



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thomas A. Wesley, Chair
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

March 19, 2018

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, 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. 1. Approval of February 5, 2018 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the February 5, 2018 Regular Minutes

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

2. Approval of February 14, 2018 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the February 14, 2018 Regular Minutes with an amendment noting that Mr. Keyes arrived after the start of the meeting

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

3. Approval of February 20, 2018 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the February 20, 2018 Regular Minutes

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

4. Approval of March 5, 2018 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the March 5, 2018 Regular Minutes

Selectman Arcudi noted that the Board signed the extension of Inter-Municipal Agreement for Regional Dispatch Services Between the Towns of Hopedale and Upton for an additional 3-year period commencing July 1, 2018 as stated in the motion of the minutes.

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

5. Approval of March 5, 2018 Executive Minutes

MSDV to passover the March 5, 2018 Executive Minutes

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

6. Authorization of Warrants FY18-33, FY18-33P, FY18-34 and FY18-36 as approved by Selectman Keyes FY18-35 and FY18-35P as approved by Selectmen Keyes and Arcudi MSDV to authorize Warrants FY18-33, FY18-33P, FY18-34 and FY18-36 as approved by Selectman Keyes FY18-35 and FY18-35P as approved by Selectmen Keyes and Arcudi Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

C. Appointments and Resignations

1. Review and discussion on applicants interested in serving on Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee

Administrator Sette stated the Board received applications from the following groups and should be able to appoint a representative from the following;

- a) Parks Commission
- b) Hopedale Girls Softball
- c) Hopedale Baseball
- d) Board of Selectmen (Selectmen Keyes)

The Board is still waiting to hear back from the School Department, the Hopedale Foundation, Conservation Commission, Cultural Council. There are four residents who submitted applications for the resident at large position.

Action by the Board of Selectmen: The Board would like to invite the candidates interested in the resident at large position to the next BOS meeting to discuss their interest in serving. At the next meeting, the Selectmen will appoint the new committee and charter them with a list of goals and expectations.

2. Reappointment of Mrs. Josephine Yanovitch to serve as on the Board of Registrars term to
3. expire March 31, 2021

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expire March 31, 2021

4. Acceptance of Sean McRae resignation as a Part-time Dispatcher
MSDV to accept the resignation of Part-time Dispatcher Sean McRae with regret.

D. New Business

1. Request from Lisa Pedrolis to sign the May 8, 2018 Election Warrant
MSDV to accept, sign and post the May 8, 2018 Election Warrant as requested by the Town Clerk
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

E. Old Business

None

F. Public and Board Member Comments

1. Resident Don Howes came forward to share his concern of double poles in Town namely the Verizon poles. Town Administrator Sette stated that he will reach out to the Verizon Government Representative and request poles that are a safety issue be handled immediately and any aesthetic poles placed on a list for repair. In addition, Steve will contact the Town's State Senator and Representative to assist in getting these poles addressed.

Selectman Wesley mentioned that he has noticed hanging wires around Town that are not live and would like to know how these may be handled in the future. Administrator Sette advised that Comcast is coming up for license renewal and recommended that the Board place this condition as part of the license renewal.

2. Selectman Arcudi received an email from a resident earlier today stating the individual heard the tax rate is going up. Selectman Arcudi recommended the resident not only attend the town meeting but attend a finance committee meeting to gather information on why the rate may be increasing. In addition, he advised the resident that the Town continues to do the best they can, but with increases in insurance premiums and pensions and state revenues remaining flat, there may need to be an increase the tax base. The resident recommends the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee hold a joint informational meeting prior to Town Meeting to provide the residents with an overview of the budget. Selectmen Arcudi asked for board member thoughts on holding an informational joint meeting with the Finance Committee prior to the ATM. The Board agreed to hold a joint meeting for the public's understanding directing Administrator Sette to reach out to the Finance Committee for an agreeable date.

G. Correspondence and Informational Items

1. Police Department Monthly Stats for November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018
2. Xfinity Notice dated February 22, 2018 - 2017 License Fee Payment and low-cost Broadband service to free and reduced lunch students (notice shared with Superintendent of Schools)
3. Mass DOT Notice dated February 26, 2018 regarding Town of Hopedale's Chapter 90 Apportionment for FY19 totaling \$170,085
4. Notice from Fios dated 03/02/2018 regarding program changes that took effect on or before January 31, 2018
5. Notice from Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business regulation regarding Auto Village 100% compliance with Lemon Law stickers being displayed on all vehicles for sale
6. Milford Power, LLC Notice of Public Hearing to increase electrical generation capacity of the existing power plant. Public Comment Hearing Date: Monday, March 26, 2018 7:00 p.m. in the Milford High School Auditorium
7. Xfinity Notice dated March 8, 2018 Xfinity TV changes effective May 9, 2018
8. Xfinity Notice dated March 8, 2018 Annual Notice of Comcast's Policies and Procedures and channel line up
9. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable Notice dated March 7, 2018 Cable Television License expires April 3, 2021

The above items were reviewed by the Town Administrator and Board with information provided to the public.

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. Town Administrator Sette recommended the Freedom Street property be placed on a future agenda to temporarily place the property under the stewardship of the Park Commission.
2. Administrator Sette stated the Chair of the Urban Renewal/Downtown Revitalization Committee who serves on the Housing Authority stated the Housing Authority approved

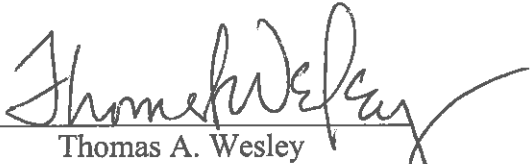
the list of applications received. Administrator Sette recommends the Board of Selectmen appoint these members at their next meeting on April 2.

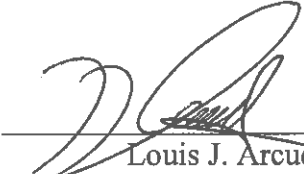
I. Administrator News


Administrator Sette informed the public that the front door on the Treasurer/Collector side needs to be replaced. The door has been leaking for many years causing the floor joints to weaken the floor to rot. In addition, the heating units in this same area are leaking causing further damage. The floor needs to be replaced and the heating units repaired. This will take approximately 3-4 weeks. The area has been blocked off and traffic has been rerouted.

J. Adjournment

With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:17 p.m.


Thomas A. Wesley


Louis J. Arcudi, III


Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

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