



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen Minutes October 7, 2013

Chairman Burns convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper room of the Town Hall and moved into the agenda. Present: Chairman Robert Burns; Selectwoman Janet Orff Jacaruso; Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti; Town Coordinator Steven Sette, Members of the Planning Board, Tree Warden Walter Swift, Fire Chief Tom Daige, Ed Burt and Jeff Ellis, Videographer.

MSDV to approve the regular and executive session minutes of September 16, 2013 and the executive session minutes of September 24th, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Chairman Burns moved to correspondence on the agenda.
There was no discussion held.

Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

The Board was set to hear the resignation of Meg McElroy as Chair of the Conservation Committee, Ms. McElroy withdrew her letter of resignation, Selectwoman Biagetti commented that she was happy to see that Ms. McElroy had reconsidered her initial request. The Board then read a resignation letter from Josh Otliv from the Historical Commission due to the a new child being born in the near future and the need to put time with his family. Chairman Burns commented that he was sorry to see him go but fully understand his reasons.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Josh Otliv from the Historical Commission. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

The Chair then convened a joint meeting with the Planning Board to address the appointment of Donald W. Howes to the Planning Board to fulfill an open seat, Planning Chair Ed Small opened the meeting of the Planning Board, and polled his board, S. Gallagher (Y), B. Keys (Y), E.Small (Y) t5o unanimously approve.

MSDV to approve the appointment of Donald W. Howes to the Planning Board. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Nay, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

At this point the Planning board meeting was adjourned and Mr. Howes was sworn in by Selectwoman/Town Clerk Jacaruso.

Chairman Burns moved to New Business on the Agenda.

Police Chief Mark Giovanella has asked that a police vehicle be declared and advertised as surplus equipment, clarification was needed from the last meeting and was provided.

MSDV to approve the declaration of Surplus Equipment-Police Vehicle. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Chairman Burns moved to Old Business on the agenda.

The item for discussion was the Town Hall Renovation Committee and creating a Charge and Appointment Procedure; there was discussion among the Board and Mr. Burt regarding the final documents that were presented and to perhaps focus on some immediate needs initially. There was also discussion regarding whether or not the committee should be a Renovation Committee or a Repair Committee, Selectwoman Jacaruso then suggested that the committee be called simply a Town Hall committee that would allow them to evaluate a broad range of ideas. There was discussion on the makeup of the committee, it was decided that it would be a 5 member committee and that applications for the committee would be taken through October 16th for appointment at the 10/21 meeting.

MSDV adopt committee charge as suggested by Selectwoman Jacaruso with the committee to be made up of 5 members. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Other Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours before the meeting

Walter Swift, Town Tree Warden addressed the Board with an idea of forming a Friends of the Hopedale Parklands group a non-profit entity that would be able to secure government grants etc. to help further development of the Town parklands. The group would also help formulate a master plan for the Parklands. Mr. Swift envisioned hayrides etc. through the Parklands on trails that could be developed.

Chairman Burns moved to Coordinator news.

Coordinator Sette updated the Board on the search for a replacement for Executive Assistant Pat Goodwin, to date he has received 46 resumes and has selected 11 for interview, the interviews will be conducted during the week of 10/7, with second interviews the week of 10/21 and a selection made at that time. The Coordinator will ask for members of the Board to interview the final candidates. Coordinator Sette also informed the public of the Hopedale Community House 90th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Saturday 10/12/13.

With no further business before them at 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso, seconded by Selectwoman Biagetti, and agreed to by Chairman Burns to adjourn the open meeting; to enter into executive session; not to reconvene in regular session, under G.L. c.30A, s21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, and that the reason for this Executive Session is because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town.

MSDV adjourn the open meeting; and to enter into executive session, and not to reconvene.
RCV**: Robert Burns, Chm. – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Robert P. Burns, Chairman

Janet Orff Jacaruso

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*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted **Roll Call Vote