

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2024

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2024 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Burns, Eakins, French, Rust, Clerk Powers, Hwy. Supr. Crump, Codes Enforcement Officer Ploof

OTHERS PRESENT: Jolene Nichols, Jerry Streeter, Thomas Hartson, Jeff & Peggy Burnham. Susan Lyon, Michael Draper, Cindy Niles, Steve Hopkins, Kristen Chevier, Cameron Reif, Linda McQuinn.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor:

Jolene Nichols & Thomas Hartson: Spoke about several issues in regard to River Street properties, i.e. "junk" cars, plowing, "turn-a-round", possible harassment. Discussion was held by participants, Hwy. Supr. Crump and Board members.

Linda McQuinn: Ms. McQuinn, the Town's grant writer, discussed her activities for the town and she provided an activities report.. She noted she had not received any update on the salt shed grant.

Ms. French made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 18, 2024. Approved unanimously.

Continuing issues regarding transfers in the Financial Report were discussed. The importance of having a correct and complete report at the end-of-year meeting was noted. Ms. French then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eakins, to approve of the Supervisors Financial Report for October and November 2024. Approved unanimously.

Review of Budget Report to date:

Supv. Wood then offered the following budget transfers:

- Transfer \$1,200.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A5182.4 Street Lighting.
- Transfer \$15.00 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1320.4 Auditing/Accounting - Contractual
- Transfer \$20,778 from Building Reserve to A1620.4 Buildings -Contractual.
- Transfer \$205.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A9060.8 Employ. Benefits - Hosp./Med ins

Mr. Burns made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust, to approve the transfers. Approved unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 279 to 303 General Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$12,963.34 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 152 to 168 Highway Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$31,333.52 were audited and approved by the Board.

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Supv. Wood discussed an additional voucher for the ARPA Abstract, a purchase of shelving and storage bins, in the amount of \$601.30.

Vouchers Nos. 15 to 16 ARPA Abstract 12 in the amount of 2,470.80 were audited and approved by the Board.

Ms. Rust made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eakins to pay the bills. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Supv. Wood read Legislator Perkins' December Full Board meeting report. She then discussed a letter from the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board requesting support of the Review Board in the amount of \$300.00. The request will be tabled until the end-of-the-year meeting.

Committee Reports:

Code Enforcement: Codes Officer Ploof noted he has been on several permit site visits and has been updating the assessor on various projects.

Assessor: No report.

Library: No report.

Museum: Ms. Niles reviewed her submitted report and she provided a copy of an article regarding the Centenarian Resolution passed by the SLC Board of Legislators honoring Margaret Zahler.

Highway & Safety: Hwy. Supr. Crump read his provided report. He discussed the possibility of adding a draft site for the HFJVFD off the Converse Rd. near the old beach site in Ft. Jackson. Discussion was held regarding the new plow truck purchase. he is reviewing additional options. Ms. Rust made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eakins, to table further discussion until additional information is obtained. Supr. Crump will contact St. Regis Falls School District regarding an issue of a turn-around on River St.

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon noted she is working with Mr. Fenner regarding a door closure for the Town Hall door.

Rescue: no report

Project Committee: Ms. Burnham noted that she hopes to have the comparison chart of wages and budgets completed next month. She has been working with FEMA reviewing flood site issues. There are 48 sites being reviewed. The project in the Town Hall balcony area is progressing.

ARPA Committee: It was noted that the remaining ARPA funds must be designated for use by the end of 2024. The ARPA committee offered several suggestions. After discussion, the following motions were made:

Supv. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eakins, to provide \$3,000 to the Outlaw Saloon toward obtaining broadband services. Supv. Wood, Aye, Councilpersons Burns Aye, Eakins Aye, French (abstained), Rust Aye.

Ms. French made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust, to provide \$500 to purchase a door closure for the Town Hall, and \$1,200 to purchase an AED for the Library. Approved unanimously.

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Ms. French made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust, to provide \$2,800 to purchase front entry security doors for the Town Barn. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Update: Supv. Wood noted that she has had a meeting with FEMA representatives.

Old Business:

Technology Support quotes: Supv. Wood reviewed the received quotes from CST Group, Inc. in the amount of \$12,410/year and Adirondack Techs, LLC in the amount of \$18,825/year. After discussion, Mr. Eakins made a motion, seconded by Ms. French to accept the bid from CST Group. Approved unanimously.

Lights in Park: Tabled.

New Business:

Barton & Loguidice: A contract from Barton & Loguidice was reviewed and discussed, regarding engineering support for the August 2024 Storm. This is expected to be paid for with FEMA funds. Ms. French made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eakins, to approve the proposal at a maximum fee of \$70,000. Approved unanimously.

Lead for FEMA documentation: Supv. Wood noted she had discussed offering Peggy Burnham the position of Lead for FEMA work. After discussion, Ms. Rust made a motion, seconded by Ms. French to appoint Peggy Burnham as the Lead for FEMA documentation. Approved unanimously.

Santamont Road property: Supv. Wood noted that she had received an appraisal for property located on Santamont Rd. from Cameron Reif, in the amount of \$2,300.00. After discussion. Ms. Rust made a motion, seconded by Ms. French, to move forward with the needed paperwork to sell the property, Tax Map #79.002-1-3, to Cameron Reif, at a cost of \$2,300. Supv. Wood, Aye, Councilpersons Burns Nay, Eakins Aye, French Aye, Rust Aye. The motion passed 4-1.

Date for End of Year Meeting and January Organizational Meeting: After discussion, Ms. French made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust, to hold the End-of-Year meeting on Monday, December 30, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Eakins made a motion, seconded Ms. Rust to hold the January 2025 Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Privilege of the Floor:

Ms. McQuinn spoke briefly about additional grants and funding opportunities. Ms. French made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust, to continue researching further funding options. Approved unanimously.

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Ms. French made a motion, seconded by Supv. Wood, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L Powers
Town Clerk

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