

TOWN OF HOPKINTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Date: August 2, 2005

MINUTES

Members Present: F. Eric Sonnett, Chairman; Leonard A. Holden, Vice-Chairman; Ronald M. Clark; Mary C. Pratt; Muriel E. Kramer

Others Present: HCAM Station: Michael Torosian and Beth Fenier; MetroWest News: Tyler Reed, Reporter; Maureen Dwinell, Town Treasurer/Collector; Ann Click, Town Clerk; Michael Shepard, Municipal Building Inspector; John T. Gaucher, DPW Director; Steven Courtier; David Melvin; Jim Monahan; Brian Morrison, Chairman - Conservation Commission; Nancy Peters, Chairman - Board of Health; Gail Clifford; Mark Furber; Carol DeVeuve; Selectmen's Office: Geri Holland, Executive Assistant

Public Meeting Opened/Pledge of Allegiance:

7:00 p.m. Mr. Sonnett opened the public meeting and invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Town warrants and bills were approved for payment.

Selectmen's minutes: 7/19/05; 7/19/05 (ES); 7/19/05 (Appropriation Appointing Committee)

July 19, 2005:

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the July 19, 2005 Selectmen's Minutes. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

July 19, 2005 (Executive Session):

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the July 19, 2005 (Executive Session) Selectmen's Minutes. **So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

July 19, 2005 (Appropriation Appointing Committee):

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the July 19, 2005 Appropriation Appointing Committee Minutes. **So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Kramer. The votes follow: Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mrs. Kramer: yes; Mrs. Click: yes; Unanimously voted.**

Chapter 90 Notes and State Anticipation Notes: Maureen L. Dwinell, Town Treasurer/Collector

Mrs. Dwinell presented State Aid Anticipation Notes of \$1,347,456 (total principal) at a 3.5% interest rate totaling \$1,371,036.48. She gave a breakdown of the notes as follows: South Street roadway and drainage improvements (6/16/00): \$1,900,000; Road paving to various streets (8/26/04): \$344,545; Road paving and resurfacing of various streets (10/7/03): \$294,061.57; Road paving to various street (4/19/05): \$356,308; Re-construction of a portion of South Street including traffic signal improvements between the Milford Town Line and West Main Street (\$1,000,000); Pavement Management Program (12/19/00) for \$120,874; Improving and constructing Town ways and bridges, sidewalks adjacent to said way and bridges (8/11/97): \$330,895; Pavement Management Program (3/19/02): \$138,242.78.

Mrs. Dwinell presented Bond Anticipation Notes of \$7,013,000 (total principal) at a 4% interest rate totaling \$7,293,520. She gave a breakdown of the notes as follows: The development and construction of the Senior Center (5/6/02; 5/20/02; 5/3/05; 5/16/05): \$4,146,000; Repair, maintenance, replacement and upgrade of water mains, and service connections to the municipal water system on West Main Street and on Spring Street (5/2/05): \$1,000,000; Repair, Maintenance and renovation of school buildings (5/4/04; 5/17/04): \$540,000; Purchase of various public

works vehicles (5/4/04; 5/2/05): \$677,000); Modular classrooms (Debt Exclusion: 5/4/04; 5/17/04): \$310,000; Planning the development of athletic fields (5/3/05): \$180,000; Purchase of an ambulance (5/5/04): \$160,000.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve for signature by the Board of Selectmen the State Aid Anticipation Notes for \$1,347,456 with an interest rate of 3.5% totaling \$1,371,036.48. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve for signature by the Board of Selectmen the Bond Anticipation Notes for \$7,013,000 with an interest rate of 4% totaling \$7,293,520.00. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Red Sox World Series Ring Recipient

Mr. Holden introduced resident, Michael Pandolfi, whose name was recently drawn from a lottery for a chance to win an authentic Red Sox World Series ring. Board members congratulated Mr. Pandolfi, as they individually viewed and admired Mr. Pandolfi's ring.

Re-appointment (effective 8/5/05): Michael Shepard, Municipal Building Director

Mr. Sonnett said that the Board would vote Michael Shepard's reappointment as Director of Municipal Inspections for a three- (3) year term to August 5, 2008.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to re-appoint Michael Shepard as Director of Municipal Inspections for a three (3) year term effective from August 5, 2005 to August 5, 2008. **So moved Mrs. Pratt . Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Electrical Permit Fee Schedule for Commercial Users: Michael Shepard, Municipal Building Director

Mr. Shepard stated that he would request the implementation of an addendum to the Electrical Permit Fee Schedule for a commercial users' annual permit. Mr. Shepard explained that the Town's Electrical Permit Fee Schedule was updated in April 1999, but he believes that annual wiring permit for businesses with electricians that they employ would be adjusted. Mr. Shepard stated that businesses within the industrial district either hire sub-contractors for performing electrical work to their facilities, who submit the appropriate wiring permits, or they in-house electricians whose work might be routine such as adding fixtures, plugs etc. Mr. Shepard said that presently the Town has no fee schedule, which allows an annual wiring permit and for businesses that have in-house electricians. He added that the State recognizes the need for annual permits, they have provided a form. Mr. Shepard said that many minor electrical jobs that normally require a permit do not get inspected because permits are never pulled, and the implementation of this program would help to ameliorate these situations. He added that the company is required to keep a log of all the work that is done, and is subject to unannounced inspections. Mr. Shepard stated that not all companies would be able to use this procedure such as EMC Corporation who subs out all electrical work. Mr. Shepard also recommends this program, as it would contribute additional fees to the Town. He noted that the Town of Framingham has had the program in place and charges a yearly fee of \$150 per licensed electrician.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the request as recommended by the Municipal Building Inspector, Mr. Shepard, to amend the Electrical Permit Fee Schedule for a Commercial User's annual permit with a yearly fee of \$150 per licensed electrician. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Sewer Connection (Ave E): J.T. Gaucher, DPW Director

Mr. Gaucher, DPW Director, said that DPW Advisory Committee voted at their July 19, 2005 meeting to recommend to the Board to grant a sewer connection for the properties located on Ave E. Mr. Sonnett, as Chairman to the DPW Advisory Committee, said Mr. Barry O'Brien attended the July 19th DPW meeting to present his request for sewer

connection to Ave E, and that Mr. Carty, Water/Sewer Manager, explained that the betterment and properties list was generated prior to the development of Mr. Barry's property. It was thought at that time that the property did not have frontage. Mr. Gaucher referred to a plan that shows the property as having frontage on South Street. Mr. Clark asked if Mr. O'Brien is being charged a betterment fee. Mr. Sonnett responded that this property is being assessed a privilege fee at 90% as Phase VI is not completed, but once Phase VI is completed, the property would be reevaluated. Mr. Sonnett pointed out that as the property houses a warehouse, there would be a minimal amount of sewerage.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to grant a sewer connection for the properties located on Ave E. under general regulations, sub-section #3 of the sewer rules and regulations. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

Main Street/Route 85 Intersection Parking Spaces

Mr. Holden commented for the need to repaint the white lines designating the parking spaces located on Main Street at the Hopkinton Drugstore. He also questioned as to whether or not the parking spaces should be at this location as this is also a right-turn lane. Mr. Gaucher, DPW Director, responded that he plans to present to the DPW Advisory Committee a plan that includes the re-painting of these lines at this location. Mr. Clark commented that he would not like to lose these on street parking spaces. Mr. Holden said that this is a place where the Town could afford to lose them, as the Hopkinton Drugstore has an upper and lower parking lot on their property. Mr. Sonnett suggested waiting for the DPW Advisory Committee's recommendation regarding this issue.

Cable Committee (one (1) vacancy; term to 08): Stephen Courter

Mr. Courter said that he has been a resident since 2001, and talked of his experience as a CEO for telecommunications companies. He believes his background could be helpful to the Cable Committee. Mr. Sonnett pointed out that the Town is presently negotiating Cable service with Verizon, and commented that this would require a lot of time from the members of the Cable Committee. He asked Mr. Courter if he has the time to serve, and Mr. Courter stated that he does have the time. Mr. Courter commented that he is presently trying to contact the Cable Committee Chairman, Mr. Fair, to speak with him about the Committee's mission and projects.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Stephen Courtier to the Cable Committee for a three- (3) year appointment to expire June 30, 2008. **So moved Mrs. Kramer. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Lake Maspenock Dam Preservation Committee (two (2) vacancies: term to Life of the Project): David Melvin; Jim Monahan)

Candidate: David Melvin

Mr. Melvin said that he grew up in Town and spent many hours of enjoyment of Lake Maspenock. He said that he is interested in serving on the Committee, as he tries to be involved in the community where he lives. He added that he is a partial owner of lakefront property located on the Upton side of Lake Maspenock. Mr. Melvin said that he had some concerns about the time involvement, but has spoken with member, Michael Riley, and now believes that the time commitment is not an issue. Mr. Melvin stated his belief that Lake Maspenock is an asset to the communities that surround it. Mr. Holden commented that he grew up with Mr. Melvin, and believes he is a good candidate for the Committee. Mrs. Kramer asked if he has attended any of the meetings. Mr. Melvin responded that he does not believe that there have been any recent meetings. Mr. Sonnett commented that with the recent resignations, the Committee has yet to reorganize. Mr. Clark asked about the pros and cons of the financial risk to the Town. Mr. Melvin replied that it is a risk no matter what is done with the Dam. He added that if the Lake was lost, it would affect the quality of life for the community and for those that live on the Lake. There were no further questions or comments at this time.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint David Melvin to the Lake Maspenock Dam Preservation Committee for the Life of the Project. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Candidate: James Monahan

Mr. Monahan said that he has been a resident of Town for the past ten years, and has served on the Recycling Committee and was a participant in the Voices for Vision Forum. He said that serving on the Committee would be a great opportunity to give back to the Town in a very meaningful way. He believes that Lake Maspenock is a great resource for the Town, and that the Town should take a leadership role to protect this resource for years to come. Mr. Monahan talked about his background in public relations, and believes this could be useful for the Committee when preparing for Town Meeting. Mr. Holden asked if he was a reporter. Mr. Monahan said that he is, but would never jeopardize the integrity as a member of a committee. Mrs. Pratt asked if he has the time to serve. Mr. Monahan replied that he does. Mr. Clark asked Mr. Monahan what his thoughts are about the pros/cons as to whether the Town should own the Dam or should a Lake District Commission own the Dam. Mr. Monahan responded that he reviewed the report that was presented to the Board of Selectmen, and believes that there should be no liability to the Town should they take control of the Dam. He pointed out that the current owner and previous owner had no liability issues, and believes that there is a low risk of any liability issues. He thinks the Town should own the Dam. There were no further questions or comments at this time.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint James Monahan to the Lake Maspenock Dam Preservation Committee for the Life of the Project. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

Legal Assistance Request: Conservation Commission

Mr. Morrison, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, requests for ten- (10) hours of legal assistance from Attorney George A. Hall, Anderson & Kreiger, relative to an abutter's complaint to Superior Court under the Wetlands Protection Bylaw for Parks & Recreation Commission, EMC Park located on Hayden Rowe. He stated that the Commission wished to request Counsel to prepare the necessary initial response in this suit, regarding the issuance of a negative Determination of Applicability approving the paving of the park access road. Mr. Morrison said that the expenditures for legal counsel would be shared between the Commission's 53E½ account, as provided for under the Hopkinton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and the Parks & Recreation Commission's budget. Mr. Morrison said that it is his opinion that ten- (10) hours should be sufficient, but should the Conservation Commission need more than ten- (10) hours of legal assistance, the Commission would come back to the Board of Selectmen with another request. Mr. Clark asked if this litigation is thrown out of court, would the Town be able to file a counter suit against the plaintiff to recoup legal fees. Mr. Morrison responded that he did not know. Mr. Clark requested that Town Counsel be asked to check into this.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the Conservation Commission's legal assistance request for ten- (10) hours of legal assistance from Attorney George A. Hall, Anderson & Kreiger, relative to an abutter's complaint to Superior Court under the Wetlands Protection Bylaw for Parks & Recreation Commission, EMC Park located on Hayden Rowe. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Update: Mary C. Pratt

Mrs. Pratt presented a proposal from MAPC regarding their interest in working with the Towns of Hopkinton, Ashland, and Southborough to conduct a regional dialogue and review of the potential development of the Weston Nurseries property. Mrs. Pratt said that MAPC proposes to apply for funds under the Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant Program of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, enabling MAPC to utilize their staff to assist with this project. Mrs. Pratt said that the application for grant funding is due August 16, 2005, and recommends that the Board of Selectmen support the application for this grant program. Mr. Clark asked if the Town would still maintain their independence apart from MAPC in making their own choices. Mr. Sonnett replied yes.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion that the Board of Selectmen approves sending a letter to MAPC of the Board's support of the application for the Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant Program of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, which would enable MAPC to commit staff time to assist the communities in this project. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Liaison Reports

Youth Commission Liaison Appointment: Muriel Kramer

Mr. Sonnett stated that the Youth Commission needs a Selectmen's liaison, and appointed Mrs. Kramer to act as the Board's liaison.

Charter Commission:

Mrs. Pratt announced the next Charter Commission meeting scheduled on August 17th.

Trails Committee:

Mrs. Pratt wished to talk about several residents' interest to establish a Trails Committee. Mr. Sonnett responded that the Board would address this as an agenda item at the next meeting scheduled August 16th.

Champion Sign:

Mr. Holden talked about the placement of the Champion sign, and the Board agreed to request Mr. Stoldt, Chairman of the School Committee, to place the sign at a prominent place on the School's property on Hayden Rowe.

Vote: Mr. Clark motioned to request the School Department to place the Champion sign at a prominent place on the School's property located on Hayden Rowe. **Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Financial Planning Summit:

Mrs. Kramer said that she recently met with representatives from the Department of Revenue (DOR), who are performing a Financial Management Review as a courtesy to the Town. Mrs. Kramer said that she discussed with DOR the Financial Planning Summit that the Board asked the Town Accountant to organize within this fiscal year, and DOR requested that the Town wait until their recommendations are submitted to the Town. Mr. Clark pointed out that the Financial Planning Summit is to be initiated by the Town Accountant as a paid employee of the Town and that she needs to accomplish this by next fiscal year. After a discussion regarding this issue, Mr. Sonnett asked if Mrs. Kramer knew when DOR would be submitting their recommendations. Mrs. Kramer responded that she believes the report would be submitted this September. There was no further discussion regarding this issue at this time.

Fruit Street Property Peer Review Status

Mrs. Kramer asked when the Peer Review for the Fruit Street property was scheduled for completion. Mr. Sonnett replied the first week in September. Mrs. Kramer stated her concern regarding Mr. David Edson, President of PRISM, one of the firms that is performing a Peer Review for the Fruit Street property, of his status as a Special Municipal Employee. She believes that, as he is a member of the Board of Health, Mr. Edson should check with the State's Ethics Commission to make sure that no laws were being broken. Mr. Clark responded that he is disturbed with the issue of questioning Mr. Edson's ethics. Mr. Clark made reference to a recent newspaper article that questions Mr. Edson's appearance of misconduct because of Mr. Edson's company performing the Peer Review. Mr. Clark stated that Mr. Edson is an "honorable man" and referred to the newspaper article as a "relentless smear campaign". He told Mrs. Kramer that if she had a concern regarding this issue, she could file a request with the Ethics Commission. Mrs. Kramer refuted that this is not intended to be a "smear campaign", but believes that Mr. Edson should not take any chances, and should call the Ethics Commission. She said that the Ethics Commission offered to present a free seminar to the Town. Mr. Sonnett pointed out that the Board of Health has not taken any part in the permitting process on the Fruit Street property, and would not have a role in reviewing engineering plans on this property. Mr. Sonnett commented that he is comfortable with Mr. Edson's participation on the Peer Review and does not need to

go before the Ethics Commission. Mrs. Kramer wished to go on record by saying "it's important to make sure it is not an action that will put Mr. Edson in jeopardy with the Ethics Commission".

Town Committee Handbook:

Mr. Clark asked Mr. Holden and Mrs. Kramer about the status of the revised Town Committee Handbook and when the Board would receive a written draft of the Handbook. He asked if they were working on the inclusion of a re-appointment process. Mrs. Kramer said that they have not connected over the summer months, and that they plan to include a re-appointment section in the Handbook. She reviewed some of the additions to the handbook such as a template of minutes. Mr. Sonnett asked when a draft might be ready. Mrs. Kramer responded within a month.

Fruit Street Property Banner

Mr. Clark began a discussion about the Fruit Street property banner that was a gift to the Town from E.L. Harvey & Sons. He referred to the Board's previous decision to hang the banner in the downtown area and then to move it back to the Fruit Street property. Mr. Clark stated his concern about the recent vandalism that took place at the Fruit Street property location. He said that the Board could consider to either hang the banner on the DPW garage located on Fruit Street, high enough so as not to be hung in a place that vandals could reach it or to mount the banner on poles at the temporary Fruit Street property entrance. Mr. Clark recommended hanging the banner on the DPW garage. Mr. Sonnett agreed with this suggestion, and asked if the Board should formally accept the banner from E.L. Harvey & Sons. Mr. Clark agreed with accepting the banner as a gift.

Vote: Mr. Clark motioned to accept the banner as a gift from E.L. Harvey & Sons Mrs. Kramer added that the gift is worth approximately \$500. **Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the placement of the banner on the DPW garage located on Fruit Street. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

READOUT MAIL

Mr. Sonnett read a letter from the Town of Ashland's Fire Chief Kee that expresses his appreciation for the assistance and mutual aid provided by the Hopkinton Fire Department on Thursday, July 14, 2005 in the search efforts for a missing person at the Ashland State Park. Chief Kee wrote that the person was safely found. Mr. Sonnett commented that this letter is another indication of the great relationship between the Towns of Hopkinton and Ashland.

Mrs. Kramer talked about the upcoming employee picnic scheduled on Saturday, August 13 at the New England Laborers' Training Center from Noon to 5:00 p.m. She commented that Town Departments and Committee members are all invited and to contact the Human Resource Office to RSVP.

Legal Assistance Request: Planning Board

Mr. Clark, as the liaison to the Planning Board, said that as Mark Abate, Chairman of the Planning Board was unable to attend this meeting, he presented the Planning Board's request for legal assistance request for Town Counsel for three hours of advice relative to the "Whitehall Estates Open Space and Landscape Preservation Development Concept Plan, and a discussion of the Board's options, including advantages and disadvantages of approving and/or denying the application, possible conditions of approval and reasons for denial". Mr. Clark recommended approval of this request.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the legal assistance request from the Planning Board for three hours of Town Counsel's advice that pertains to the Whitehall Estates Open Space and Landscape Preservation Development Concept Plan. **So moved Mrs. Kramer. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

Legal Assistance Request: Board of Health

Mrs. Peters, Chairman of the Board of Health, presented a legal assistance request for Town Counsel from the Board of Health for 30 minutes of advice that is relative to a septic system issue at 254 W. Main Street.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the legal assistance request for Town Counsel from the Board of Health for 30 minutes of advice that is relative to a septic system issue at 254 W. Main Street **So moved Mrs. Kramer. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.**

One-Day Full Liquor License: Southborough Rod & Gun Club (Sun., 9/18; Noon - 6 p.m.)

Mr. Sonnett read a request from the Southborough Rod & Gun Club, Inc., Hopkinton for a one-day full liquor license on Sunday, September 18, 2005 from noon to 6:00 p.m. to celebrate their 59th Annual Field Day and Chicken Barbeque. Mr. Sonnett noted that Police Chief Irvin has no problem with the issuance of the license.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the one-day full liquor license from the Southborough Rod & Gun Club, Inc., Hopkinton for a one-day full liquor license on Sunday, September 18, 2005 from noon to 6:00 p.m. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

Appointment of Election Worker: Maxine Adams

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Maxine Adams as an Election Worker for a one-year term from August 31, 2005 to August 31, 2006. **So moved Mrs. Kramer. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

Accept Land Use Study Committee Resignation: Edward Beckett

Mr. Sonnett read a letter from Edward Beckett requesting the Board to accept his resignation from the Land Use Study Committee, as his personal and professional schedule demands continue to conflict with the committee's activities.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to accept with regret Edward Beckett's resignation from the Land Use Study Committee. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.** The Board requests to send a letter to Mr. Beckett to thank him for his service on this committee.

Woodville Historic District Commission Announcement

Mr. Sonnett announced that the Board of Selectmen is accepting letters of interest and resumes for the Woodville Historic District Commission, a seven- (7) member Commission appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Sonnett said that the Commission includes three residents or property owners within the Woodville District, one member from two nominees submitted by the Hopkinton Historical Commission, one member from two nominees submitted by the Boston Society of Architects, one member from two nominees submitted by the Hopkinton Historical Society, and one member from two nominees submitted by the Board of Realtors serving Hopkinton. Mr. Sonnett said that interested candidates should forward a letter of interest and resume to the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 18 Main Street.

Woodville Celebration Day

Mr. Holden, Mr. Sonnett and Mrs. Pratt made favorable comments about the recent gathering of the Woodville Celebration Day. Mrs. Kramer wished to thank Woodville resident, Gail Clifford, for organizing the event.

Insurance Company Authorization

Mr. Sonnett referred to a Lump Sum Settlement Form for \$33,000 in the case of Susan Cholakis that the Board needs to vote their approval to authorize the Chairman of the Board's signature. It was noted that Town worker's compensation company negotiated a resolution of this claim by payment of approximately \$11,000.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Lump Sum Settlement Form in the case of Susan Cholakis. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.**

Resolution: Reworking Chapter 7 Laws (Dealing with Surplus State Public Land)

The Board discussed a letter received from the City of Waltham regarding concerns of the State legislature concerning a bill that would rework Chapter 7 Laws that deals with surplus state public land and eliminating a number of community rights. The letters respectfully recommends the Board to request their legislators to oppose any use of the budget process to make policy on surplus land, and to support the use of a transparent, public, and deliberative legislative process for improving the "Chapter 7" laws governing the surplus and disposition of surplus state lands.

Mr. Sonnett read a prepared Resolution that requests State legislators to allow the Hopkinton Board of Selectmen to oppose any effort to regulate state-owned public lands through outside section of the State budget, and support efforts to amend Chapter 7 only through the regular legislative process.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve for signature the Resolution that requests State legislators to allow the Hopkinton Board of Selectmen to oppose any effort to regulate state-owned public lands through outside section of the State budget, and support efforts to amend Chapter 7 only through the regular legislative process. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Authorize payment: VHB invoice

Mrs. Pratt stepped off the Board, as she is an abutter to the Fruit Street Property.

Mr. Sonnett referred to an invoice in the amount of \$4,000.41 from VHB for professional services that pertain to the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Fruit Street property. Mr. Clark commented that this is the continuation of the EIR services to develop the supplemental EIR. He said that the Fruit Street Development Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the payment of this invoice.

Vote: Mr. Clark motioned to approve for payment the invoice in the amount of \$4,000.41 submitted by VHB for professional services that pertains to the Environmental Impact Report. **Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Mrs. Pratt returned to the Board at this time.

Meeting Adjourned:

9:00 p.m. Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to adjourn the public meeting. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Holland
Executive Assistant
Date approved: 8/16/05