



# Town of Hopkinton, NH

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**SELECT BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016  
APPROVED: April 4, 2016**

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this special meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2016, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Brien introduced the members of the Board.

**Members Present:** Jim O'Brien-Chair, Ken Traum-Vice Chair, Sue B. Strickford, Steve Lux, Jr., and Bob Gerseny

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Neal Cass, Town Administrator

**Others Present:** Jack Ruderman-Revision Energy, Bruce Ellsworth, Mary Leadbeater, Michael Strack, and Ken Wilkens

### II. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<b>BUILDING PERMITS</b>			
SunRay Solar 81 Brockway Rd 257-046	3/28/2016	Approved	8.64KW Ground Mounted Solar Array - 32 panels
Fran Hamlin, 177 Fire Pond Rd 245-058	3/28/2016	Approved	8"X12" Detached Shed
A.& J. Klan 240-003	3/28/2016	Denied	Special Exception and Site Plan Review Required
<b>TRANSFER OF FUNDS</b>			
Recreation Revolving to General Fund	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$10,616.28
Public Safety Revolving to General Fund	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$1,886.54
Senior Center Rental to General Fund	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$145.95
Kimball Cabin to General Fund	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$369.02
Spirit Skate Park to General Fund	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$1,588.12
Human Service Donation to General	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$1,128.44
FD Auxiliary to General Fund	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$54.61

Human Service Energy to General Fund	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$4,934.43
Sewer Fund to General Fund	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$6,914.04
<b>APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FROM EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</b>			
Maintenance of Town Facilities	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$4,941.96
Recreation Facilities Maintenance	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$575.68
<b>APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>			
Police Vehicle and Equipment	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$19,263.00
Fire Vehicle and Equipment	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$15,097.41
Police/Fire Radio Equipment	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$2,369.00
Highway Vehicle and Equipment	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$80,160.00
Ambulance Replacement	3/28/2016	Approved	Reimbursement \$8,136.50
<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>			
Accounts Payable Check Register	3/28/2016	Approved	Checks 33539-55365 - \$1,383,590.20
<b>CURRENT USE APPLICATION</b>			
John Madden 242-003-000	3/28/2016	Approved	1.75 acres added
Karen Kennedy 258-068-000	3/28/2016	Approved	3.25 acres added
Karen Kennedy 258-068-001	3/28/2016	Approved	65.43 acres added
Binney Wells 215-015-000	3/28/2016	Approved	3.0 acres added
<b>VETERAN'S CREDIT</b>			
Fran Hamlin, Adrian Wright 245-058	3/28/2016	Approved	
<b>DISPOSITION OF ABATEMENT</b>			
Mark & Linda West - Sandy Beach	3/28/2016	Approved	\$212.00
Kenneth Vogel - Sandy Beach	3/28/2016	Approved	\$45.49
<b>TIMBER TAX WARRANT</b>			
Langley 243-010-000	3/28/2016	Approved	\$66.26

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### Solar Agreement with Revision Energy

Jack Ruderman from Revision Energy was asked to come forward. The Board reviewed the proposed Solar Power Purchase Agreement and Lease with Revision Energy. Mr. Traum noted the following:

- He reviewed closely Appendix A which compared methods calculating costs.
- He has independently confirmed that numbers being used.
- The 2.0% rate increase used for the numbers is about as accurate as it can be.
- It is possible that the Town will realize more savings because solar generation may occur during peak demand times.
- Recommends the Discount PPA which assumes a buyout in 7 years, and recommends the Board consider establishing a Capital Reserve Fund next year to begin setting funds aside to pay for the buyout.

Further information was discussed:

- The Town is not obligated to the buyout in 7 years, but may do it any time after 7 years.
- The rate has a \$0.03/KW increase in year 7, but returns to the yearly 2.0% increase after that.
- The numbers don't take into consideration the sale of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)

- The system has a 40 year life expectancy
- Revision carried insurance on the system and is responsible for the maintenance as long as they own it.
- Total expected output of the system is 58.3KW

Mr. Gerseny said that the upside of the project is good and the downside is very small. The Discount PPA gives good flexibility.

Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerseny to accept the Revision Energy Solar Power Purchase Agreement for the Contoocook Fire Station and to accept the Discount PPA rate. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

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

### **Planning Board Chair Bruce Ellsworth**

Mr. Ellsworth noted that the Planning Board currently has a good mix of members who do not always agree with each other bringing good perspectives. He recommended that current members whose terms are expiring be reappointed. The Board concurred and asked the Town Administrator to contact those members asking if they are willing to be reappointed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Gerseny, seconded by Mr. Traum to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator