

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Date: February 26, 2007 PM
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Fire Chief Gary Daugherty; Police Chief Thomas Irvin; Dr. John Phelan, School Superintendent; Rebecca Robak, Chairman of the School Committee; Board of Health: Nancy Peter, Chairman; Department of Public Works: John T. Gaucher, Director; Parks & Recreation Commission: Al Rogers, Chairman; and Brian Eberlin; Michael Preite, Director of the Parks & Recreation Office; Board of Assessors: Dr. John Duffy, Chairman; Anthony Troiano, Town Manager; Geri Holland, Executive Assistant

Public Meeting opened/Pledge of Allegiance (Middle School Lecture Room)

6:00 p.m. Mrs. Kramer, Chairman, opened the public meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Clark asked what the purpose of this meeting is and what the Board of Selectmen hope to accomplish. He pointed out that the Town Charter requires the Board of Selectmen shall include all petition articles in the Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Clark questioned about whether the Board of Selectmen need to vote the inclusion of articles and act according to the Town Charter. Mrs. Pratt said that some articles might need overrides and so the Board would need to vote those articles. Mrs. Kramer said that it is valuable to review the article and make sure that they are fully vetted (examined) by March 15th. She recommended holding off on voting any articles at this evening's meeting. Mr. Shepard added that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility and the Board should, at a minimum, recommend whether or not the Board supports an article. Mr. Clark said that Mr. Shepard raises a good point as to whether or not the Board should endorse an article. Mr. Shepard added that the Board doesn't have all the necessary information then it should not be on the warrant. Mrs. Kramer said that the Board should have this conversation at the end of the meeting; and to allow those that were invited into the meeting to present their department's warrant articles (see attachment).

Fire Chief Gary Daugherty:

Fire Chief Gary Daugherty presented two of his department's articles one for the purchase of a new ambulance for \$180,000 and the other to purchase a new rescue truck for \$680,000. Mr. Shepard stated his concern regarding the cost of the new rescue truck and the possibility of acquiring a base vehicle for the rescue truck; and the Chief said that he had not looked into this possibility. Mr. Shepard said that there is a need to come up with more creative solutions with the fiscal problems that the town is faced with and would like to see other plans such as acquiring a base truck and then adding equipment as necessary. Chief Daugherty responded that he would look into this possibility. He would like to see some other plan, and said that he could not support this cost, at least not in one year, but maybe come up with a two or three year plan. The Fire Chief said that the present 14 year old truck needs to be replaced, but is not sure when this really needs to happen. There was more discussion regarding the components of the rescue truck and the Fire Departments capital items needs. Mr. Troiano said that the Capital Improvement spreadsheet would be completed for the next Selectmen's meeting for the Board's review. The Board thanked Chief Daugherty for attending the meeting.

Police Chief Thomas Irvin:

Police Chief Irvin presented his department's three articles including:

1.) A request to establish and use of the revolving fund 53E ½ revolving fund to meet the expenses of the Police Department related to the administration and enforcement of the Town of Hopkinton By-Law Chapter 150 - Peddling and Soliciting;

2.) To see if the Town will vote to amend general by-law Ch. of the Town, by amending the bylaw to read: Article II-Non-criminal Dispositions.

3.) To increase the fine for violations of Ch. 150 – Peddling and soliciting from \$50 to \$200; and thirdly, to amend the general By-Law 150 of the Town of Hopkinton, adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hopkinton 4-9-1991, Art. 29 Amendments noted where applicable, by amending said By-Law to read: Chapter 150: Door to Door Soliciting and Canvassing. The Chief gave a more detailed account of the articles. He added that he changed the hours from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to read as follows: “Solicit, canvass or conduct any other activity at the residence without express prior permission of an occupant, before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.” This was noted for the record. The Board thanked the Chief for attending this meeting.

School Department

Rebecca Robak, Chairman of the School Committee, and Dr. John Phelan, School Superintendent, presented the School Committee’s budget items as follows:

1.) a request for funding to obtain plans, designs, cost estimates, and bid documents, as well as to provide for the acquisition of all materials, equipment, and services necessary or appropriate for the repair, maintenance, renovation and improvement of the boiler and heating system at the Center Elementary School. The funds would be used in conjunction with any federal and state grants, aid or loans;

2.) a request for funding to obtain plans, designs, cost estimates, and bid documents, as well as to provide for the acquisition of all materials, equipment, and services necessary or appropriate for the repair, maintenance, renovation and improvement of the Middle School exterior walls and roof. The funds would be used in conjunction with any federal and state grants, aid or loans which may be available for such purposes;

3.) a request for funding to obtain plans, designs, cost estimates, and bid documents, as well as to provide for the acquisition of all materials, equipment, and services necessary or appropriate for the repair, maintenance, renovation and improvement of school buildings and grounds to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and funding to be used in conjunction with any federal and state grants, aid or loans.

4.) a request for funds to obtain plans, designs, cost estimates, and bid documents, as well as to provide for the acquisition of all materials, equipment, and services necessary or appropriate for the repair, maintenance, renovation and improvement of the athletic field, bleachers, concession stand, and grounds at Hopkinton High School; and funding to be used in conjunction with any private funding, federal and state grants, aid or loans which may be available for such purposes. It was noted that these funds would be provided by private donations, the Hopkinton Athletic Association fundraising etc. There was a discussion regarding the requests, timetable, scope of work, and funding.

The Board thanked Mrs. Robak and Dr. Phelan for attending this meeting.

Board of Health:

Mrs. Peters, Chairman of the Board of Health, presented the BoH’s articles as follows:

1.) a request to authorize the Board of Health to enter into one or more inter-municipal agreements pursuant to G.L.c. 40, sec. 4A, with one or more other governmental units to provide public health

services which the Board of Health may be authorized to perform in accordance with an inter-municipal mutual aid agreement to be entered into between the Town and other governmental units;

2.) A request to authorize the Board of Health and/or the Board of Selectmen to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Town to maintain its membership or affiliation with the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project to provide the Town with environmentally sound mosquito control. Mr. Clark asked if the Board of Health has voted to recommend this article to the townspeople. Mrs. Peters responded that the BoH leaves this up to the voters to decide. Mr. Clark recommended that the BoH vote to recommend this article at Town Meeting. Mrs. Peters reiterated that this decision is for the Town Meeting voters to make. Mr. Clark said that he believes that the BoH needs to make a recommendation.

3.) A request for funding the financing of the following water pollution abatement facility projects: the repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems pursuant to agreements between the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation, all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise.

The Board thanked Mrs. Peters for attending the meeting.

Community Preservation Commission

Roger Mezitt, a member of the Community Preservation Committee, presented the CPC's articles as follows:

1.) To see if the Town will accept the report and recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds a sum or sums of money for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Committee for the ensuing year.

2.) To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds a sum or sums of money for the restoration and preservation of town records for the Town Clerk;

3.) To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds a sum or sums of money for the second phase of the CCA barn.

4.) To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds a sum or sums of money for the Historical Society building for the restoration of the windows.

5.) To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds a sum or sums of money to fund the preservation of the Maspenock Dam

6.) To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate

from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds a sum or sums of money for the Parks & Recreation Fruit Street fields.

7.) To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds a sum or sums of money for the Parks & Recreation Sandy Beach benches. There was a discussion regarding the articles. The Board thanked Mr. Mezitt for attending the meeting.

DPW/Cemetery

Mr. Gaucher, DPW Director, presented his department's articles as follows:

- 1.) To fund the maintenance of the Lake Maspenock Dam.
 - 2.) To fund the Drainage Improvements to Fruit Street in the vicinity of Fruit Street well.
 - 3.) To fund the installation, maintenance, repair, upgrade and/or replacement of a drain and all related appurtenances which services the Hayden Rowe Street area of the Town and is located in the vicinity of 283 Hayden Rowe Street; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate for and to acquire such land or interest in land by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise as may be necessary or appropriate for the acquisition of an easement to enable the Town to conduct the work referred to herein and for the repair, maintenance and replacement of the drain in the future, the said premises to be obtained being more particularly bounded etc.
 - 4.) To fund the purchase of a 6-wheel dump truck with plow and necessary equipment and accessories for the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works. This vote shall also authorize the disposal of one 1999 Int'l dump truck, presently being used by the Department of Public Works, by trade in or otherwise.
 - 5.) To provide a sum of money for the purchase of a 6-wheel truck with plow and sander body as well as necessary equipment and accessories for the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works. This vote shall also authorize the disposal of one 1985 Mack truck with plow and sander body, presently being used by the Department of Public Works, by trade in or otherwise.
 - 6.) To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of capital equipment for the Sewer Department to include a service truck, said item to be with all related equipment and accessories and to provide for the disposition as appropriate of any equipment presently being used by the Sewer Department of the DPW by trade-in or otherwise.
 - 7.) To raise and appropriate the sum of money under the SRF funding program.
 - 8.) To see if the Town will vote to rescind the sewer easement on Claflin Avenue and revert ownership to the owner.
 - 9.) To if the Town will vote to establish betterments and extend the water mains on Fruit Street to the Huckleberry Road area.
 - 10.) To see if the Town will vote to amend the water use restriction by-law to comply with new State Department of Environmental Protection regulations.
 - 11.) To see if the town will vote to appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Sidewalk Improvements to East Main Street in the vicinity of Ray Street and Prestwick Drive.
 - 12.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to obtain plans, designs, cost estimates and bid documents for the construction of drainage improvements to the Mt. Auburn Cemetery.
- The Board thanked Mr. Gaucher for attending this meeting.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission, reviewed his department's articles:

- 1.) To raise funds, for the construction and development of athletic fields, including related parking areas, buildings and all necessary or appropriate infrastructure on a portion of the property containing approximately 257 acres on Fruit Street which was acquired by the Town pursuant to the vote under

Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of October 21, 2002, including, without limitation, all materials, labor and equipment necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above purpose; said sum to be used in conjunction with any federal and state grants, aid or loans which may be available for such purpose; and further to authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to take all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the above purposes, including, the authority to discuss, apply for, accept and expend any and all state and federal grants, aid or loans and to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate therefore.

2.) To raise funds for plans, designs, cost estimates, and bid documents as well as provide for the acquisition of all materials, equipment and services necessary or appropriate for illumination of one (1) little league baseball field at EMC Park.

3.) To raise funds to obtain plans, designs, cost estimates, and bid documents as well as provide for the acquisition of all materials, equipment and services necessary or appropriate for repair, maintenance, renovation and improvement of the Gazebo on the Town Common. Funding would be spent in conjunction with any federal and state grants, aid or loans which may be available for such purposes; and further to authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to apply for, accept and expend any and all federal and state grants, aid or loans which may be available for such purposes; and to authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to take all other action and to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the article.

4.) To designate the town owned land adjacent to Lake Whitehall for the purposes of active recreation. Those certain parcels of land located in Hopkinton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts containing approximately 20.06 acres.

The Board thanked Mr. Rogers for attending the meeting.

Board of Selectmen:

The Board agreed to discuss its articles at the next Selectmen's meeting on February 27,

Meeting Adjourned:

9:30 p.m. Vote: Mrs. Kramer entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Holland
Executive Assistant
Date approved: 3/27/07