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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 HOPKINTON TOWN HALL Approved January 23, 2017

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, January 9, 2017 at the Town Hall. Police Chief Steve Pecora led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Public Present: Janet & Tom Krzyzaniak, Dan Blanchette, Deb Gallant, Leigh Bossie, Police Chief Steve Pecora, Jeff & Becky Yale, Ken Wilkens, Sara Persechino, Ron Klemarczyk, Jake Schoch, and several Hopkinton residents.

II. CEREMONIAL SWEARING-IN FIRE CHIEF JEFF YALE:

Chairman O'Brien stated that he was both proud and excited to search and find someone within the Fire Department to fill the leadership role of Fire Chief. He further stated that he is looking forward to working with Jeff Yale. Chairman O'Brien swore Mr. Yale into office.

Fire Chief Yale stated he appreciates all the support from the Fire Department, the residents and his family.

Chairman O'Brien called for a 20 minute recess; with the meeting to resume at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman O'Brien called the meeting back to order.

III. APPOINTMENTS:

Fire Chief Jeff Yale: re: Fire Department

Chairman O'Brien inquired if Fire Chief Yale had any goals for the next few months and if there was anything the Board could do to help achieve those goals. Fire Chief Yale stated he has been re-evaluating in order to begin an everyday routine, so that things happen automatically. He further stated the Fire Department is made up of a great group of people and he expects all to step up. Mr. Gerseny stated he feels that it is important for the Fire Chief to get out into the community. Fire Chief Yale stated he will be going out to the schools and getting into the classrooms.

Discussion ensued, with regards to the 2017 budget.

Discussion ensued, with regards to Safe Stations.

Fire Chief Yale stated that he appreciated all the support and is looking forward to moving the Fire Department forward.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM:

None

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE:

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST	17,576.00
	36,393.61
	76,855.61
	1,484,830.43
	37,916.68

PAYROLL	79,164.35
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LETTER TO NH FIRE & TRAINING COMMISSION

re: Waiver Request for Fire Chief Yale

ABATEMENT

TJ Hennessy current use bill/bill will be revised	7,150.00
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LAND TAX CHANGE USE AND WARRANT

TJ Hennessey revised bill	6,750.00
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BUILDING PERMITS

Lasher David 758 Upper Straw bldg finish basement for family room 258-36
Robert Kimball 107 Beech Hill Rd install w roof mounted & one ground solar 259-21

YIELD TAX & WARRANT

Natalie O Jones Trust	1,905.41
Carol Murphy Revocable Trust	2,128.41

TRANFER OF FUNDS

Recreation Revolving Funds to General Fund	2,585.19
Sewer Fund to General Fund to General Fund	11,936.72
Public Safety Revolving Fund to General Fund	395.97

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ACCOUNTS)

Kimball Cabins to General Fund	42.99
Spirit Skate Park to General Fund	32.42

Approval of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 27, 2016. Mr. Lux made a motion, seconded by Mr. Traum, to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2016. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for a vote.

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

III. POINTS OF PRIDE:

Mr. Cass stated the Highway Department has been putting in long hours and the roads are in great shape. Mr. Cass also noted the first Hiking Day took place beginning at Kimball Cabins. The Recreation Department along with the Conservation Commission hosted the day's events, with a hike, skating and sledding. It was also noted that Jed Merrow, who cleans the pond for skating, complimented Paula Simpkins, Recreation Director and the Recreation Department for all their hard work.

Mr. Lux stated that he had received a call with regards to Officer Mac Hindle. The caller stated it was a great experience. Also, passing on a compliment for our ambulance service, Matt Demers and Kevin Culpon were on duty that day, and the caller found them to be caring and very compassionate.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

i. Pittsburg Select Board Letter: The Pittsburg Select Board are requesting support for Local Control of Municipals Roads, which has arisen due to the potential of the Northern Pass project going under municipal roads. Discussion ensued, with regards to the support letter. The Board decided to take no action.

ii. Update on year end financials: Mr. Cass stated that things look good, revenues are up and the Department Heads all did a great job at keeping expenses down.

VIII. ADMINISTATOR UPDATES:

Mr. Cass stated there has been a resident complaint with regards to snowmobiles on Penacook Road. Mr. Cass is currently working on this.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Traum inquired if Mr. Cass had heard anything from the Hopkinton Fair Association. Mr. Cass replied not yet, but he will contact them.

Mr. Traum noted that the Budget Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Town Hall. The School District will be presenting their budget.

Discussion ensued with regards to the Zoning Board proposed changes for Town Meeting. One of the amendments, if passed, would change the zoning for 4 residential homes to be in the industrial zone. It was noted that the State allows for towns to continue assessing those homes as residential, however, homeowner's need to file a form annually.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Lux, seconded by Mr. Traum to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant