



Town of Hopkinton, NH

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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016 APPROVED April 4, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Town Administrator Neal Cass called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016 in the Town Hall. Mr. Cass introduced the members of the Board. Bob Gerseny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Ken Traum, Sue B. Strickford, Steve Lux, Jr. and Bob Gerseny. Jim O'Brien was absent

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

Public Present: Ken Wilkens, Merle Dustin, Leigh Bossie, Jack Ruderman, Michael Montore, Daniel Forrester and Ian Tewksbury

II. POINTS OF PRIDE

Mr. Cass stated that there will be a Community Event on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at the Library Community Room. Dr. Thomas Andrew, NH's Chief Medical Officer will talk about Opiate/Opioid Related Deaths in NH. This event is sponsored by the Hopkinton Town Library Foundation, the Hopkinton Family Support Team, the Hopkinton PTA and the Hopkinton School District Wellness Advisory Committee, of which 3 members are Town Employees: Library Director Donna Dunlap, Police Chief Steve Pecora and Marilyn Bresaw, Human Services Director.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair:

Mr. Traum made a motion to nominate Jim O'Brien for Chairman of the Hopkinton Select Board. Mr. Lux seconded the motion. Mr. Traum stated that he had spoken to Mr. O'Brien previously and Mr. O'Brien stated he would accept the Chair position if nominated.

VOTE: Traum, Strickford, Lux and Gerseny voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

Mr. Lux made a motion to nominate Ken Traum for Vice Chair of the Hopkinton Select Board. Mrs. Strickford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Traum, Strickford, Lux and Gerseny voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. **MOTION APPROVED 4-0.**

The Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (4-0) the Consent Agenda, on motion made by Mr. Lux and seconded by Mrs. Strickford.

CONSENT AGENDA 03-21-16

\$33,701.08

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

\$47,071.02

PAYROLL MANIFEST

\$66,922.45

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Sewer Fund to General Fund

APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE-BRIDGE AID

Bridge No. 154/136 Board Cove Road

Bridge No. 144/168 East Penacook Rd

Bridge No. 178/039 Stickney Hill Rd

BUILDING PERMITS

Gardens to Imagine 663 Maple St. 228/18 organic farm

Gardens to Imagine 663 Maple St 228/18 Advertising Sign

Davis Andrew & Melissa 64 Watch Tower 240/44 Garage

2016 MS-232 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted

NH HIGHWAY SAFETY AGENCY GRANT AGREEMENT

EXHIBIT A

SOLAR EXEMPTION

RIGHT TO BURY

Thompson

Bastian

FIGHT BIG Money Letter

President Obama

Senator Kelly Ayotte

Senator Jean Shaheen
Representative Ann McLane Kuster
Senator Dan Feltus
Representative David Luneau
Representative Mel Myler
Representative Mary Jane Wallace

VETERAN'S CREDIT

Douglas Devers Map Map 212 Lot 4.4
Fred Long Map 206 Lot 23

SOLAR CREDIT

Patricia MacMillan Map 218 Lot 4

INTENT TO CUT

Travers Map 247 Lot 21.1
Rose Map 243 Lot 20

ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX DEFERRAL APPLICATION

Map 102 Lot 225

THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. Strickford made a motion to approve payment to Steve Lux, Jr. for audio services at Town Meeting, March 12, 2016. Mr. Gerseny seconded the motion.

VOTE: Traum, Strickford, and Gerseny voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; Lux abstaining MOTION APPROVED 3-0-1(abstaining).

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Select Board Public Meeting Minutes of Monday, March 7, 2016. Mrs. Strickford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lux, to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting Minutes. Vice-Chair Traum called for a vote.

VOTE: Traum, Strickford, Lux and Gerseny voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

i. Slusser Center Gifts: Mr. Cass stated that the Agreement has been accepted, no action needed.

ii. Town Meeting:

Change in set-up: Mr. Cass stated he has received positive feedback on the changes made in the set up at Town Meeting this year.

Overall Review of Town Meeting: Mr. Cass stated most feedback from Town Meeting has been positive, good meeting and voting indicated voters were well informed of the issues.

Road Bond: Mr. Cass stated the presentation of the Road Bond was met with voter approval. Discussion ensued with regards to which bank would be best to go with; Board agreed that Granite Bank at 2.54% looks like the best one for this project.

Motor Vehicle Fees: This article was defeated. Mr. Traum will contact other communities that have instituted this fee for suggestions and more information.

Solid Waste Disposal: Mr. Lux stated that the vote this year to rescind Pay by Bag was close and he feels it may be appropriate to look at the Solid Waste Disposal Committee report again and start a conversation about curbside pick-up. Discussion ensued, with regards to how much it would increase the tax rate. Discussion also ensued with regards to the impact if the Transfer Station were closed, including the contractual commitment to Webster. The Board would like to invite the Solid Waste Study Committee in, as well as the Recycling Committee, to the next Board meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Solar Agreement: Jack Ruderman from Revision Energy was in for the discussion. He briefly went over the options that the Board was being offered. The Board did not have all the numbers and therefore, did not make a decision. Mr. Ruderman stated he would forward the numbers and options to the Board for their review.

IV. APPOINTMENTS:

Mike Montore: Mike Montore and Daniel Forrester both of Pinewood Drive, were in to see what can be done about the selling of puppies at 224 Pinewood Drive. Mr. Cass stated that a Cease and Desist Order was served in 2014. Mr. Montore stated that they are still selling puppies from the home. Mr. Montore stated there is out of state traffic coming on weekends. Mr. Cass stated that he has driven by 224 Pinewood Drive several times and has been checking the internet and noted that there are no ads relative to selling puppies at 224 Pinewood Drive. Mr. Montore stated it is still going on. The Board agreed to get all the information to the Town's Attorney for review.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

ii. 2016 Select Board Assignments: The Board Members assignments for 2016 are as follows:

Ken Traum: Budget, Road Committee

Jim O'Brien: Planning Board

Bob Gerseny: EDC

Steve Lux: Open Space, Sewer

iii. Appointment List for 2016: Mr. Cass stated that Bruce Ellsworth would be at the next meeting to discuss appointments for the Planning Board. Mr. Cass also stated that Rob Miller has expressed an interest to join EDC. Discussion ensued, and the Board asked Mr. Cass to contact those members whose terms are up to see if they would like to serve again.

iv. Appointment of Hazard Mitigation Committee: Mr. Cass stated the Hazard Mitigation Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 11, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Mr. Cass noted the charge of the committee and that the following names are recommended appointments for the committee:

David Barnard, Facilities Director, Hopkinton School District
Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works
Deb Gallant, Finance Director
Doug Mumford, Fire Chief
Steve Pecora, Police Chief
Karen Robertson, Planning Director

Mr. Gerseny made a motion to approve the charge of the Hazard Mitigation Committee and to appoint the above mentioned as committee members. Mrs. Strickford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Traum, Strickford, Lux and Gerseny voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM:

Merle Dustin spoke about the condition of the land at the Bandstand. Mrs. Strickford stated that the Skate Park Committee did fundraising for the repairs of the skate park, perhaps Mrs. Dustin should consider that option.

Ian Tewksbury stated he believes going to curbside pick-up would be affordable for the town.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Mr. Cass stated a meeting was held for the abutters to the Kearsarge Ave project which will include changes to the Spring St. intersection. Trees and culvert work will begin when school is dismissed in June.

Mr. Cass announced that \$17,660.00 has been raised and donated to the Spirit Skate Board Park.

Mr. Cass noted that the Fire Department conducted a burn on Sunday, March 20, 2016 and all went well.

X. NON PUBLIC SESSION

XI. OTHER

A discussion ensued with regards to the lights at George's Park, noting there is no money in the 2016 budget and it is not economical to repair the outdated lights. It will have to wait until 2017.

Mr. Traum stated that the Hopkinton Women's Club will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in May; he inquired if the Board would like to present the Women's Club with a citation marking the event. The Board was in agreed to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Gerseny, seconded by Mr. Traum to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan,
Administrative Assessing Assistant