



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen Minutes July 28, 2014

Chairwoman Jacaruso opened the Regular Meeting of the Board and Selectmen at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper Room of Town Hall and moved into the agenda. Present: Chair Janet Orff Jacaruso, Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti, Town Coordinator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, Treasurer/Collector Stephanie L'Etalien, members of the public, and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis. Selectmen Burns was absent.

Chairwoman Jacaruso moved to consent items on the agenda

1. Approval of Regular Minutes July 7, 2014

MSDV to approve the Regular Minutes July 7, 2014.

Chairwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

Chairwoman Jacaruso moved to correspondence on the agenda

1. Letter – Rep. Brian Dempsey Re: Public Safety Improvements Money
2. Letter – Sen. Steven Brewer Re: Telecommunication Improvements

Coordinator Sette said that he wrote letters on behalf of the Town urging the House and Senate to override Governor Patrick's veto of monies that were earmarked for telecommunication improvements which would assist public safety in the Town of Hopedale. Steve said that letters were requested by Rep. John Fernandes and Sen. Richard Moore offices to support these monies which will assist first responders in life threatening situations.

Chairwoman Jacaruso moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda

1. Appointment of Melissa Martin-La Vache to Cultural Council

Chair Jacaruso stated the board received a letter from Ms. Martin-La Vache who is requesting appointment to the Cultural Council. Melissa was present and asked by the Chair to come forward to share her interest in joining the Cultural Council. Ms. Martin-La Vache stated has attended some of the council events and decided she would like to get more involved in the types of events the council sponsors. Cultural Council Chairperson Billing Manning recommended the board appoint Ms. Martin-La Vache to the Cultural Council.

MSDV to appoint Melissa Martin-LaVache to Cultural Council term expiring June 30, 2017
Chairwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

Following the unanimous vote, Town Clerk Jacaruso swore Ms. Martin-LaVache to serve as a member on the Cultural Council.

2. Appointment of Jerry Smith Part Time Public Safety Dispatcher

Police Chief Mark Giovanella was recognized and presented Jerry Smith to the Board. Chief Giovanella stated that Jerry is currently employed as a security guard at Securitas in Framingham. He also has a management degree in business management from Kent University. Mark is recommending the board appoint Jerry Smith as a part-time Public Safety Dispatcher with a one-year probationary period.

MSDV to appoint Jerry Smith Part Time Public Safety Dispatcher

Chairwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

Chairwoman Jacaruso moved to new business on the agenda

1. Housing Project Presentation – Atty. Joseph Antonellis

Chair Jacaruso recognized Attorney Joe Antonellis, who was there to review a 16-unit single family 40B Housing Project. The project was originally approved in 1995 but was appealed by an abutter because of drainage issues. Attorney Antonellis said, the case was later settled and approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals in 2004, however, the project was never built because of slowed market conditions.

Mr. Antonellis said he was approached by Developer Sean Brennan who showed interest in reinstating the Boyd Road 40B project. Mr. Brennan who was also present at the meeting said he previously lived in the area and always hoped to one day build in Hopedale. Attorney Antonellis said they are not looking to change any of conditions of the previous approval. At this time, they are asking the board sign off on the project so they can move the project forward to the next step which will be to set up a meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals and review any concerns they may have.

2. Coordinator Goals and Objectives

Chair Jacaruso stated due to vacation schedules, the Town Coordinator Goals and Objectives will be deferred to the next BOS meeting.

3. Evaluation Tool Review and Update

Chair Jacaruso stated due to vacation schedules, the Town Coordinator Evaluation Tool Review and Update will be deferred to the next BOS meeting.

4. Vote to Authorize Treasurer to Refund Municipal Bonds

Chair Jacaruso recognized Treasurer Stephanie L'Etalien who is recommending refunding of several municipal bonds. Stephanie read the recommended refunding vote language;

That in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund the Town's \$12,780,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2004 Bonds dated March 1, 2004 maturing on November 15 in the years 2015 through 2022 (inclusive) in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,270,000 (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds") and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

Both Chair Jacaruso and Selectwoman Biagetti thanked Ms. L'Etalien for her diligence in finding ways to save the town money.

MSDV to Vote to Authorize Treasurer to Refund Municipal Bonds

Chairwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

5. Proclamation – Eagle Scout Mark Jeffrey Andolina and Court of Honor Ceremony to be held on Sunday, August 10 at Sacred Heart Church

Chair Jacaruso read the proclamation for Eagle Scout Mark Jeffrey Andolina. Janet requested a board member volunteer to represent the board at the ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10 at Sacred Heart Church as she has a prior engagement.

6. Proclamation – Helen Luchini 100th Birthday Celebration to be held on Friday, August 29 at Draper Place

Chair Jacaruso read the proclamation for Helen Luchini. Chair Jacaruso requested a member to present the proclamation to Helen at her celebration being held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29 at Draper Place. Janet said she would attend the ceremony and present the proclamation to Helen Luchini on August 29.

Chairwoman Jacaruso moved to old business on the agenda

None

Chairwoman Jacaruso then moved to other topics not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours before meeting

None

Chairwoman Jacaruso then moved to Coordinator News

None

With no further business before them at 7:36 p.m. the board adjourned.

MSDV Chairwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman-Aye



Janet Orff Jacaruso, Chair



Robert P. Burns



Sandra Biagetti

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

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