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Board of Selectmen

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

Monday July 20, 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 Robert Burns, Selectman Thomas A. Wesley, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, Videographer Jeffrey Ellis

Motion: Chair Biagetti – I am requesting a motion to allow this board to now enter into Executive Session and to reconvene in open session, under M.G.L. c.30A, s 21(a) Reason (1): To discuss complaints against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burns and a RCV was taken. Chair Biagetti - Aye, Selectman Burns – Aye, Selectman Wesley – Aye

The public was invited back into the Draper Room and the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen reconvened the regular meeting was called back to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Draper Room by Chair Biagetti.

Members of the Board in attendance: Chair Sandra Biagetti, Selectman Robert Burns, Selectman Thomas A. Wesley. Also in attendance Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis

Chair Biagetti began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment on the Agenda items

B. Consent Items

1) Approval of Regular Minutes of July 6, 2015

MSDV to approve Regular Minutes of July 6, 2015

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2) Approval of Executive Session Minutes of June 15, 2015

MSDV to approve Executive Session Minutes of June 15, 2015

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

C. Correspondence

D. Appointments and Resignations

1) Resignation of Dorothy Suszanska from Cultural Council

MSDV to accept the resignation of Dorothy Suszanska with regret

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2) Appointment of Joseph Conlon to Constable; term ending June 30, 2017 Officer Conlon to replace Officer Wayne Minichielli

MSDV to appoint Joseph Conlon to Constable; term ending June 30, 2017

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3) Appointment of Wilma Manning, Bridget Pardee, and Ellen Murphy to Cultural Council; terms ending June 30, 2018

MSDV to appoint Wilma Manning, Bridget Pardee, and Ellen Murphy to Cultural Council; terms ending June 30, 2018

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

4) Appointment of Brandt Wajda to the Planning Board; term ending next Annual Town Election May 2016

Planning Board Chair Brian Keyes was present and stated he was there to promote the candidacy of Mr. Wajda stating the Planning Board unanimously supported his appointment at their meeting of July 1, 2015.

MSDV to appoint Brandt Wajda to the Planning Board; term ending next Annual Town Election May 2016

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

E. New Business

Administrator Sette advised there was no new business

F. Old Business

1) Appointment of Edward Holland, Jr. to Board of Assessors

Mr. Wesley asked to be recognized and read a statement which he prepared in advance of the meeting (copy attached for the official record). Mr. Burns then asked to be recognized and provided Mr. Holland and his family a public apology for the discomfort of statements he made in regards to Mr. Holland's appointment to the Board of Assessors at the last Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Burns then stated that if Mr. Holland would like to be appointed to the Board of Assessors he would like to make the motion to nominate him and will vote in support his appointment.

MSDV to table the appointment Edward Holland, Jr. to Board of Assessors to August 3 meeting
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2) Friends of Historic Hopedale to hold a Costume 5K run/1 mile walk throughout Hopedale on Saturday, October 31, 2015 plan modification

Doreen Landry was present and stated that after the last Board of Selectmen's meeting the FOHH discovered that the High School Cross Country team districts are being held on the same date and location as the Costume 5K run/1 mile walk; therefore, the FOHH changed the location of the start and finish to the park which is under the control of the Park Commissioners. Doreen advised that the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Parks Department are aware and have no concerns or requirements with the changes of the start and finish location, everything else will remain the same. Ms. Landry informed the board she was there to let them know of the start and finish location change. The board had no additional questions or further recommendations; therefore no further action was taken by the board on this matter.

3) Ratify and sign Inter-municipal Agreement for Regional Dispatch Services Between the Towns of Hopedale effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018

MSDV to ratify and sign Inter-municipal Agreement for Regional Dispatch Services Between the Towns of Hopedale effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

G. Public Comment and requests for future agenda Items

Chair Biagetti welcomed back Town Administrator Sette and thanked Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer assisting and filling in during his absence.

Mr. Don Howes thanked Mr. Wesley for his guidance and statement. Walter Swift stated that he was a former Selectman and stated how proud he was with the Board of Selectmen in how they handled the matter.

H. Administrator News

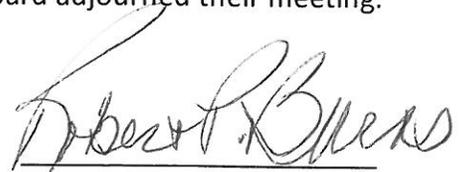
1) Administrator Sette stated the Upton Board of Selectmen is looking to hold a joint meeting again in Upton. The Board of Selectmen meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and asked the board to send dates that they may be available.

2) Administrator Sette also advised that the Towns of Bellingham, Hopedale and Franklin received 900k in grant funding, with the Town of Hopedale receiving approximately 20% of the overall funding. Part of the CDBG funds will be used to continue the Housing Rehabilitation Program in assisting low to moderate income homeowners with improvements to their properties. Mr. Sette stated that further information will be forthcoming on the matter.

I. Adjournment

With no further regular business before them at 7:56 p.m. the board adjourned their meeting.


Sandra Biagetti, Chair


Robert P. Burns


Thomas A. Wesley

Hopedale Board of Selectmen
***Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted**
**** Roll Call Vote**