



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen Minutes January 6, 2014

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; Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer; Fire Chief Thomas Daige; and Videographer Marcia Matthews.

MSDV to approve the executive minutes of December 2, 2013.

Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti - Abstained.

MSDV to table the regular minutes of December 16, 2013.

Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye; Selectwoman 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.

Resignation – None.

Appointments –Disabilities Commission – Gerald M. Small

Mr. Small submitted a talent bank form for appointment to the Disabilities Commission. Chairman Burns thanked Mr. Small for stepping forward advising he would be the only member at this time. Mr. Small said he did not have any concerns but was surprised to see that no spots were filled on the commission and therefore stepped forward.

MSDV to appoint Gerald M. Small to the Disabilities Commission. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti –Aye.

Mr. Small was sworn in by Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso.

Call Fire Lieutenant – Jacob Shane

Chief Daige said the Hopedale Fire Department has had the position Call Fire Lieutenant open for two years. The application period opened in September and Jacob Shane was the only applicant. Mr. Shane had a written examination in November and an oral interview in December. Jacob has been a member of the Hopedale Fire Department for two years. Prior to joining the Hopedale Fire Department, Mr. Shane was a Call Firefighter for the Mendon Fire Department. Mr. Shane is also a Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. having served in Iraq. Mr. Shane possesses the qualities that a

member should be in a supervisory role within a para-military type organization. Fire Chief Tom Daige strongly recommended Jacob Shane to the position of Call Fire Lieutenant.

MSDV voted to approve the Chief Daige recommended appointment as presented. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti - Aye. Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso invited the newly appointed Call Fire Lieutenant to come forward and he was sworn in.

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.

Joint Meeting with the Board of Health –Members of the Board of Health joined the Board of Selectmen for a joint meeting. The Board of Health Chair called the meeting to order. Members present - Edward Holland Sr., Peter Mitchell and Health Agent Leonard Izzo. Health Agent Lenny Izzo introduced Mr. Eugene Bernat of CTI Micro-Reduction Technologies who was present to discuss a possible solution and plan for capping the former landfill on South Main Street.

Mr. Bernat advised that in order for his company and the Town to move forward, the DEP requires a profitable use of the land that would generate revenue to pay for the capping. Mr. Bernat believes the site would be suitable for a “solar farm” which could provide power to The Town of Hopedale and possibly another local community at a reduced rate. Chairman Burns shared a concern of the owner owing many thousands of dollars to the Town and he does not want this owner to benefit from generated revenues, only the Town. Mr. Bernat responded that his company has entered into a lease agreement with the land owner and a possible solution would be to set up enterprise account from the generated revenue which could help pay debt owed on the property. Mr. Bernat also advised there will have to be a give and take in order for the process to work. The next steps include having public meeting with residents and going to the DEP with all the players as a united front.

Chairman Burns moved to old business on the agenda

No discussion was held.

Chairman Burns moved to other topics not previously anticipated at the meeting

Selectwoman Jacaruso ask to be recognized by Chair. She thanked members of the community and others for the overwhelming support during the past few weeks. She asked going forward if there are any concerns regarding town departments that those concerned contact department heads directly.

Chairman Burns moved to Coordinator news on the agenda

Town Coordinator Sette asked the Board for direction in setting goals and objectives. He mentioned he is beginning the process of negotiating several collective bargaining agreements and individual contracts. He also sees the budget process as a priority and preparing for the Annual Town Meeting, but welcomes input from the Board on other goals and initiatives.

Coordinator Sette said he has a meeting set up with a representative from National Grid to discuss the floodlight in front of Town Hall and a streetlight that is out on Cemetery Street. Mr. Sette also mentioned that although the snowstorm was long in duration it caused minimal damage and that salt deliveries are behind by 5-6 loads.

With no further business before them at 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso, seconded by Selectwoman Biagetti, and agreed to by Chairman Burns to adjourn the open meeting; not to enter into executive session; not to reconvene.

MSDV adjourn the open meeting; not 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

Sandra Biagetti

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