



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen Minutes March 2, 2015

The regular Meeting of the Board and Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Biagetti in the Draper Room of Town Hall.

Present: Chair Sandra Biagetti, Selectman Burns, Town Coordinator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, Fire Chief Daige, members of the public, and Videographer Marcia Matthews.

Chair Biagetti moved to consent items on the agenda

1. Approval of Regular Minutes February 11, 2015
MSDV to approve the Regular Minutes of February 11, 2015
Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

2. Approval of Regular Minutes February 17, 2015
MSDV to approve the Regular Minutes of February 17, 2015
Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

Chair Biagetti moved to Correspondence on the agenda

None

Chair Biagetti moved to new business on the agenda

1. Vote to Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for March 31, 2015 at 7 p.m.
Coordinator Sette advised that there are transfers that need to be taken care of and other housekeeping articles. He is recommending the board close the warrant at their next meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015.

2. 6th Annual Larry Olsen Summer Classic 10K Race, September 26, 2015 9 a.m. to Noon
Christopher Kivior Vice President of the Tri-Valley Front Runner came forward to discuss the request to hold the race. Mr. Kivior stated this will be the 6th year. Last year the club donated \$2100 to the Hopedale HS Alumni/Hopedale HS Cross Country teams. Mr. Kivior stated they would like to make a couple of changes 1) hold the race in September rather than May and 2) to change the route a bit avoiding Fitzgerald Dr. Mr. Kivior stated he would seek approvals of both the Police and Fire Departments prior to setting the route.

MSDV to approve the 6th Annual Larry Olsen Summer Classic 10K Race, September 26, 2015 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

Chair Biagetti moved to old business on the agenda

None

Chair Biagetti then moved to other Items not reasonably anticipated

1. Christopher Alt – Position of Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic

Chair Biagetti recognized Chief Daige who is requesting the appointment of a new Firefighter/Paramedic to replace Dan Vivieros resigned in January 2015. Tom said after reviewing several applications and performing extensive background checks, (6) candidates were chosen for an interview. Mr. Alt who currently is a Call Firefighter/Paramedic with the Rutland Fire Department and is a full time Paramedic for Med Star Ambulance. Mr. Alt has been a full time paramedic for (6) years and has a Firefighter I/II certifications, which he obtained through the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Training Program; he has been a Call Firefighter for (4) years.

Chief Daige recommends the Board of Selectmen appoint Christopher Alt as a full time Firefighter/Paramedic effective March 3, 2015. This appointment would be contingent upon Mr. Alt passing the State of Massachusetts Physical Agility Test, the successful completion of the 9 week Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy Recruit Training Program, completing a (1) year probationary period, and moving within (30) miles of the Town of Hopedale.

MSDV to approve Christopher Alt – Position of Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic effective March 3, 2015. Mr. Alt was advised that he needs to be sworn in by the Town Clerk’s office which will be opened on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

Chair Biagetti then moved to Coordinator News

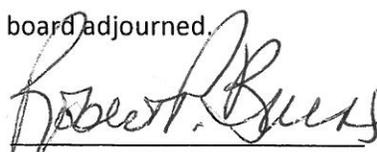
1. Coordinator Sette said he will be asking the Board to close the March 31, 2015 STM at their next meeting on March 16, 2015 and open the May 19, 2015 ATM warrant.
2. Steve wanted the Board to know that last Thursday he participated in a MEMA conference call regarding the winter storms. Coordinator Sette told the Board that he will be gathering information to submit for reimbursement of the various storms that began with the Blizzard Juno on January 27. Steve said that MEMA will be reimbursing expenses incurred by cities and towns for the 4 large winter storms that occurred this winter including reimbursement of overtime, material and truck repairs.
3. Coordinator Sette wanted to let the residents know that the live stream issue has been fixed. There was a new router installed and the IP address was entered incorrectly throwing everything off.
4. Richard Bennett said he was recently hired as a full time Firefighter and recently became a resident of the town; now living and working in the Town of Hopedale. He thanked the Board for the opportunity.
5. Resident Anthony Ryan said he wanted to let the Board know he has a safety concern regarding the intersection at Mill Street and Greene Street. Mr. Ryan said he has lived at 94 Mill Street for fifteen years and when walking his dogs cars do not stop at this intersection; they roll on through. Anthony said the police patrol this intersection; however if they are not there, the sign is ignored. Mr. Ryan advised that he even when he walks his dogs during the day he wears a reflective vest so he is seen. Even with the vest he claims that he almost gets hits at least one a week. Mr. Ryan is looking to see if a crosswalk or light can be installed rather than a STOP sign. Coordinator Sette stated he would speak with both the Police and Fire chiefs and provide their recommendation at the next meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business before them at 7:18 p.m. the board adjourned.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye


Sandra Biagetti, Chair


Robert P. Burns

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

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