

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Date: February 17, 2005
Room 211
MINUTES**

Members Present: F. Eric Sonnett, Chairman; Paul J. Nelson, Vice-Chairman; Ronald M. Clark; Leonard A. Holden; Mary C. Pratt.

Others Present: Michael Shepard, Municipal Inspector; Fire Chief Gary Daugherty; John T. Gaucher, DPW Director; Eric Carty, Water/Sewer Manager; Michael Mansir, Highway Manager; Bruce Prentiss, Office Administrator; Kenneth Weismantel, Chairman of the Cemetery Commission; Theodore D. Kozak, Executive Secretary

Public Meeting Opened

6:00 p.m. Mr. Sonnett opened the public meeting. The Board reviewed the Municipal Building Department with Mr. Shepard, and made various recommendations for his FY'06 budget (see attachment).

Mr. Shepard noted he had placed an expense item for training and public advertising to cover the requirements of Federal ISO requirements, which the Town is currently under revival.

Mr. Sonnett suggested absorbing this cost in other expense line item in order to satisfy the ISO requirement. Mr. Shepard agreed to this.

6:30 p.m. Mr. Shepard left the meeting.

6:30 p.m. The Fire Chief joined the meeting at this time. The Board reviewed the Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2006 with the Fire Chief Daugherty, and made various recommendations for his FY'06 budget (see attachment).

Chief Daugherty noted his budget was essentially level funded with the exception of a new Lieutenant position to oversee training in the department.

Mr. Sonnett agreed that this would be a good addition to the department, but due to the constraints of the Town revenue he suggested to hold off on the new position this year.

Chief Daugherty said he understood the fiscal situation and thanked the Board for their input and support

7:10 p.m. Mr. Daugherty left the meeting at this time.

7:15 p.m. The Board reviewed the DPW Department budget for Fiscal Year 2006 with Mr. Gaucher, and made various recommendations for his FY'06 budget (See attachment).

The Board asked Mr. Carty to give an overview of the Water and Sewer Budget, which was supported by the Board as presented.

Mr. Gaucher and Mr. Mansir presented the Highway Department Budget. The Board recommended \$74,000 in reductions to the Road Maintenance Account, which was accepted by Mr. Gaucher. The Board supported the remaining budget account proposals.

The Board also suggested two articles for Town meeting action, and one article for easements designs and construction materials for the Grove Street and Main Street drainage proposal. The Board recommended one article for the drainage improvements to Fruit Street and entrance to the Fruit Street property to be developed by them.

8:45 p.m. Mr. Gaucher, Mr. Carty, Mr. Mansir, and Mr. Prentiss left the meeting at this time.

The Board reviewed the Selectmen's, Town Accountant, Treasurer/Collector, Sealer of Weights and Measures and Dog Officer budgets, and supported them as proposed.

Water Resources Strategies Technical Advisory Committee Representative for 495/MetroWest:

The Board discussed the issue of appointing a representative to the Water Resources Strategies Technical Advisory Committee that is being conducted for the Partnership by the MAPC through the ARC Innovation organization. Mr. Sonnett agreed to serve as the representative to this Committee.

Vote: Mr. Nelson motioned to appoint F. Eric Sonnett as the Town's representative to the Water Resources Strategies Technical Advisory Committee. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Water Advocacy Representative for Arc of Innovations

Mr. Sonnett noted that the Board should appoint a representative to address Water Advocacy for the region and that Mr. Sonnett and Ms. Pratt were interested in serving on this Committee.

Vote: Mr. Nelson moved to appoint Mr. Sonnett as the Town's representative to the Water Resources Strategies Technical Advisory Committee. **Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.**

9:00 p.m. Mr. Weismantel joined the meeting at this time.

Cemetery Commission Discussion:

Mr. Weismantel requested assistance in determining styles of fencing material for the Main Street Cemetery. A recommendation of the style form was made to Mr. Weismantel.

9:15 p.m. Meeting Adjourned:

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to adjourn the public meeting. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore D. Kozak
Executive Secretary
Date approved: 3/1/05