. Langwasser made a motion; seconded by Mrs. Strickford, to approve the public meeting minutes as amended, of September 8, 2014.

**VOTE:** O’Brien, Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of September 8, 2014. Mr. Traum made a motion; seconded by Mr. Langwasser, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of September 8, 2014.

**VOTE:** O’Brien, Langwasser, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; Persechino abstaining; MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1.

**III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman O’Brien announced the Town has hired a new police officer, Michael Lobsinger and he will be sworn in tonight. Chairman O’Brien asked Police Chief Steve Pecora to introduce Mr. Lobsinger. Chief Pecora gave a brief background of Mr. Lobsinger’s history, including service in the Navy. Mr. Lobsinger came forward and Chairman O’Brien administered the Oath of Office.

There was a 10 minute recess.

As it was not time for the Public Hearing to start; Chairman O’Brien skipped ahead to Old Business.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Flood Money:** Chairman O’Brien stated that we have received \$139,528.00 for past due flood money. This money was for 2012. Chairman O’Brien stated it is unanticipated revenue and we will need a public hearing to spend the funds. He inquired what the Board would like to do with the money. Mr. Cass stated paving could be done; or paying off bonds. The consensus of the Board was to spend the money on paving. The Board was given a list of recommendations for paving.

Chairman O’Brien asked Mr. Cass to schedule the Public Hearing.

**III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS: PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:00 pm Chairman O’Brien opened the Joint Public Hearing of the Select Board and the Conservation Commission. Chairman O’Brien stated the Conservation Commission is proposing to buy a conservation easement; which the Conservation Commission has authority with the approval of the Select Board to purchase.

Ron Klemarczyk, from the Conservation Commission gave a presentation of the proposed easement, which is property owned by Daniel & Bernice Dustin, Map 224 Lot 28. This

proposed easement; along with the easement on the Bohanan property, will protect the riverfront. Mr. Klemarczyk stated this easement will be purchased with mitigation money from PSNH; the Conservation Commission will draw money from their fund and the Dustin's have agreed to put in \$2,000, to offset the cost of the survey; no taxpayer money will be used for this purchase. Mr. Klemarczyk stated an easement comes with responsibility, which will be assumed by Five Rivers. We retain executory interest. Chairman O'Brien asked Mr. Klemarczyk to explain how the Conservation Commission gets its funds. Mr. Klemarczyk stated it comes from the collection of Current Use Penalties (LUCT land change use tax); by a vote at Town Meeting, the Conservation Commission gets 35% of the penalty and the remainder goes into the General Fund. There would be public access. Mrs. Krzyzaniak asked if it would be taxed; Mr. Klemarczyk stated the property would be taxed as it is now under current use. As there were no further questions, Chairman O'Brien closed the public hearing at 6:20 pm. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. Traum made a motion to approve the purchase by the Conservation Commission for a Conservation Easement on property owned by Daniel and Bernice Dustin, being Map 224 Lot 28, in the amount of \$131,600. Money for this easement will come from PSNH Mitigation Project funds, Conservation Commission funds and from the Dustins. The easement will be under the responsibility of Five Rivers with the Town retaining executory interest. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**EDC Membership:** Chairman O'Brien stated he has started making some calls and asking those interested to come in and fill out an application. Mrs. Strickford stated she would like a couple of the members of the Board to talk to the people at Caterpillar before they move. Mr. Traum, Mr. Langwasser and Mr. Cass will pursue that.

**Joint Select Board/School Board Meeting:** Mr. Cass reminded the Board that we will be meeting with the School Board on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 5:30 pm. If the Board has items for the agenda, please let him know before Friday, September 26, 2014

## **III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS: PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:32 pm, Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing regarding the matter of Television Franchise Agreement with MCT DBA. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed television franchise agreement with TDS. Mr. Traum, who was on the committee, gave a brief history and noted that as a town we have little control as to what is in the contract. Scott Brooks from TDS was available for any questions. He thanked the committee for all their work; and hoped this would be an option for those previously without the option for cable tv; and the build out should be complete soon and should be available to customers mid-October. As there were no further comments or questions, Chairman O'Brien closed the public hearing at 6:45 pm.

Mr. Traum made a motion to approve the TDS Final Proposal for Cable Television Franchise Agreement. Mr. Langwasser seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

The Board signed the contract.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

**EEE Response UPDATE:** Mr. Cass stated there have been no other cases reported. The State will test for free; but they do not do the collection. Mr. Cass stated he has put information up at all the fields; at the skate park, and at trailheads.

#### **IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

Merle Dustin stated the new flags look good; she also suggested the flood money be used at the gazebo and for more band concerts.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Paving Bids:** Mr. Cass stated we have received 3 paving bids; John Thayer has reviewed them. Mr. Thayer recommends R&D Paving with a bid of \$119,123.25.

Mr. Langwasser made a motion to approve the bid from R&D Paving in the amount of \$119,123.25. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

**Boston Post Cane:** Discussion ensued as to the person who was eligible to receive the cane. Mrs. Strickford stated she is concerned about the original cane and suggested that it be preserved in a glass case at the Town Hall with a plaque naming those that have had possession of it in the past. She also suggested having a duplicate made to hand out along with a certificate.

**Financial Review:** Mr. Cass stated the report looks better this month and last month. The Pay by Bag revenue has been transferred; expenses are on track, with the exception of the legal line item.

#### **VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

**Election Coverage:** Mr. Cass stated for future reference a quorum of the Board should be at the election.

**Fire Station Update:** Mr. Cass stated there is alot going on at the Fire Station; walls on the riverside have been built and waiting for concrete; cutting into the wall, ceiling and floor; Saturday the sewer line will be installed and Pine Street will be closed from 6:00 am to 10:00 am. Discussion ensued, with regards to notifying the businesses of the road closure.

#### **VII. OTHER**

Mr. Wilkens stated he has spoken with the new owner at the Number 5 Tavern and it should be open in November.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Mrs. Persechino, seconded by Mr. Traum to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Buchanan