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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 APPROVED MARCH 21, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016 in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Brien introduced the members of the Board. Merle Dustin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Chair; Ken Traum, Vice-Chair; Sara Persechino, Sue B. Strickford and Steve Lux, Jr.

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator; Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public Present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Ken Wilkens, Bob Gerseny, Merle Dustin, Deb Curtis, Robert Allen and Brad Kulacz, Hopkinton State Fair Board; Bruce Ellsworth, Bonnie and Lester Cressy, and Don Lane

II. POINTS OF PRIDE

Mr. Cass stated the audit was performed last week and they finished in four days. Mr. Cass further stated that the Finance Director, Deb Gallant, is always fully prepared for the auditors; making the audit run smoothly and quickly.

Chairman O'Brien stated that this is Mrs. Persechino's last meeting as a Select Board member. He thanked Mrs. Persechino for her service to Hopkinton, further stating that her enthusiasm and energy were brought to all the committees that she served on.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

CONSENT AGENDA 03-07-16

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

\$1,268,655.57

	\$51,702.39
PAYROLL MANIFEST	\$69,999.35
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	
Sewer Fund to General Fund	\$6,621.64

BUILDING PERMITS

Thomas J Hennessey Brockway Rd 256/28 New res
 Thomas Kuepper 64 Checkerberry 106/40 Addition
 Michael St Laurent 534 South Rd 237/14.1 Shed
 ReVision Energy 992 Farrington Corner 266/15 Solar

VETERAN'S CREDIT

McElvoy Kevin Map 224 Lot 50
 Pappas Charlene Map 251 Lot 8
 Drown Charles Map 258 Lot 24 deny no qualify event

SOLAR EXEMPTION

Rust Stephen & Elaine Map 249 Lot 15

INTENT TO CUT

Town of Hopkinton-Stumpfield Rd Expansion

FOREST PROTECTION CO-OPERATIVE AGREEMENT**2015 ANNUAL FACILITY REPORT****Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the Select Board Public Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 22, 2016. Mr. Lux made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Strickford, to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting Minutes. Mr. Traum inquired if the wording to a specific motion was correct. Mr. Cass responded, yes it is. There being no further discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

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

The Board reviewed the Select Board Non-Public Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 22, 2016. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Persechino, to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

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

IV. APPOINTMENTS:

Hopkinton State Fair Board Members: Deb Curtis, Robert Allen and Brad Kulacz, members of the Hopkinton State Fair Board came to speak with the Select Board members about how the Fair went in September and any updates for the next Fair. Ms. Curtis stated they had great weather for the Fair in September, 2015 and up to 60,000 guests. Ms. Curtis further stated the reintroduction of Town Night was a big success, there were vendors and music and we will be doing it again in 2016. Only one major incident, someone thinking the food was drive thru. Ms. Curtis stated she would like to thank Louise Carr for all her help. She also asked the Select Board to help squash a rumor that the Fair will not be coming back. It is completely untrue.

Ms. Curtis stated they are working on changes for 2016, including booking more entertainment, interviewing for board members and if the Select Board has names, they would be happy to have them.

Chairman O'Brien congratulated the Fair on their 100th anniversary. He further stated that the Town very much enjoyed Town Night and he thanked the Board for the Coke products. Chairman O'Brien also stated that the Select Board has 4 or 5 names for them to consider for the Fair Board.

Mr. Traum inquired if the Fair allows the use of their grounds for non-profit events. Ms. Curtis stated they should call the Fair office and speak with Pat.

Chairman O'Brien inquired if things went well with the Police and Fire Department this year. Ms. Curtis stated the Police side went well and after a meeting with the Fire Chief, Mr. Traum and Mr. Cass the Fire side went smoothly as well; and not anticipating any issues for 2016. Chairman O'Brien inquired how the tent inspections went last year. Ms. Curtis stated the tent inspections went well, however, next year she is not sure what to expect with regards to the Lancaster findings.

Mrs. Strickford inquired about if the Fair had received a request from the High School for graduation. Ms. Curtis stated she had not seen a request yet, but nothing will change from previous years.

Mrs. Dustin inquired as to benches along the walkway. Ms. Curtis stated they are aware of the need for seating and they are working on the issue.

Lester Cressy stated they are a neighbor of the Fair and although there was an issue with one of the campers, it was quickly resolved.

Mrs. Krzyzaniak inquired if the Fair would support discount tickets for the families of the police and fire departments, who were working at the Fair. Ms. Curtis stated they are currently discussing the possibility of a value packet for tickets, which would be pre-ordered.

Chairman O'Brien summarized what was discussed, and thanked the Fair Board for coming to the meeting.

Bruce Ellsworth, Moderator: Mr. Ellsworth came before the Board to go over the order of business for Town Meeting. Mr. Ellsworth stated that motions and seconds should come from the Board. Mr. Ellsworth stated he would announce the results of the elections that took place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. He will also summarize the Planning Amendments. Discussion ensued, with regards as to setting up the tables, chairs for the audience and the projector. Mr. Ellsworth stated no negative motions will be heard. He further stated he believes everyone should have the opportunity to speak, however, noting that not everyone has the right to vote at Town Meeting. Discussion ensued as to how that would be handled. Discussion ensued, with regards to the Budget Committee speaking on the Budget, as well as the Petition Warrant Articles.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Slusser Center Gift: Discussion ensued with regards to the changes that the Board asked to be made at the last meeting, regarding a Slusser Center Gift.

Mr. Traum made a motion to accept the gift of \$50,000. from the Slusser family with the proposed changes, removing Section 5.3 and rewording the Management section. Mr. Lux seconded the motion.

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

Class VI Road Request: Mr. Lux revised his request to do light maintenance work to three Class VI roads, Cross Road, Pet Dow Road and South Rd. Light maintenance to include removal, and cutting of sapling trees. He will get written permission from all landowners and will notify the town when he will be working on the road. If any issues are not resolved; he will walk away from doing anything on that person's land. The town has no liability, as he is a volunteer. The Board would like Mr. Lux to submit maintenance to Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works.

Mrs. Persechino made a motion to give Mr. Lux permission to do light maintenance on one road, Cross Rd; he must notify landowners and the town when work will begin. Mr. Traum seconded the motion. Mrs. Strickford stated she is against doing this.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, and Persechino voting in favor of the motion; Strickford voting against; Mr. Lux abstaining. MOTION APPROVED 3-1-1.

Elections: Mr. Cass stated everything is set up and ready to go for the Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Town Meeting, Saturday, March 12, 2016:

Change in set up: previously discussed

Special Presentations: Discussion of a presentation of a certificate to the Sestercentennial Committee, thanking them for all their hard work for our year-long celebration

Handouts: the Board reviewed the draft handout; it will be available at Town Meeting

Powerpoints: all powerpoint presentations have been updated.

Mrs. Persechino asked that all Board members bring their own water bottles instead of using bottled water.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mrs. Dustin stated she is happy to be back at Select Board meetings.

Mrs. Krzyzaniak inquired as to the progress of violations on Everyday Café. Mr. Cass stated we are moving forward.

Mr. Cressy stated that the Hopkinton Boys Basketball will be playing in the championship at SNHU at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

Mrs. Persechino informed the Board that Clash of the Titans on March 19th - a basketball match pitting the Hopkinton Police vs. Hopkinton School District to benefit the Hopkinton Special Olympics, Storming Hawks. The game starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Hopkinton High School.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Persechino stated that the Skate Park Committee has reached their fund raising goal of \$15,000. She also stated that there will be a fundraiser at The Number 5 Tavern on March 17, 2016, with a St. Patrick's Day buffet.

Mrs. Persechino stated she would like to continue to put updates on Facebook. The Board was agreeable to that.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Mr. Cass stated the audit was last week and all went well. Mr. Cass stated we are in the process of changing phones, with voiceover IP, although the main number, 746-3170, will remain, other numbers will change.

Mr. Cass stated that Building Inspector, John Pianka, will be at a deposition regarding the Ackerman fire this week.

Mr. Cass stated a notice has gone out to the abutter with regards to the planned updates on Kearsarge Avenue. An informational meeting will take place on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.

X. NON PUBLIC SESSION

XI. OTHER

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 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan,
Administrative Assessing Assistant