

MINUTES FOR THE HOPKINTON VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

October 20, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE:

- ❖ Nick Casolaro, Comm., Chair
- ❖ Thomas Lipoma, Comm.
- ❖ Matt Klein, Comm.
- ❖ Victoria Bram, Clerk
- ❖ Suzi Calley, Treasurer
- ❖ Mike O'Connor, Member, Water Board
- ❖ Rick Desmarais, Member, Water Board
- ❖ Thomas Morin, Citizen

MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Comm. Casolaro.

The Commissioners reviewed the HVP meeting minutes from September 15, 2022. Comm. Lipoma made a motion to approve the minutes. Comm. Casolaro seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The bill payments for September and October were approved as follows:
Eversource \$900.24, \$941.23 and Hopkinton Water Department \$135.25

The Commissioners signed the form MS 535 summary of 2021 financials.

Thomas Morin circulated draft plans for the land swap he is proposing wherein he would gain 1.4 acres of land currently owned by the Precinct (**Parcel B**) and in exchange the Hopkinton Village Precinct would gain 3.6 acres currently owned by Mr. Morin (**Parcel A**). This swap would add more road frontage to Mr. Morin's property, and it would increase the buffer zone of undeveloped forest around the Precinct water wells. *See diagram below.*



Comm. Lipoma said the land swap is a net gain to the Precinct.

Mr. Desmarais said that the land that the Precinct would be gaining is in the direction from which the water flows. Therefore, it is in the area that the Water Board would want to place another well, if there is ever a need for one.

Comm. Casolaro asked if Mr. Morin would want to subdivide his property after the land swap.

Mr. Morin said no, but a future owner might.

Comm. Casolaro noted that if the land swap takes place, the boundary by Parcel B would be very close to the 250 foot protective radius around one of the wells. He asked the Water Board members what would be the recourse if more flow was needed down the road, would a new well be drilled, or would flow capacity be increased using the existing wells.

Mr. Desmarais answered that increasing the flow would not be an issue, as the new storage tanks temper the flow rate. However, in the case of one of the wells failing, the solution would be to drill another well.

Mr. O'Connor noted that the water system is not close to using the full capacity of the new system.

Mr. Desmarais said the population would have to quintuple before the system hits capacity. The Water Board wants to moderate the usage in the coming years, focusing on conservation. The aquifer extends to Smith Bog, which is an excellent water source.

Comm. Casolaro asked where the high topographical point is in the area.

Mr. Morin said that it is across Old Stagecoach Road from his house.

Comm. Casolaro asked if the Water Board supports the land swap.

Mr. Desmarais said yes.

Comm. Casolaro stated that the procedure for moving the land swap forward would be to give proper notice and hold a Special Meeting with a warrant article describing the proposal.

Comm. Lipoma wondered if a special meeting would be needed. He stated that he would ask the Town Administrator.

Comm. Casolaro stated that he would check with the Municipal Association.

Comm. Lipoma asked if any of the meeting attendees had heard feedback about the traffic calming demonstration.

Comm. Klein suggested that the white line leading toward Briar Hill Road should extend further so that the cars heading toward Briar Hill would have to make a more pronounced right-hand turn.

Comm. Casolaro stated that he had heard positive feedback in person and seen negative comments online.

Comm. Lipoma said that the next step would be to determine if the Precinct wants to vote to formalize the new traffic pattern and appropriate funds with a warrant article at the Annual Meeting.

Comm. Casolaro stated that it would depend on how much the total cost would be, which means the Precinct would need a complete list of materials and a contractor's estimate.

Comm. Klein stated that if the additional cost needed would only increase taxes for one year that it could be feasible for the Precinct.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm. The next HVP Meeting is Thursday, November 17th at 7:30 pm at Hopkinton Town Hall.

Submitted by Victoria Bram, Clerk.

APPROVED:

Matt Klein

Nick Casolaro

Tom Lipoma

Three handwritten signatures are written on three horizontal lines. The first signature is 'Matt Klein', the second is 'Nick Casolaro', and the third is 'Tom Lipoma'.