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Board of Selectmen

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

Monday, December 4, 2017

Call to order 7:00 pm – Draper Room

Chairman Wesley called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper Room at Town Hall.

Present: Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Louis Arcudi, Selectman Brian Keyes, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, members of the public and Videographer Jeff Ellis were present.

Chairman Wesley began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

B. Consent Items

1. Approval of November 6, 2017 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the November 6, 2017 Regular Minutes as presented
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

2. Approval of November 20, 2017 Regular Minutes

Chair Wesley passed over the minutes of November 20, 2017

3. Approval of November 20, 2017 Executive Minutes

MSDV to approve the November 20, 2017 Executive Minutes
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

4. Authorization of Warrants FY18-21 as approved by Selectmen Arcudi and

MSDV to approve the above warrants as approved by Selectmen Keyes and Arcudi
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

C. Appointments and Resignations

1. Appointment of Kevin Sullivan as Animal Control Officer

BOH Chair Bob Burns was present in support of Kevin Sullivan's appointment to Animal Control Officer stating that Kevin serves this role in (3) other communities. Board members asked if the BOH is budgeted to cover this position. Mr. Burns stated the position is budgeted in the current budget.

MSDV to appoint Kevin Sullivan as Animal Control Officer

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

2. Appointment of David Gracey to Career Firefighter/Paramedic

Chief Daige presented of David Gracey recommending his appointment as a Firefighter/Paramedic noting that David will be replacing FF Richard Bennett position. David's qualifications include serving 4-years on the Boston Fire Department, passaging agility test and 10-week FF academy. David's appointment will be contingent upon a 1-year probationary period.

MSDV to appoint David Gracey to Career Firefighter/Paramedic as presented by Chief Daige
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

3. Appointment of Alex Cappella to Call Firefighter Candidate

Chief Daige was present in support of Alex Cappella to Call Firefighter Candidate stating that Alex will be serving in the newly created position and joining the other previously appointed nine candidates. Chief Daige stated he is happy to have Alex aboard. The BOS thanked Alex for stepping up and volunteering his service to the Hopedale Fire Department.

MSDV to appoint Alex Cappella to Call Firefighter Candidate

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

D. New Business

1. Discussion on Special Town Meeting Article 12 regarding proposed recreational marijuana bylaw – Town Counsel Katie Laughman present

Town Counsel Katie Laughman was present and explained the proposed recreational marijuana bylaw in detail. The proposed zoning bylaw would prohibit the sale of nonmedical marijuana in all zones except industrial zone and by special permit. The proposed general bylaw provides local control with respect to the operation of nonmedical marijuana retailers but does not give the Town the right to regulate operation of other non-medical marijuana establishments, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories and product manufacturers.

Attorney Laughman advised that if the town does not impose any sort of regulations that a recreational marijuana business that files for a license with the state would be able to open anywhere that type of business is allowed in Hopedale as of April 2018 including near schools or other places where children may gather.

Attorney Laughman also mentioned that an additional 3% sales tax could be assessed to any recreational marijuana sold at an establishment. Selectmen Arcudi clarified that even if a smoke shop opened; the tax would only be imposed on the marijuana itself and not on the total shop sales.

Additional monies may be sought through community benefit agreements between the Town and retail shops; however, extensive documentation on the impact of a shop would need to be done to receive payments; there is also a five-year moratorium on these agreements.

Selectmen said a “yes vote” means regulations would be set but would not ban recreational marijuana; it would give the Town control of where the retail shops locate, limiting them to only industrial sites. A “no vote” would mean there is no regulation and retail shops could locate any commercial zone in town. It's a matter of how much of a say the residents want over where retail shops locate.

The Board urged voters to come to the STM on December 11.

2. Planning Board recommendation on STM Article 12 recreational sale of marijuana

Kathy Ledoux sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen on the Planning Board's vote on STM Article

12. The Planning Board voted 4-0 with one member abstaining in support of the article and is asking Selectmen to approve placing this article before the Town Meeting.
MSDV to support the Planning Board's recommendation
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

3. 2018 Annual License Renewals

MSDV to approve the 2018 Annual License renewals subject to the town bylaws and laws of the Commonwealth

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

4. Discussion on Park Commission request to form subcommittee to discuss Hopedale Pond Contamination

Chair Wesley read an email that was sent by Administrator Sette at the request of the Park Commission to establish a committee to look at the possible source of contamination of the Hopedale Pond based on the information presented to the BOS from the ESS study that was previously commissioned by the Park Commission.

Park Commission Chair Don Howes and Conservation member David Guglielmi were present and further explained their request asking the Board of Selectmen to take the lead and form a subcommittee requesting that one member from the BOS, Parks, Con Com, Water/Sewer Commission, Highway and Board of Health be members of the subcommittee. The subcommittee would then have open discussions and gather information and get a consensus on where to take the information. The subcommittee would submit their findings to the BOS for further action including reaching out to other communities to resolve the issue.

Chair Wesley recommended deferring this matter to the next meeting when the Town Administrator is present and can give his insight into this matter.

5. Vote to close Town Hall on December 22, 2017 due to holiday schedule

MSDV to close Town Hall on December 22, 2017

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

E. Old Business

None

F. Public and Board Member Comments

Resident Don Howes commented that he has driven through Town and within a six-mile drive has found 12 streetlights out. Mr. Howes would like to request when the night Patrolmen do their drives around Town that they make a note of the pole number of any streetlight out, so they can be reported to National Grid.

Chair Wesley acknowledged Tracey Phillips hard work on the Saturday Winter Stroll stating that a good time was had by all.

Selectmen Keyes thanked the efforts of the Police/Fire Gobble Wobble 5K.

G. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

1. Warrants FY-20 and FY21P authorized and signed by Town Administrator and Selectmen Wesley, Arcudi and Keyes
2. Comcast Price Changes letter dated November 16, 2017

Board members had no comments on the above listed items.

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

I. Administrator News

1. Reminder of STM on December 11 High School Auditorium

Chair Wesley stated the schools will be working in concert with the Town having school groups available prior the Town Meeting. The student council will be offering free babysitting and gift wrapping for a \$1/gift. The DECA group will have their store open, the acapella group will be singing and the politics club will be offering free hot chocolate and cookies.

2. Tax Classification Hearing scheduled for December 12 at 4 p.m.

J. Executive Session

1. Discussion of possible land acquisition

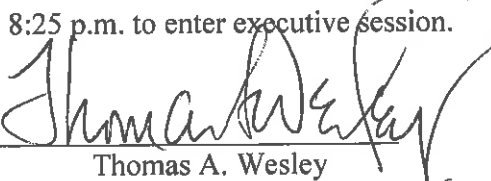
Chair Wesley– I am requesting a motion to allow this board to enter Executive Session and not to reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) (6): to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, because I as chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town.

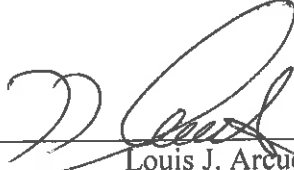
RCV to enter executive session and not return to open session.

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

K. Adjournment

With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. to enter executive session.


Thomas A. Wesley


Louis J. Arcudi, III


Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

*RCV – Roll Call Vote