MINUTES FOR THE HOPKINTON VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

November 17, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Nick Casolaro, Comm., Chair
- Thomas Lipoma, Comm.
- Matt Klein, Comm.
- Victoria Bram, Clerk
- Suzi Calley, Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Comm. Casolaro.

The Commissioners reviewed the HVP meeting minutes from October 20, 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 November were approved as follows: Eversource \$1,008.56
Nancy Goodell \$60.00
Primex \$792.00

The Commissioners reviewed the budget for 2023.

Comm. Lipoma asked how much funding, if any, the Precinct would want to appropriate to make the traffic calming demonstration design permanent.

Comm. Lipoma stated that the survey feedback was mostly positive, and that the only concerns noted were to do with trucks making the turn.

Comm. Lipoma said that the next step would be to get official sign-off from the Department of Transportation. Then the interested parties would need to determine how much money could be allocated to the project. He stated that the Economic Development Committee would manage the project.

Comm. Casolaro asked if any residences would lose frontage.

Comm. Lipoma replied no.

Comm. Lipoma stated that a warrant article for the 2023 Annual Meeting would need to be drafted with a specific dollar figure. He suggested \$5,000.00.

Comm. Klein stated that \$5,000 could be feasible, but the Precinct must be sensitive to the citizens' taxes going up next year due to increases in the School Budget and Town operating budget.

Comm. Casolaro suggested that the plan to vote on any warrant article allocating funds to the traffic calming design should be widely publicized to avoid criticism or complaint.

Comm. Casolaro stated that the Zoning ordinance needs to be updated and that any changes would be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The updates need to be Precinct-specific and should be reviewed by an attorney. He suggested that crafting the ordinance so it is similar to the Town's would be beneficial for site-plan reviews and building inspections.

Comm. Casolaro stated that, per the Municipal Association, in order to proceed with the land swap with Thomas Morin the Precinct would need to give proper notice and hold a Special Meeting, or wait until the Annual Meeting, and introduce a warrant article describing the proposal.

Victoria Bram stated that the display case where the Precinct warrants and minutes are posted at the Hopkinton Village Store needs work as the interior is getting very wet when it rains.

Comm. Casolaro stated that he will ask John Weullenweber about getting it replaced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm. The next HVP Meeting is Thursday, December 14th at 7:30 pm at Hopkinton Town Hall.

Submitted by Victoria Bram, Clerk.

APPROVED:

Matt Klein

Nick Casolaro

Tom Lipoma