



Town of Hopkinton

Office of Select Board

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**SELECT BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019
Approved July 22, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Ken Traum called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019, in the Dunlap Room at the Town Hall. Chairman O'Brien introduced the members of the Board.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien (arriving at 5:34 pm), Ken Traum, Steven Whitley and Anna Wells. Absent: Sabrina Dunlap

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

Public Present: Steve Lux, Jr., Lee Wilder, Louise Carr, and Heather Mitchell

At 5:30 pm, a scheduled conference call from George Sansoucy, our utility appraiser, was received. Mr. Sansoucy called, at the request of the Board, about an article that was in the Union Leader on June 10, 2019, with regards to an on-going appraisal issue in Ohio. Mr. Sansoucy was retained by the Board of Education for the United Local School District in Ohio.

Mr. Sansoucy stated that the Town of Kensington, Ohio took Utica East Ohio Midstream LLC, owner of the natural gas power plant, word that only the land has value and not the equipment. The Board of Education sued, and a settlement was eventually reached. Then Utica East Ohio Midstream LLC requested the tax appeals board ban Mr. Sansoucy from representing anyone in the State of Ohio for five (5) years up to a lifetime. Mr. Sansoucy stated that a decision came down on Friday and there are no sanctions made against him. Mr. Whitley inquired if there would be an appeal to that decision. Mr. Sansoucy replied it is possible, but it does not seem likely. He will be issuing a letter to the Towns that he represents, as well as a press release later this week. The Board thanked Mr. Sansoucy for his time. The call ended at 5:42 pm.

Ken Traum led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

POINTS OF PRIDE:

Mr. Cass stated that he received a letter from Peter Powers, thanking Joe Tristaino, Cemetery Sexton, for his work, and understanding and caring about the issues in regards to the burial of Mr. Power's wife.

Mr. Cass expressed his thanks to all of the employees and volunteers who worked the July 4th event, noting that the Fire Department, the Police Department and all the staff work outside in the heat as well as the cold.

Mr. Traum thanked the Hopkinton Historical Society for their presentation of a community reading of Frederick Douglass "What to the American Slave is your fourth of July?" Mr. Traum stated there were about 30 people who attended the reading.

Mr. Traum also noted the 4th of July activities in Hopkinton, saying we live in a special town. He also thanked Paula Simpkins and the Recreation Committee for all their work. He also noted that HP Fairfield was one of the 4th of July sponsors.

Mr. Whitley commented that the flags on all the roads looks great.

Mrs. Wells commented on the quick response of the Fire Department for a garage fire on her road.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board reviewed documents for signature and approved (4-0) the consent Agenda, taking the following action on a motion made by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Whitley.

Consent Agenda 07-08-2019

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST	\$130,701.31
	\$126,598.03
	\$63,810.17
PAYROLL MAINIFEST	\$90,773.01
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	
Recreation Revolving Fund to General Fund	\$16,019.20
Public Safety Revolving Fund to General Fund	\$57,918.59
Slusser Center Rental Expenses-Deposits to General Fund	\$300.00
Slusser Center Rental Expenses to General Fund	\$425.00
Kimball Cabins to General Fund	\$122.91
Human Services-Donations to General Fund	\$5,988.35
Hop FD Auxiliary to General Fund	\$1,114.08
Human Services Energy to General Fund	\$446.09
APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FROM EXPENDABLE TRUST ACCOUNTS	
Town Facilities Trust Fund	\$2,530.00

**APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
ACCOUNTS**

Sewer System Equip/Sludge Removal CRF	\$5,886.25
PW/Hwy vehicles-Spreader Capital Reserve Fund	\$153,675.00
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,500.00

GIS INTERNET SERVICE Annual Maintenance Agreement (2 copies)

PAF

Part time employee Transfer Station

ABATEMENT

Gary & Susan Graziano 496 Maple St \$14,435.34

RIGHT TO BURY

Peter Powers (replaces voided deed #1113 for different section) #1154

BARN PRESERVATION EASEMENTS & PA-36-A

Chisholm & Sarah Hofe
Robert & Paige Doherty
Gould Hill Farm

TIMBER WARRANT

Donald & Sue Ware

TIMBER CERTIFICATION

Operation #18-227-10

BUILDING PERMITS

Nicholas Goulas Map 254 Lot 22.1 construct 1980 sq fit, 2 story 4 bedroom
Kara D'Esopo Mollano Trust Map 217 Lot 11 renovate master bedroom
Benajmin Petrin Map 216 Lot 23 renovate interior to include relocation
Justin & Mary Perkins Map 105 Lot 2 demo of 18x12 3 season
porch/replacement

Waiving of small amount of Interest approval

The Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, June 24, 2019. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitley, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2019. There was one correction to the minutes.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Whitley and Wells voting in favor of the motion,

as amended; no votes against, MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

The Board reviewed the Select Board Non Public Meeting Minutes of Monday, June 24, 2019, which were sealed. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitley, to approve the Non Public Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2019.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Whitley and Wells voting in favor of the motion, as amended; no votes against, MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

Chairman O'Brien stated that he had hoped to be there when the Section House was moved to the Contoocook Riverways location, however, 5:30 am was too early. Steve Lux, Jr. stated that it was moved in about 45 minutes and there were a few minor issues with the move.

NEW BUSINESS:

YTD Financials: Mr. Cass stated the financials look good. Land Use Change Tax is up as well as timber tax, motor vehicle revenue and interest from the bank. Mr. Traum questioned the Transfer Station income; Mr. Cass noted that we are watching that closely. Mr. Cass stated that expenses are where they should be at 48.5%.

Chairman O'Brien stated that with regards to the school drainage issue, there is a major basin which needs to be installed. It is currently been built and then it will have to cure. Chairman O'Brien stated it may not be installed until spring of 2020, but the school should transfer the money before the end of the year.

Currier & Ives Scenic Byway: Chairman O'Brien stated the Byway travels through Hopkinton and surrounding towns and there are representatives for each town on the Currier & Ives route. Mr. Cass will put something on the web site to see if anyone in the community is willing to serve as a representative for Hopkinton.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: Mr. Cass stated that Ruth Chevion is still interested in leasing the Bates Building. He will continue working with her on this matter.

Mr. Cass noted that Jim Turner, the recipient of the Boston Cane Post, recently passed away.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Steve Lux, Jr. informed the Board that the Section House has been moved. He stated that there is more work to be done with the Park and right of way. He stated that while they were setting the foundation, a car came in, parked on the lawn and the driver left to go fishing. He stated that they need to define the parking area and the right of way, in order to keep people from parking on the grass. He suggested using larger boulders than what are there now. He also stated there is an abutting parcel that has had an abandon car on it for several years and he would like to see if it can be removed.

APPOINTMENTS (continued):

Lee Wilder re: Kimball Cabins Update: Mr. Wilder stated that when the committee was first appointed, they knew little about the cabins. However, since hearing its history, the committee

decided to restore the cabins and not tear them down. He stated that many people have come forward volunteered to help and Cabin #1 has been restored. They are currently working on Cabin #2; the roof is now done, and the porch is 2/3 complete.

With regards to Cabin #4, Mr. Wilder stated that the Committee has had many conversations about this cabin. They do not want to tear it down. The Committee has discussed moving the cabin to another location on the property, but it would still have to be fixed. They are waiting on quotes from Arnold Graton for moving it.

Mr. Wilder stated the Committee also has discussed the possibility of using materials from Cabin #4 and new logs to create a picnic pavilion. Mr. Wilder showed pictures of structures that the Committee liked. The Committee discussed a fireplace at the end of the building, stonework, concrete floor and handicap ramps, holding 3-6 picnic tables which could be used for events. The Committee has not made any decisions yet, they are still in the talking stages. Mr. Wilder also stated that the Lions Club and the Rotary have had informal discussions about a collaboration to continue the work. Mr. Wilder stated the Lions Club and Rotary have supplied financial and labor help. Mr. Wilder stated that we have been lucky to have very skilled and experienced people volunteer to help with the labor and fundraising.

Chairman O'Brien agreed that the Committee has done an outstanding job. Chairman O'Brien inquired about the cost of renovating Cabin #1. Mr. Wilder stated that it has taken six (6) years to complete Cabin #1 and labor has been free so far. Mr. Wilder stated that Hopkinton High School Class of 2019 is donating two (2) picnic grills for the Cabins use. He further stated that other Classes have donated as well.

Mr. Whitley inquired if the Committee needed anything from the Board at this time. Mr. Wilder replied no; this was an update.

OTHER:

Mr. Whitley asked Mr. Cass to reach out to Dan Blanchette, Public Works Director, with regards to the right of way by the Section House. Mr. Cass replied that he would let Mr. Blanchette know.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (d) Acquisition and Sale of Property

Mr. Traum moved to go into a non-public session to discuss the lease of property under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (d). Mr. Whitley seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members O'Brien, Traum, Whitley, and Wells voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

The Board and the Town Administrator entered into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 6:40 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 6:52 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mr. Traum moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session because it was determined that divulgence of this information could make the action ineffective. Mr. Whitley seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members O'Brien, Traum, Whitley, and Wells voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

NON-PUBLIC SESSION I-RSA 91-A: 3 III (c) Reputation

Mr. Traum moved to go into a non-public session to discuss an issue which could affect the reputation of someone other than a Board member under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Mr. Whitley seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members O'Brien, Traum, Whitley, and Wells voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 6:52 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:05 p.m.

These minutes were not sealed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant