

Select Board Meeting
Hopedale Town Hall, Draper Room
Regular Minutes
June 27, 2022

Present: Chair Hazard, Selectman Keyes, Selectman Stock, Town Administrator Schindler

Call to order 6:30 p.m.

Appointments & Resignations

Chair Hazard moved to appoint Call Firefighter Candidate Alec Kaminski-Miller, effective June 27, 2022. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock – Aye

New Business

Selectman Keyes motioned to amend building department fees effective July 1, 2022, as per the recommendation by Tim Aicardi, Building Commissioner. This was seconded by Selectman Stock.

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock – Aye

Selectman Stock motioned to create a donation account for Special Legal Fees pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §53A; Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock – Aye

Chair Keyes moved to address the Request for Appraisal for 364 West Street at a future meeting. Selectman Stock seconded this motion.

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock – Aye

FY22 End of Year Transfers: For FY22, the Health Insurance budget assumed that new employees would be joining, however no new employees were added until later in FY 2022, leading to a surplus currently in the health insurance budget.

Chair Hazard Motioned to:

Transfer from the reserve fund to EMS, \$20,000

Transfer from the reserve fund to Liability, \$100

Transfer from the reserve fund to Memorial Day fund, \$310

Transfer from the reserve fund to counter retirement assessment to workers compensation, \$4,794

Transfer from health insurance to managers gasoline item, \$10,000

Transfer from health insurance to managers telephone account, \$2,500

Transfer from health insurance to legal, \$63,000

Transfer from health insurance to town hall heating, \$10,000

Transfer from health insurance to repairs and maintenance, \$5,000

Transfer from health insurance to streetlights, \$21,656

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock – Aye

Chair Hazard motioned to reappoint those listed below for Annual Board/Committee/Commission except the appointee for the Principal Assessor. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Assistant Building Inspector: Stephen Johnson
Board of Registrars: Joseph Drugan and Lisa Pedrolì
Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer: Timothy Aicardi
Conservation Commission: Marcia Matthews
Constable: Mario Sousa Jr.
Council on Aging: Karen Kuligowski, Eileen Milaszewski and Julia Manning
Cultural Council: Jean Hill and Jennene Pasquarosa
Disabilities Commission: Gerard Small and Vincent Arone Jr.
Finance Committee: Dennis Madigan
Historical Commission: Kelly Merchant, Frederick Oldfield III, James O'Malley, Karen Pendleton, and Suzan Ciaramicoli
Public Records Access Officer: Lisa Pedrolì
Recreational Field Ad Hoc Committee: James Abbruzzese, Derek Atherton, Jennifer McKeon and Michael Reynolds
Zoning Board of Appeals: Nick Alexander Sr and Louis Costanza

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock – Aye

Order of Taking for Mendon Street Intersection Project; Address Requests for Work Amendments:

There are 17 temporary easements for 2-year contracts and 3 permanent easements: Petro, the vacant property and Cumberland Farms have permanent easements. There is a \$50,000 fee that we will pay. Mr. McDonald has been approved for a driveway Permit. Mr. Costanza has requested two curb cuts that will need to be approved by the highway department or another department. There is also a request for a driveway on the railroad site, and the board would like to have the railroad formally express this. Selectman Stock moved to Vote the Order of Taking as presented. Selectman Keyes seconded.

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock - Aye

Beyond Full Lease Contract: Chair Hazard postponed the renewing of the lease renewal for Beyond Full to a future meeting posing the discussion of changing the lease terms regarding rent, and damages.

Review Tools for the Town Administrator Annual Evaluation: Three tools were presented and will be reviewed next meeting.

Old Business

Selectman Keyes motioned to Reissue Local Liquor License for Hopedale Pizza Market with amended hours Sunday-Saturday 11am-11:30pm. Selectman Stock seconded the motion.

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock – Aye

Chair Hazard motioned to rescind the vote regarding the decision to address reciting of Pledge of Allegiance pursuant to Select Board vote of 6/1/15. Selectman Stock seconded this motion.

Chair Hazard – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Stock – Aye

Update from Counsel & Planning Board Re: Marijuana Establishments Bylaws; Discuss Next Steps.

High Hopes and Caroline's are retailers. Green River, Maca and Lifted Genetics are cultivators. The Master Plan Committee will be looking into limits and the first discussion will be in the upcoming month. A zoning hearing is scheduled for July 6th. Chair Hazard would like to have a discussion with the zoning board, and planning board to discuss the future direction.

Public and Board Member Comments (votes will not be taken)

Walter Swift is doing a great job regarding recycling however increased communication is needed regarding recycling barrels.

Doris Arcudi passed away and was celebrated this year, and condolences go out to the family.

Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items (votes will not be taken)

1. A/P Warrant #22-26, \$696,880.58, 6/16/2022
2. P/R Warrant #22-26, \$830,229.85, 6/16/2022
3. P/R Warrant #22-27A, \$862,875.87, 06/23/2022
4. Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control, Pesticide Application Dates, July 5, July 11, July 18 and July 25*
5. Phase I Initial Site Investigation & Tier Classification, 7 Fitzgerald Drive*

Requests for Future Agenda Items: Update on the town planner, Green Street sidewalk, appraisal of railroad lands

Review and prioritize re ARPA Requests: Dredging funding request is not eligible in DEMA, and the total would be \$450k and \$250k in funding for projects related to the Hopedale Pond. Dredging is not eligible for these funds, but there are some reasonable quotes.

Review Capital Requests in Preparation for Fall Special Town Meeting: The Complete Streets grant is being wrapped up. There is a request for the Draper site to become mixed use.

Chairwoman Hazard dissolved the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Submitted by:

Sara Refundini, Temporary Executive Assistant

Adopted: 8/24/2022