

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
Appropriation Appointing Committee
Meeting Date: July 19, 2005
MINUTES

Members Present: Board of Selectmen: F. Eric Sonnett, Chairman; Leonard A. Holden, Vice-Chairman; Ronald M. Clark; Mary C. Pratt; Muriel E. Kramer; Town Clerk: Ann Click; Town Moderator: Dr. Bruce Karlin

Others Present: HCAM: Mike Torosian; MetroWest News: Cathy Flynn; HopNews: Bob Falcione; Appropriation Committee: Stuart Cowart, Chairman; Theodore D. Kozak, Executive Secretary, and Geri Holland, Executive Assistant

Motion to Open the Appropriation Appointing Committee Meeting:

8:15 p.m. Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to open the Appropriation Appointing Committee meeting. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. The votes follow: Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mrs. Kramer: yes; Mrs. Click: yes; Dr. Karlin: yes. Unanimously voted.**

Appropriation Committee Re-appointments (two- (3) year terms to 2008): Stuart Cowart; Charles O'Leary

Mr. Sonnett said the purpose of this meeting is to address the reappointment of two members of the Appropriation Committee, Stuart Cowart and Charles O'Leary, each for three-year terms to 2008. Members of the Committee agreed to support the reappointments of Mr. Cowart and Mr. O'Leary.

VOTE: Dr. Karlin motioned to reappoint Stuart Cowart and Charles O'Leary to the Appropriation Committee for three year terms each to 2008. **Second Mr. Holden. The votes follow: Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mrs. Kramer: yes; Mrs. Click: yes; Dr. Karlin: yes. Unanimously voted.**

Interviews: Appropriation Committee Candidates Mr. Samuel Olson and Mr. Pasquale (Pat) Baratta

Mr. Sonnett noted that Mr. Baratta was unable to attend this evening's meeting. He invited Mr. Olson to give an overview of his background and state why he would like to serve on the Appropriation Committee.

Mr. Olson said that he was contacted about the Appropriation Committee vacancy through the Help Us Govern (HUG) Hopkinton program. He gave an overview of his background including his position as Chief Financial and Operations Officer of London Taxis North America Inc., located in Sudbury. He stated that he has the time to serve on the Committee. Mr. Olson said that he has not been to an Appropriation meeting, but observed the Appropriation Committee at the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Cowart, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee, commented that Mr. Olson was persistent in trying to reach him to discuss the Committee's goals and mission. Mr. Cowart added that he and Mr. Olson had a discussion regarding the time commitment that is required especially during Town Meeting season and Mr. Olson said that he is willing to put in the time. Mr. Cowart said that he would welcome Mr. Olson to the Appropriation Committee.

Motion to Nominate Mr. Olson:

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to nominate Mr. Olson to the Appropriation Committee. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. The votes follow: Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mrs. Kramer: yes; Mrs. Click: yes; Dr. Karlin: yes. Unanimously voted.**

Motion to Appoint Mr. Olson:

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Mr. Olson to the Appropriation Committee for a term to 2008. **So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Pratt. The votes follow: Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mrs. Kramer: yes; Mrs. Click: yes; Dr. Karlin: yes. Unanimously voted.**

Meeting Adjourned:

8:30 p.m. VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. The votes follow: Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mrs. Kramer: yes; Mrs. Click: yes; Dr. Karlin: yes. Unanimously voted.**

Motion to Move back into Public Session:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to move back into public session to continue the Selectmen's Meeting. **So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Holland
Executive Assistant

Date Approved: 8/2/05