



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Board of Selectmen**  
Robert P. Burns, Chm.  
Janet Orff Jacaruso  
Sandra Biagetti

**Town Coordinator**  
Steven A. Sette

### Board of Selectmen Minutes March 3, 2014

Chairman Burns opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen 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, members of the public, and Marcia Matthews Videographer.

**MSDV to approve the regular and executive session minutes of February 24, 2014.**  
Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

#### **Chairman Burns moved to correspondence on the agenda**

Coordinator Sette read a letter to the Hopedale Road Commissioners from Bernie Stock, Maintenance Director at the Community House, thanking Bob DePonte and the highway crew for their efforts in keeping the roads and sidewalks clear and safe during the winter storms.

#### **Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda**

None

#### **Resignation**

None

#### **Appointments**

None

#### **Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.**

#### **A. Ratify Chief of Police Mark Giovanella Contract beginning July 1, 2014**

Coordinator Sette stated a 3 year contract agreement between Police Chief Mark Giovanella and the Town of Hopedale was reached. Steve said the only changes to the contract were a 2% increase in each of the next three years and an opportunity for the Chief to attend the FBI academy if he were accepted. Steve is requesting the board ratify Chief Mark Giovanella's contract.

**MSDV voted to ratify the Chief Giovanella's contract.**

Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

**B. Blackstone River Valley National Historical Corridor Agreement w/ Historical Commission (BRVNHCC)**

Chairman Burns recognized Suzan Ciaramicoli, member of the Historical Commission and lead person for the Interpretive Sign project. Suzan said this project began 2012 with the National Park Service. The sign project would be in addition to two other historical signs located within the Town; one located at the Red Shop and the second at Adin Ballou Memorial Park. The Historical Commission decided interpretive signs for the Community House and Unitarian Church would be important and sought support from both the Community House and Unitarian Church Directors. Suzan met with the National Park Service and Blackstone River Valley National Historical Corridor non-profit organization who confirmed money is still being held for the interpretive sign project. Ms. Ciaramicoli said an agreement was drafted and sent to the Town of Hopedale's legal counsel who recommended minimal changes. Legal Counsel also advised that the Historical Commission could enter into the agreement on behalf of the Town as no funds are being sought from the Town of Hopedale. Suzan recently received an updated quote from Sunshine Sign Company who created the two-sided sign located at Adin Ballou Memorial Park. Sunshine Sign will create a similar sign at the corner of Draper and Hopedale Streets with information on the Community House and Unitarian Church. One side of the sign will provide information on the Community House and the other side will list information about the Unitarian Church. Ms. Ciaramicoli said she will seek in-kind services from the Highway Department to install the new signage.

**MSDV voted to endorse the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Corridor Agreement w/ Historical Commission.**

Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

**C. Larry Olsen 5K Blue Raider road race on May 17, 2014**

The Hopedale Booster Club submitted a request to hold the annual Larry Olsen 5K Blue Raider road race on May 17, 2014. Police Chief Giovanella and Fire Chief Thomas Daige have been notified of the date of the event.

**MSDV voted to approve the 5k Road Race – Saturday, May 17, 2014 – Hopedale**

**Booster Club.** Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

**Chairman Burns then moved to other topics not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours before meeting**

None

**Chairman Burns then moved to Coordinator News**

Coordinator Sette mentioned he will be opening the annual town meeting warrant at the March 17, 2014 meeting and plans to close the warrant on April 18, 2014.

Coordinator Sette said he would like to bring forth meeting times of other boards and committees. Steve advised he has been approached regarding some board and committee

meeting times. At this time, there isn't currently a mechanism in place regarding board or committee meeting times and this prevents some residents from attending meetings. Steve asked if there is anything the board would like him to do regarding this. He wanted to present the concern to the board and will wait for the board's direction on this matter.

**Chairman Burns – I am requesting a motion to allow this board to enter into Executive Session, not to reconvene in regular session, for the following reasons; G.L. c.30A, s 21(a) (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and I as chair so declare; and under G.L. c.30A, s 21(a) (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and I as chair so declare.**

**Executive Session**

**MSDV to enter into executive session, not to return to open session meeting, and not reconvene.**

RCV\*\*; Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman-Aye



Robert P. Burns, Chairman



Janet Orff Jacaruso



Sandra Biagetti

**Hopedale Board of Selectmen**

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