



Town of Hopkinton

Office of Select Board

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**SELECT BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Monday June 8, 2020
Approved June 15, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dunlap called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020, via Zoom. Chair Dunlap introduced the members of the Board.

Members Present: Sabrina Dunlap, Ken Traum, Steven Whitley, Anna Wells and Jeffrey Donohoe through video conference.

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator, and Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant, Police Chief Steve Pecora, Fire Chief Jeff Yale and Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works, through video conference.

Public Present: Don Houston, Judi Case, Katherine Darcey, Sue Strickford, Jean Lightfoot, Bruce Ellsworth, Ted Wells, Janet Krzyzaniak, Bonnie Christie, George Langwasser, Don Cee, John Wuellenwebber, Dave Beckwith, Steve Lux, Jean Tewsbury, through video conference.

DECLARATION OF CHAIR: Chair Dunlap read the Right to Know Law Meeting Checklist as follows: As Chair of the Hopkinton Select Board, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means.

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 and meeting ID: 377 225 532, or by clicking on the following website address: <https://zoom.us/j/377225532>.

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting.

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on Town of Hopkinton's website: www.hopkinton-nh.gov and on the Town of Hopkinton's Facebook page.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.

If anyone has a problem, call (603) 746-8242 or email: townadmin@hopkinton-nh.gov.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote. Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Sabrina Dunlap and I am alone

Ken Traum and I am alone

Anna Wells and I am alone

Steven Whitley and I am alone

Jeffrey Donohoe and I am alone

EXPLANATION OF ZOOM:

There are several things about Zoom that will be helpful to know:

- This meeting is being recorded and will be available to watch at a later time. The link to watch will be on the Town website.
- The Select Board is unmuted, but all others are muted. If you have a question during the meeting use the chat feature to let the hosts know you have a question. The chat only goes to the hosts so off-line conversation cannot take place.
- During Public Forum, the line will be unmuted to allow participants to speak. Please be respectful of each other as we try to manage this.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

POINTS OF PRIDE:

Mr. Cass received a letter from Dale Roberts, and he read it as follows:

Dear Officers:

Throughout the national horror of world, national & local outrage over the manner of George death, I'm moved to send this note.

I'm comforted by the thought that our police department has been screened, selected, and to be the best, fairest to all people-not responsive to the color of their skin. I want good police officers to be praised and recognized for their impact-a positive effect on our local society.

I served in a "Got Lunch" committee years ago when it first began. The care evidenced for our citizens by Chief Pecora touched me. I hope that when you see a driver wave to a police car (which I always do) you know it's because I know your job is difficult, often thankless, but you're truly appreciated!

Mr. Traum noted that the Town Band has sent a letter to the Board cancelling all band concerts for this summer. He wanted to thank the members of the Town Band for all that they have done.

Mr. Traum also noted that the Historical Society’s Cemetery Walk last fall at Putney Hill Cemetery has received an award from The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), which is an Award of Excellence for the 2019 Putney Hill Cemetery Walk. Mr. Traum thanked Beth Spaulding and Lynn Clark.

Chair Dunlap and Anna Wells thanked the teachers and all the staff at the school for doing an excellent job with remote learning and staying connected to the students.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board reviewed documents for signature and approved (5-0) the Consent Agenda, taking the following action on a motion made by Mr. Whitley, and seconded by Mr. Donohoe.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
PAYROLL			
PPE 6/6/2020	6/8/2020	Approve	Checks- \$1,926.75, Dir Dep: \$79,757.78 TOTAL - \$81,684.53
PPE 6/6/2020 - First Responder Stipend	6/8/2020	Approve	DirDep - \$4,414.04
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			
ACH-Hopkinton School District	6/1/2020	Approve	\$685,533.00 - Portion of May
ACH-Hopkinton School District	6/1/2020	Approve	\$748,447.00 - Portion of June
AP Manifest - CH 64229-64244	6/1/2020	Approve	\$56,744.16 - Off-week approval by TA
AP Manifest - CH 64245-64269	6/4/2020	Approve	\$30,830.80
AP Manifest - CH 64270-64300	6/8/2020	Approve	\$24,122.53
TRANSFERS			
From Sewer Acct to Operating Account	6/8/2020	Approve	\$13,575.42
BUILDING PERMITS			
221-032-000 535 Pine Street	6/8/2020	Approve	Above Ground Pool and Deck
218-030-000 74 Tucker Drive	6/8/2020	Approve	8X12 Shed
223-001-010 Wildwood	6/8/2020	Approve	Two Story Single Family Home and Garage
106-007-000 271 Main Street	6/8/2020	Approve	Renovate and Addition to Harold Martin School
222-067-001 297 Park Avenue	6/8/2020	Approve	Renovate Hopkinton Middle High School
102-004-000 204 Maple Street	6/8/2020	Approve	Renovate Maple Street School
240-055-000 86 Gould Hill Road	6/8/2020	Approve	New Kitchen
209-040-000 98 Brookwood Lane	6/8/2020	Approve	Reconstruct Deck
APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE			
Kristen Cummings	6/8/2020	Appoint	Waste Reduction Committee for 3 years
Juliana Dapice	6/8/2020	Appoint	Conservation Commission Alt. for 2 years
PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT			
Town of Hopkinton 251-008-001	6/8/2020	Approve	Cameron lot now owned by the Town - \$26.00
TIMBER TAX WARRANT			

M/L 244-029-001 - Dustin Road	6/8/2020	Approve	\$140.34
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Chair Dunlap made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wells, to authorize Jeff Donohoe to sign paperwork for the Board relative to this meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap Yes
Ken Traum Yes
Steven Whitley Yes
Anna Wells Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap Yes
Ken Traum Yes
Steven Whitley Yes
Anna Wells Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2020, Session I. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, to approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2020, Session I. Mr. Traum noting that these minutes were not sealed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap Yes
Ken Traum Yes
Steven Whitley Yes
Anna Wells Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2020, Session II. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitley, to approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2020, Session II. Mr. Traum noting that these minutes were not sealed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap Yes
Ken Traum Yes
Steven Whitley Yes
Anna Wells Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

Police Chief Pecora Re: Community Unity:

Chair Dunlap, while waiting for Chief Pecora to come onto zoom, stated that she had reached out to Chief Pecora and they had a good conversation about dealing with racism. During the conversation, it

was decided to make a statement condemning the actions of some police officers and sending a united message against racism in all forms. She further stated that there is a lot of work to be done individually, in the community, in the state and in the country. She noted she does not have any answers, stating it is a hard issue and hopes to invite the community to stand with us and have a conversation about what we can do better. Chief Pecora stated that he agrees with the draft statement that has been put together and he too hopes to start conversation. Mr. Traum thanked them for taking the initiative in this matter. Mrs. Wells noted that staying silent is not an option and she is proud of how it has come together.

Chief Pecora stated that what he saw happening on tape deeply disturbed him on a morale and professional level. Chair Dunlap thanked Chief Pecora for being incredibly approachable as a Police Chief. Chief Pecora responded that the Department tries hard to serve the community. He believes it is important to have ethics and a morale character.

Mr. Donohoe stated it was a good statement. Chair Dunlap read the statement as follows:

**Joint Statement
Hopkinton Select Board and Hopkinton Police
Department Standing United Against Racism**

As we continue to work together, united, representing the residents of Hopkinton, we would like to send a clear message that we stand united against racism. We condemn the recent killing of Black Americans, including George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, at the hands of police officers. We extend our sympathies to the friends and families of those whose lives were taken so senselessly.

Together, we stand in grief and sorrow against these unconscionable acts of violence, which violated police officers' oaths to serve and protect.

Further, we acknowledge and condemn the tragic reality that discrimination against people of color in America is part of deeply rooted systems of oppression. We stand together today to say that as a country, we must do better. This begins in our communities, where we must fight racism and bias, explicit and implicit, and work to create and keep communities that are welcoming and just.

We all have a role to play in fighting racial injustice every day. To that end, we invite our citizens to engage with us in standing up for justice and in making Hopkinton a welcoming and inclusive community in which to live, work, and visit.

Discussion ensued, with regards to a few grammatical corrections, and to change serve and protect to protect and serve.

Mr. Traum made a motion to approve the Joint Statement with corrections as noted. Mrs. Wells seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap Yes
Ken Traum Yes
Steven Whitley Yes
Anna Wells Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

COVID-19 ISSUES:

General Updates: Mr. Cass noted that the Town Band has cancelled all concerts for the year. He also noted that the Hopkinton State Fair Board decided to cancel the Fair for 2020. Mr. Cass also noted some changes to the submit dates for the grants, they have decided to wait until July 1 to submit for the first four (4) months. He would like the Board to accept and authorize him to sign for the grants.

Mr. Traum made a motion that the Select Board under NH RSA 21-P:43 accept up to \$134,227 in Cares Act Funds from the State of New Hampshire and authorize said funds to be expended as designated by the Cares Act grant, subject to its terms. Further, that the Select Board authorize Town Administrator Neal Cass to sign all documents related to this grant, on behalf of the Town of Hopkinton. Mr. Whitley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap Yes
Ken Traum Yes
Steven Whitley Yes
Anna Wells Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Mr. Traum made a motion that the Select Board under NH RSA 21-P:43 accept up to \$54,500 in First Responder Stipend Grant Funds from the State of New Hampshire and authorize said funds to be expended as designated by the First Responder Stipend Grant, subject to its terms. Further, that the Select Board authorize Town Administrator Neal Cass to sign all documents related to this grant on behalf of the Town of Hopkinton. Mrs. Wells seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap Yes
Ken Traum Yes
Steven Whitley Yes
Anna Wells Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS: (continued):

Public Hearing RE: Community Tax Relief Incentive-56 Maple Street:

Chair Dunlap read the public hearing notice: The Hopkinton Select Board will hold a public hearing to gather public input into the desirability of granting a Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive under RSA 79-E to 56 Maple Street, LLC for property located at 56 Maple Street, Contoocook Village and shown on Town of Hopkinton Tax maps at Map/Lot at 102-044-000.

Chair Dunlap opened the meeting up for public comment, stating if you want to give a comment please raise your hand.

Judi Case, Briar Hill Road, stated that a private company will benefit going forward and can they reapply every year. Mrs. Wells stated yes, they will receive a tax break, but only for a period of up to five (5) years. Mrs. Case inquired if it was affordable housing. Mr. Traum replied it is not affordable housing. Mrs. Case stated so instead of doing a restoration of a single family home, he is restoring it to more than one unit, like a developer would. Mrs. Wells replied that any property owner is eligible for this tax incentive, noting the intent of the tax relief is to rehabilitate historic structures. Mrs. Case stated she is just learning about tax breaks and feels that preserving historic landmarks should be to the benefit of the town not five (5) units for a private developer. Mrs. Wells replied that the alternative to not restoring it is to leave it to continue to deteriorate, which is a benefit to no one. Discussion ensued, with regards to the length of time of the tax relief and who sets that length of time.

Chair Dunlap asked for other comments at this time. Being none, she asked the Board for their thoughts. Mr. Traum noted that there has been substantial restoration done to the building, noting it is close to downtown and that it was in disrepair. Mrs. Wells noted that it would meet the need for smaller units within walking distance to the Village. Mrs. Case asked if the Davis Building, which is a historical building, will receive this tax relief when they rehabilitate. Chair Dunlap stated they did not. Mr. Cass noted that this relief was not available when the Davis Building was renovated. Mrs. Case stated she would not be in favor of giving it for five (5) years. Mrs. Wells inquired why not the full five (5) years. Mrs. Case replied she comes from a town where people would tear down big houses just to replace them with bigger more expensive housing and not paying for that. She asked how this impacts the community and how do we recoup the funds. Chair Dunlap noted that the owner of the property will be paying taxes, people in the units will shop local. Mr. Whitley also noted that once the length of time is up, the owner will be paying the taxes on the full assessed value. Noting it is not a complete tax break, it is only on what is rehabbed; it is an incremental break. Chair Dunlap noted that the units are not affordable housing, but it is diversified housing. This is for people looking to live in Hopkinton, but don't want a large home. Mr. Whitley stated that this location is where people can access food, shopping, and services. He also noted the lot size was large for the area.

Discussion ensued, with regards to the ability to re-apply for more funding, if the property were to be sold, would that relief continue to the new owners, and does the current application have a benefit to the public. Mrs. Wells inquired if we have other properties getting this form of tax relief. Mr. Cass replied no, this is the first one.

At this time, Beaux Woods, came on via video conference. John Wuellenwebber is the owner and applicant. He stated that he has listed six (6) public benefits to the Town and feels that this property qualifies for tax relief and hoping that the Board will support his application. Mr. Traum inquired as to how many units it will be. Mr. Wuellenwebber stated there are five (5) units, two bedrooms each. He noted that he had intended to make them condos, but not sure about that currently. He noted they were high end rentals.

Noting the time and that the Board had another appointment; Chair Dunlap closed the public hearing at 6:36 pm.

APPOINTMENTS (continued):

Bruce Ellsworth, Town Moderator Re: 2020 Town Meeting:

Mr. Ellsworth inquired as to how the Board would like to proceed with regards to Town Meeting. He wanted to know if the Board would like to stick to the July 18th meeting. His preference is to have a

face to face meeting. Mr. Traum stated he is not comfortable with moving forward with the traditional town meeting format. He noted that only 90 people attended the Henniker Town Meeting recently. Mr. Ellsworth noted the School District will be holding a meeting in August and he does not want to conflict with that meeting. Mr. Donohoe stated that he would like a face to face meeting, but not convinced that we can do it. He noted it was the piece that was missing with the School Meeting, although he stated they did a great job. Discussion ensued. Mr. Whitley left the meeting at 6:38 pm. Mrs. Wells inquired if we could plan for the meeting, but also have a Plan B, which we could pivot to quickly. Discussion ensued, with regards to timing issues and the need to have this completed as the new budget season will begin in the fall. The date was set for Sat. July 18, we will either do it in a person meeting or on zoom and then drive through to vote. Mr. Ellsworth will return to the June 29 meeting to finalize plans. He noted that if anything changes, he is available. Mr. Traum noted that he and Mr. Cass will continue to meet with regards to any possible budget cuts.

Fire Chief Jeff Yale Re: New Fire Truck:

Fire Chief Yale stated he wanted to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck. He stated they have a contract with the manufacturer, the truck is in Maine at this time and we have had to delay the purchase three (3) times due to the COVID-19. The manufacturer is getting antsy, noting that the manufacturer is paying interest charges on the truck at \$3,300.00 per month. Discussion ensued, with regards to a possible lease purchase, noting that this would cost more than the original purchase contract. Fire Chief Yale noted that equipment must also be purchased for the truck, radios can cost up to \$30,000, and the need to replace hoses, etc. He stated all equipment needed could come at a cost of \$60,000.00. Chair Dunlap stated that we have put the purchase off long enough, that we are not in an urgent situation, noting that at some point the truck will be unsafe to drive. Fire Chief Yale noted that currently the windows do not roll down and the manufacturer is out of business, he also noted that the pump barely passed the pump test. Chair Dunlap stated if we commit to purchase and then not voted, we lose our deposit and burn a relationship with the manufacturer. If we lose that truck, we have to start all over again and purchase a brand new one, instead of this demo, which would save us money. Discussion ensued, with regards to the options open to us in order to purchase the demo truck. The Board asked Fire Chief Yale to ask the manufacturer to continue to hold the truck for one week. Mr. Traum and Mr. Cass will work on the budget during the week and present it to the Board next Monday to see where we stand. Fire Chief Yale will call the manufacturer to see if he will agree to wait one more week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works re: Review of Pending Highway Projects:

Mr. Blanchette stated he wanted to discuss the pending projects for the DPW and approval to move forward on them. The following projects are pending:

Kearsarge Avenue Culvert	\$145,450.00
Stickney Hill Road Completion	\$ 36,000.00
Paving of George Park Drive	\$ 20,000.00
Upper Stage Coach Road	\$ 36,144.00

Mr. Blanchette noted that he has \$16,000 left from the previous bond, which would go towards those projects. Discussion ensued, with regards to the \$2.2 million road bond for this year and what projects are slated for that money. Mr. Whitley returned to the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The Board agreed to have Mr. Blanchette complete the four (4) projects listed above.

APPOINTMENTS (continued):

Continued discussion with regards to the request for Tax Relief under RSA 79-E:

Chair Dunlap stated that the request meets at least one of the criteria for relief, reminding everyone that it is not a complete tax break. Discussion ensued, with regards to the option of the owner to sell as condos and if that relief passes on to the new owner. It was decided that NH Municipal Association or legal counsel should be contacted with regards to this question for an answer. The Board has 45 days after the hearing to decide. The Board will continue to discuss this next week.

Mr. Donohoe left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

COVID-19 ISSUES (continued):

Town Hall Re-opening to Public Plan:

Mr. Cass noted that staff will return to the Town Hall on Thursday, June 11, 2020 and the Town Hall will re-open to the public on Monday, June 15, 2020, with recommended guidelines. Mr. Cass brought the plan up on the screen, noting there will be one way traffic in and out of the town hall, there will be marks on the floor spacing people at least six feet apart as well as hand sanitizing areas. We will continue to encourage residents to use the mail, e-mail, and the drop box instead of face to face contact. Masks are to be worn when you cannot socially distance from others and all employees must wear a mask in all common areas. Chair Dunlap asked who was enforcing that. Mr. Cass replied he would be. Mr. Cass noted that the carpets have been cleaned and there was a deep clean on Sunday. He also noted that the Town Hall will be cleaned twice a week instead of once a week. He noted that there will be signage directing people where to enter and exit the building. Mr. Cass stated that other Town Halls are opening using a similar plan. Mrs. Wells stated it was a well thought out plan and inquired if there had been any feedback. Mr. Cass stated that he sent the plan to the staff at the Town Hall but is planning a meeting on Monday, June 11, 2020 to discuss further with the staff.

Mr. Traum made a motion to adopt the Town Hall Re-opening plan as presented, with the understanding that it is a fluid situation. Chair Dunlap seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Kimball Pond and other Recreation Items:

Mr. Cass stated that Paula Simpkins, Recreation Director, has met with the head lifeguards, the Police Chief, and the Fire Chief to get their input on reopening. Her guidelines follow the state recommendations for re-opening for ponds. She would also like to start kayak rentals and would like to open tennis courts, field requests and playgrounds when the Governor announces Phase 2 of re-opening. It was noted that 2 porta-potties will be available. It was recommended that signage be placed on the porta-potties that they are not cleaned after each use. Discussion ensued, with regards to how to handle rentals, if there is enough interest in rentals and to require two attendants and would they be by appointments. Mrs. Wells thinks that sign ups would be a good idea, like what is being done at golf courses and that would help to gauge the demand. Discussion ensued, with regards to signing waivers. All agreed it would be a good idea if the logistics could be worked out first.

Discussion ensued, with regards to the tennis courts, skate park and playgrounds. Although the Board thought that sign ups would work for the tennis courts, playgrounds would be an impossible situation and not workable. It was noted that the tennis courts, skate park and playgrounds were all closed at the same time and they should be re-open at the same time. Discussion ensued, to place playgrounds under Phase 3.

Discussion ensued, with regards to opening the Slusser Center. Mr. Cass stated that they have not discussed opening the Slusser Center, due to the lack of ability to social distance and the age group, which is most at risk.

With regards to sports, Mr. Blanchette stated he is a coach for USA Softball. They are allowed to practice, but must sanitize hands often and are required to bring their own equipment. There is no sharing of equipment. No masks are required on the field, but they are in the dug outs, and there is no coach meeting on the field. Everyone has to sign a waiver and out of state teams are not allowed. He noted the first game is scheduled for July.

The Board agreed to the re-opening of Kimball Pond with the suggested guidelines. Mrs. Wells stated we need to stay flexible and have a mechanism for change quickly. Mr. Cass stated staff can do that. Discussion ensued on swimming lessons. It was noted that swimming lessons will be on off hours and only three (3) per class, with social distancing. Discussion of waivers ensued, noting that NHMA will be contacted about this.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Mr. Cass stated that the Governor has committed to the rooms and meals tax and flood control money for the towns.

NEW BUSINESS:

YTD Financials May 31, 2020:

Mr. Cass noted that Revenues are about where they should be. With regards to expenses, Mr. Cass noted that timing issues are the cause for most of them that are on the higher side and that we are close to the same percentage, as last year at this time. He noted the Cemetery is over, but it is reimbursed from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

Mr. Whitley inquired if Mr. Cass had heard from NHMA about the letter NHMA sent to the Governor with regards to Town Meeting. Mr. Cass stated no, but they expect to hear something soon.

OTHER:

Mr. Cass noted that property tax bills have been sent out and are due July 1, 2020 and we are receiving calls about property assessments.

Mr. Cass received a request from the School Board to use the gazebo to meet with people who have questions about the School budget. Steve Chamberlin, Superintendent and Jim O'Brien, School Board member, made the request. The Board agreed to the request.

Mr. Cass noted there will be a march on Tuesday, June 16th from the Library to the gazebo and then back to the Library. He stated the Police Department has been notified.

Chair Dunlap gave the public another opportunity to speak. Diane Lachance, 264 Amesbury Road, inquired about the Tax Relief Request. She stated that properties are in high demand in Hopkinton, why are we giving a tax break when the demand is high.

Mrs. Wells noted that the town voted to adopt the RSA and thus decided that there is value to restoring property. She realizes we are in a different economic situation now, but tax relief allows for a deeper level of restoration to the property. Mr. Whitley stated he is in support of the request, as it meets the criteria for public benefit. Mrs. Wells added that the intent of the RSA is to revitalize villages and as an incentive for housing to be built. Mr. Traum agreed the criteria has been met and the discussion will be around time length.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (a) Personnel

Mr. Traum moved to go into a non-public session to discuss a personnel issue under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 8:52 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 9:00 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Ms. Wells moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (b) Hiring

Mr. Traum moved to go into a non-public session to discuss an issue involving hiring a person as a public employee under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (b). Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes

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Anna Wells Yes
MOTION PASSED 4-0.

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 9:00 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 9:06 p.m.

These minutes were not sealed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant