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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Chair Biagetti called the regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Draper Room at Town Hall.

Present: Chair Sandra Biagetti, Selectman Robert Burns, Selectman Thomas A. Wesley, Town Administrator Steven Sette, members of the public and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis.

Chair Biagetti began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

B. Consent Items

1) Approval of Regular Minutes February 1, 2016

MSDV to approve the regular minutes February 1, 2016

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Abstain

C. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

2) Comcast/Xfinity 2015 Annual Report - Customer Interruption of Data and Complaint Report dated January 27, 2016

3) Verizon 2015 Annual Report - Customer Complaint Report dated January 31, 2016

Chair Biagetti asked if members had any questions regarding the correspondence. With no members having questions, the Chair continue to the next agenda item

D. Appointments and Resignations

None

E. New Business

1) Board of Selectmen Schedule of Meeting Dates 2016 - 2017 - Vote to approve schedule
MSDV to approve Board of Selectmen Schedule of Meeting Dates 2016 - 2017 as presented
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

Chair Biagetti asked that the Meeting Schedule be posted by the Town Clerk

2) Vote to Open Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for March 9, 2016

Administrator Sette announced one of the warrant articles for the special town meeting is to allow the town to apply for a bond in order to repair the sidewalk along the Freedom Street Bridge. Mr. Sette stated that the sidewalk is rated a Level 3 by MassDOT and should be repaired as the slab underneath is beginning to fail. Administrator Sette advised that during the repair and reconstruction of the sidewalk, jersey barriers will be installed and the bridge will be one lane. Mr. Shwachman agreed to open up Fitzgerald Drive during this period to help alleviate safety concerns on the other side of the bridge during the reconstruction. Administrator Sette advised

that the public will be notified prior to commencement of the work.
MSDV to open the STM warrant scheduled March 9, 2016
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3) Vote to Close Special Town Meeting Warrant on Friday, February 19, 2016

MSDV to close the STM warrant on Friday, February 19, 2016
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

4) Park Commissioners Request to declare 1994 Ford F150 XL 8' Bed pickup truck
VIN # 2FTEF15N6PCA83144 as a surplus - Vote to declare as surplus

MSDV to declare 1994 Ford F150 XL 8' Bed pickup truck VIN # 2FTEF15N6PCA83144 as a
surplus vehicle
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

5) Council on Aging Announcement of Hobby Fair on Saturday, March 19, 2016
from 10:00 am. to 2:00 p.m. - Carole Mullen, COA Director

Ms. Mullen was not present at the time of the agenda item so Selectman Wesley announced the
Hobby Fair and read the advertisement notice for the audience at home. Chair Biagetti
recognized COA Director Carole Mullen later in the meeting who stated that she is there to advise
the public of a Hobby Fair the COA will be sponsoring on Saturday, March 19, 2016. Ms.
Mullen also stated they are looking for a couple more hobbyist to share their craft.

F. Old Business

1) Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy - Vote

Administrator Sette advised that a Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy should be adopted by the
Town. Administrator Sette is requesting the board allow him to move forward to create a draft
policy for adoption by the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting, the policy will become part of
the employee policy manual.

MSDV to approve Town Administrator Sette to draft a Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy for
adoption by the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting.
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2) Baker-Polito Administration Community Compact - Vote

Administrator Sette stated that he had provided the board with additional information on the
Baker-Polito Administration Community Compact Agreement. At this time Administrator Sette
is requesting that the board allow him to begin the paperwork towards adopting a Community
Compact Agreement, which will benefit the town in qualifying for additional state funding and
grants.

MSDV to allow Town Administrator Sette to move forward with the paperwork towards adopting
the Baker-Polito Administration Community Compact Agreement
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

G. Public and Board Member Comments and Requests for Future Agenda Items

COA Director Carole Mullen asked to be recognized to review the emergency protocol for the
senior population in town especially in light of the past weekend storm. Ms. Mullen stated the
Council on Aging is looking at ways to educate the senior population on emergency preparedness
and sheltering at home during storms. The COA is also working on an electrical outage survey
targeting the senior population.

Selectmen Wesley stated he has a couple of items to mention;

- 1) He attended the MMA and is interested in the Town looking at moving towards LED street lighting stating it is more reliable and economical. Administrator Sette said he look into what is required to move the town towards LED lighting.
- 2) Selectmen Wesley would also like to work towards a more robust recycling program in town hoping to save residents money. Mr. Wesley asked that members of the Board of Health be invited to a Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the recycling program and see if there are ways of making it less restrictive so that residents tend to recycle. Mr. Wesley said by residents recycling will reduce the town's trash tonnage and save the residents money. Administrator Sette will reach out to the Board of Health and invite them to a future meeting.

H. Administrator News

- 1) Administrator Sette stated reviewed the protocol for power outages in town and the process order for restoring power back to Town residences and businesses. The Board of Selectmen thanked Administrator Sette and the efforts of the Fire Department, Highway and Police Department went well beyond their regular duties to ensure that public safety was maintained during the storm.
- 2) Administrator Sette stated that he had been receiving calls regarding a legal notice that appeared in the Milford Daily News regarding the Draper Landfill. Mr. Sette advised that this is a formal process between Rockwell Automation and CDM Smith regarding a Termination of Use and is filed per MGL. This a normal process and a new Use of Activities will also be filed for the Draper Landfill with the D.E.P. Mr. Sette just wanted to make the public aware that it is a normal process.

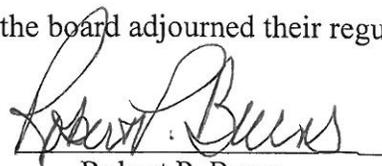
I. Adjournment

Chair Biagetti – I am requesting a motion to allow this board to now enter into Executive Session and not to reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reason (6): to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, because I as chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town.

RCV Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

With no further regular business before them at 5:58 p.m. the board adjourned their regular meeting.


Sandra Biagetti, Chair


Robert P. Burns


Thomas A. Wesley

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

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