

Board of Selectmen Minutes 01/22/2013

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Chairman Carroll convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. in the Draper room of the Town Hall and moved into the agenda. Present: Chairman James Carroll; Selectman Robert Burns; Selectwoman Janet Jacaruso; Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips; Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin, and Jeff Ellis, Videographer.

MSDV to approve the regular and executive session minutes of January 7, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to correspondence on the agenda.

Chairman Carroll commented that the Board had previously received correspondence from the Worcester Regional Retirement System inviting the members to their annual meeting on January 16th, which he attended. The town's assessment of \$633,976 represents approximately \$70K more this year, as the system for assessments has changed. Prior assessments were based on salary only and the new assessment allocation is based upon the actuarial method as well as salary.

Chairman Carroll moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Guy Crepeau submitted his resignation from the Finance Committee due to family and occupational commitments. The Board thanked Mr. Crepeau for his efforts.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Guy Crepeau from the Finance Committee. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

The Zoning Board of Appeals submitted their recommendation for the appointment of Louis Arcudi as an alternate member of the Zoning Board. The Board welcomed Mr. Arcudi.

MSDV to appoint Louis Arcudi as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to new business on the agenda.

Josh Otlin, Chair of the Historical Commission, discussed concerns with facilities issues at the Little Red Shop Museum. There is a moisture problem in the basement, which is causing the wood floors to buckle in the Red Shop. Mr. Otlin said that he is working with Gale Associates with regard to completing a full assessment of the problem and recommendations for correction. It is anticipated that the study would cost approximately \$7,200. The Friends of Historical Hopedale have agreed to donate \$4K towards the cost of the study. Grant funds will also be investigated. Coordinator Phillips commented that should the cost exceed \$10K, the town would have to go out to bid as the Red Shop is a public building and therefore falls under the procurement law. Chairman Carroll commented that the Board would agree with talking to Gale Associates and also asking for short-term solutions, as well as the Finance Committee with regard to the transfer of reserve funds.

Mr. Otlin discussed the possibility of installation of an interpretive sign on the town green by the Community House, which would be similar to the signs at the Adin Ballou Park and the Little Red Shop. It is hoped that the necessary funds would come from philanthropic groups.

The Hopedale Booster Club submitted a request to hold the annual Larry Olsen 5K Blue Raider road race on May 18, 2013. Police Chief Giovannella and Fire Chief Thomas Daige have been notified.

MSDV to approve the Hopedale Booster Club annual Larry Olsen 5K Blue Raider road race on May 18, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

The Hopedale Unitarian Parish submitted a request for approval of a special wine and malt license for the annual Boar's Head Festival to be held on Friday, January 25, and Saturday, January 26, 2013.

MSDV to approve the special wine and malt license for the Hopedale Unitarian Parish annual Boar's Head Festival as discussed. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

The Bancroft Memorial Library submitted a request for approval of a special wine license for a fund raising event for the Friends of the Hopedale Library to be held on Thursday, February 17, 2013 from 7:00PM to 10:00PM.

MSDV to approve the special 1-day wine license for the Bancroft Memorial Library as discussed. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to old business on the agenda.

Chairman Carroll reviewed the current list of committee vacancies and asked that if anyone had an interest in joining one of the committees to please contact the Town Hall or to visit the town's website to obtain a Talent Bank form for completion and submission.

Coordinator Phillips reminded all that the town is also looking for a caretaker for the South Hopedale Cemetery, due to the resignation of the current caretaker. Should anyone be interested in the position, please contact Coordinator Phillips at the Town Hall.

Chairman Carroll moved to other topics not previously anticipated at the meeting.

There were no topics for discussion.

Chairman Carroll moved to Coordinator News on the agenda.

Coordinator Phillips continued a discussion regarding the Dispatch ring-down system. A recent problem occurred when the State Police had called Mendon Dispatch instead of Upton as the telephone numbers had not been changed at the State Police PSAP. The call originated from a cell phone. When Mendon failed to hang up, Upton Dispatch tried to transfer the call and could not. Selectman Burns said he is aware that the Police had been dispatched while the problem with the call was taking place and that both the Police and ambulance were on the scene.

Selectwoman Jacaruso reminded everyone that the census information form needs to be returned to the Town Clerk's office. Submission of the information helps with the town's state funding. Not returning the form could jeopardize a resident's voting status.

With no further business before them at 8:02 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso, seconded by Selectman Burns and agreed to by Chairman Carroll to adjourn the open meeting not to reconvene but to adjourn directly upon conclusion of the open discussion.

MSDV close the open session meeting, and not to reconvene. RCV**: James Carroll, Chm. – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

James F. Carroll, Chairman

Robert P. Burns

Janet Orff Jacaruso

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