



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### Regular Minutes

June 11, 2018

Call to order 7:00 pm – Draper Room

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

Present: Selectman Louis Arcudi, Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Brian Keyes Town Administrator Steven Sette and Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer. Members of the Finance Committee Members Chair Karla Hopkins, Donald Comastra, Colleen Strapponi and Samuel Hockenbury. Department Heads: Police Lt. Donald Martin, Fire Chief Thomas Daige, Principal Assessor Teri Gonsalves, Director Council on Aging Carole Mullen, Building Inspector Robert Speroni, Town Clerk Lisa Pedroli, members of other boards and committees and Videographer Jeff Ellis.

Chairman Arcudi began with the Pledge of Allegiance

#### A. New Business

1. Meet with members of the Finance Committee and Department Heads to continue discussion on the FY19 Budget

Chair Arcudi noted that tonight's meeting is more of an open forum and informational meeting with Department Heads and Committee Members so the BOS can gather more of an understanding of the FY19 budget, so when the budget is presented to Town Meeting next week, the Board can defend the budget on the Town Meeting floor.

Chair Arcudi asked Karla Hopkins Finance Committee Chairwoman to give an overview and update on the budget. Ms. Hopkins said the Finance Committee has spent the last two weeks educating the Selectmen and the public on the FY19 budget. The Finance Committee noted if the original figures were to go forward, the Town would need to go for a \$482,000 override. Karla said that over the ten years ten years, the Town has had to rely on free cash to balance the budget as expenses are up and state revenues continue to decline. Last week, Ms. Hopkins noted that she had several conversations with the Town Administrator and other Department Heads to relook at the budget numbers. Town Administrator Sette said he spoke with the Highway Department and it was agreed on the Town side that cuts would be made to the following line items; town fuel, side walk maintenance, building repairs and general liability. In addition, Town Department expense line items will be cut another 1% to help cover some of the FY19 deficit.

The Board of Selectmen will continue to work with all Departments to see if there is any way to avoid having to go for an operational override. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

will continue discussing various scenarios for the FY19 Budget and make the best recommendation for the residents. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee will continue discussion at the June 18 Board of Selectmen meeting.

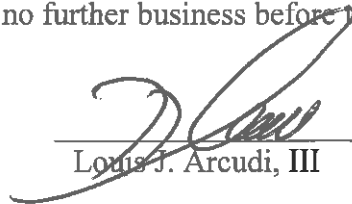
**B. Executive Session**

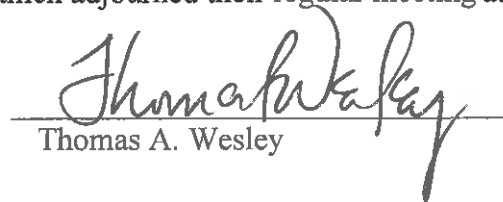
Chair – I am requesting a motion to allow this Board to enter Executive Session and not to reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reason (6): to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, because I as chair, declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental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

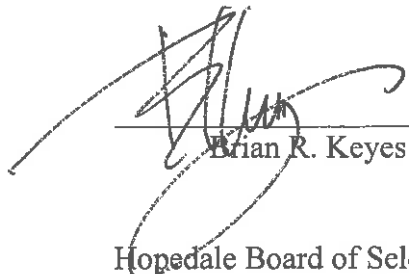
**C. Adjournment**

MSDV to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting  
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye

With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

  
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Louis J. Arcudi, III

  
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Thomas A. Wesley

  
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\*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted