

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Town Administrator Steven A. Sette

BOARD OF SELECTMEN Regular Minutes Monday, November 20, 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, Town Administrator Steven Sette, 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

A resident stated that she is here to discuss the STM recreational marijuana warrant article.

B. Consent Items

- Approval of October 16, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
 MSDV to approve the October 16, 2017 executive session minutes not to be released.
 Selectman Wesley

 – Aye; Selectman Arcudi

 –Aye; Selectman Keyes
 –Aye
- Approval of Approval of November 6, 2017 Regular Minutes
 MSDV to passover the November 6, 2017 regular minutes.
 Selectman Wesley

 – Aye; Selectman Arcudi

 –Aye; Selectman Keyes
 –Aye
- 3. <u>Approval of November 13, 2017 Regular Minutes</u>
 MSDV to approve the November 13, 2017 regular minutes
 Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye
- 4. <u>Authorization of Warrant FY18-18 as approved by Selectman Keyes, FY18-19 as approved by Selectman Wesley, & FY18-19P as approved by Selectmen Keyes and Wesley</u>

MSDV to approve Warrant FY18-18 as approved by Selectman Keyes, FY18-19 as approved by Selectman Wesley, & FY18-19P as approved by Selectman Keyes and Wesley Selectman Wesley—Aye; Selectman Arcudi—Aye; Selectman Keyes—Aye

C. Appointments and Resignations

1. Appointment of Jeffrey Cote, Conor Sayles, Alex Cappella, Jake Carnaroli, Daniel

Seaver, Jamie Henderson, James Heffernan, Mathew Kelley, Michael Trudel and Paul Nash as Call Firefighter Candidates

Chief Daige presented nine Call Firefighter Candidates stating Alex Cappella's appointment is on hold at this time. The candidates introduced themselves and gave a brief statement about their interest. The Board of Selectmen thanked them for coming forward and welcomed them aboard.

MSDV to appoint Jeffrey Cote, Conor Sayles, Jake Carnaroli, Daniel Seaver, Jamie Henderson, James Heffernan, Mathew Kelley, Michael Trudel and Paul Nash as Call Firefighter Candidates

Selectman Wesley- Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye

2. Appointment of Jason MacDonald to the Board of Health term to expire May 8, 2018

Board of Health member Walter Swift said that Jason currently serves on the Housing Authority and came forward to serve on the Board of Health. The Board of Health is recommending the BOS appoint Jason to fill the open seat on the BOH.

MSDV to approve the appointment of Jason MacDonald to the Board of Health term to expire May 8, 2018

Selectman Wesley- Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye

3. Accept resignation of Richard Bennett as FT Firefighter

Chair Wesley read FF Bennett's resignation letter. Chief Daige advised that Richard had moved out of the required living distance and therefore regrettably had to resign his position. The Board accepted FF Bennett's resignation with regret.

MSDV to accept resignation of Richard Bennett as FT Firefighter Selectman Wesley- Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye

D. New Business

1. Shohdy Ziada d/b/a Christiano Pizza Application for a Common Victualler License 60 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747

Shohdy Ziada came forward advising that he took over Bon Appetit Pizza and changed the name to Christiano Pizza. Mr. Ziada is requesting a new Common Victualler License. MSDV to approve Christiano Pizza application for a Common Victualler License 60 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747 issuance subject to Mr. Ziada providing all necessary paperwork to the Town Administrator's office.

Selectman Wesley- Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye

2. Road Commissioners Presentation

Highway Superintendent Bob DePonte with Road Commissioners Eli Potty and Jack Farrar reviewed current projects of the highway department including the Freedom Street Bridge Project and the utility project in Pinecrest. Bob also discussed the Highway Department equipment needs including the need for a forklift to put the plows on in the winter; however, due to budget constraints the Finance Committee has not authorized purchasing these items. Administrator Sette stated an alternative may be to lease the equipment. This would be a cheaper

temporary solution. Bob also commented that the 173K dollar of Chapter 90 money is not enough to keep up with road maintenance and roads are failing. Administrator Sette mentioned that he has recommended applying for a road bond to help make the Chapter 90 money go further. There was also a discussion of applying for the MassWorks grant for the intersection of Route 16 and Mendon Street.

E. Old Business

1. A resident who identified herself as Janice Doyle wanted to be educated on the town bylaw change for the marijuana legislation. She is unclear why a bylaw is needed when the residents voted to approve recreational marijuana on the state ballot back in May.

Selectmen Keyes explained there are many components to the marijuana legislation. This bylaw is only one component of many parts. Mr. Keyes advised this bylaw does not prohibit the sale of recreational marijuana in Town. The bylaw is to limit where a recreational marijuana shop can locate; limiting the location to industrial zones only and by special permit. Mr. Keyes stated the BOS tasked the Planning Board to look at where recreational marijuana can be sold in Town. The Planning Board help a public hearing and will be presenting their recommendation to the BOS at the December 4 meeting. Selectmen Keyes explained if the BOS accepts the recommendation of the Planning Board, the recommendation will go before the voters at the December 11 STM to decide if the voters agree that sales should be limited to industrial zones and by special permit. Mr. Keyes said he believes this article is very important as it lets residents decide where recreational marijuana is sold. Ms. Doyle had no further questions.

F. Public and Board Member Comments

None

G. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

1. <u>Police Department Monthly Stat Reports for August, September, October 2017</u>
Board members reviewed the information and acknowledged how busy the Police Department continues to be and thanked them for their efforts in keeping the town resident's safe.

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

- 1. The Parks Department is requesting to come before the BOS at the December 4 meeting to discuss the source of contamination of the Hopedale Pond.
- 2. ABM is looking to present a long-term savings plan for Bright Beginnings and is looking to present their findings at the December 18 meeting.

I. Administrator News

1. Update on December 11 STM Warrant

Administrator Sette gave a brief update on the warrant stating it was posted on Monday. Warrant articles include the normal financial housekeeping articles; bylaw adoption for recreational marijuana; an article to allow the BOS and Housing Authority to work together on an urban redevelopment plan in the downtown area.

2. <u>Tax Classification Hearing scheduled for December 12 at 4 p.m.</u>
Administrator Sette wanted to remind the BOS of the above meeting

BOS Mtg. Approval Date: 12/18/2017

J. Executive Session

1. Negotiation Local 164 Mass Cop Contract with Hopedale Police Department

Chair – I am requesting a motion to allow this board to now enter into Executive Session and to **reconvene** in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reason (2): To conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union and nonunion personnel 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 to return to open session. Selectman Wesley- Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye

K. Open Session

1. Vote to ratify Union and Non-Union Contracts
MSDV to ratify the Local 164 Mass Cop Contract with the Hopedale Police Department
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

L. Adjournment

With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Thomas A. Wesley

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Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted *RCV – Roll Call Vote