

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Hopedale Town Hall-Draper Room
Regular Minutes
December 3, 2018

Present: Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Brian Keyes, Selectman Louis Arcudi by remote participation

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Keyes\
Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Keyes declared that Selectman Arcudi is participating remotely via video conferencing due to geographical distance. All votes of the Board will be made by roll call vote (RCV) as required under the remote participation policy.

As Chair Arcudi is participating remotely, he is requesting Selectman Keyes act as Temporary Chair. Selectman Keyes requested a motion to appoint him as Temporary Chair.
MSDV to appointed Selectman Keyes as Temporary Chair
RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

A. Consent Items

1. Vote to approve the of November 19, 2018 Regular Minutes
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of November 19, 2018
RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye
2. Vote to approve the Executive Minutes of November 28, 2018
MSDV to passover the executive minutes of November 28, 2018
RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

B. Appointments and Resignations

1. Vote to appoint Richard S. Bekerian as a Full Time Police Officer effective December 17, 2018
MSDV to appoint Richard S. Bekerian as a Full Time Police Officer effective December 17, 2018
RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

Lisa Pedroli, Town Clerk was present and swore Officer Bekerian in to service as Full Time Police Officer beginning December 17, 2018. Members of the Hopedale Police Force were also in attendance in support of Officer Bekerian.

2. Vote to appoint Russell Poissant as a Reserve Officer
MSDV to appoint Russell Poissant as a Reserve Officer
RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye
3. Vote to appoint Dylan Black as a Part-Time Police Dispatcher
MSDV to appoint Dylan Black as a Part-Time Police Dispatcher
RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

C. New Business

1. Vote to accept a gift of \$5,000.00 from Raymond Edward and Joanne Sue Andreotti to the Hopedale Memorial Library for the benefit of the Statue of Hope Plaza. Funds to be used solely for the ongoing upkeep and care of the Plaza

Selectman Keyes recognized Mr. and Mrs. Andreotti asking them to come forward while he read their letter for the public. The letter stated they were donating \$5,000 for the benefit of the Statue of Hope Plaza. Funds to be used solely for the ongoing upkeep and care of the Plaza.

Board members thanked the Andreotti's for their very generous donation. Selectman Arcudi requested Selectman Wesley prepare a letter of thanks on behalf of the Board to the Andreottis'.

MSDV to accept the \$5,000 for the benefit of the Statue of Hope Plaza. Funds to be used solely for the ongoing upkeep and care of the Plaza.

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

Selectman Keyes noted that Library Director Ann Fields is in receipt of a \$100 donation from John Gagnon for the upkeep and care of the Statue of Hope Plaza. This Board will vote on acceptance of this donation at the December 17 meeting.

2. Discussion with the Water/Sewer Commissioners regarding their September 12, 2018 letter Water/Sewer Commissioners

Selectman Keyes recognized Water Sewer Commissioners Christine Burke and James Morin. Water/Sewer Commissioner Chairman Burke said the W/S Commission sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board back in September listing concerns with the proposed Urban Development Plan. Ms. Burke stated the Commissioners primary concern for Water Commissioners is the infiltration and retention (I and R) issues. Tim Watson, Manager of the Water/Sewer Department stated the Water Department is meeting the current water permit of pumping 400-gallon p/minute, however, due to the buildup of iron and manganese in the system, the wells get plugged and by the end of summer the system decreases to pumping 310 gallons p/minute. Mr. Watson said the reason the letter was sent to the Board of Selectmen now is the current system would not be able to handle a large increase of 500+ housing units plus commercial space as outlined in the URP, without increasing the current permit and making expensive infrastructure upgrades.

Selectmen Arcudi inquired as to the number of existing wells. Mr. Watson said there are 32 small wells, 3 gravel pack wells and 2 bedrock wells. Mr. Watson stated they are always looking for new water sources even attempting to tapping two more wells behind Town Hall. The Water Department had to stop because the Town does not own the land, and due the type industry within the area. The Water/Sewer Commissioners stressed the importance of protecting this area as a potential future resource.

Mr. Watson said as far as the sewer system, the town recently made 1.5 million dollars in upgrades to meet the current permit. The new project should be going on-line sometime in February 2019. The sewer infrastructure contains 22-miles of clay pipe that needs to be replaced (replacement cost approximately 5-6 million dollars). The sewer system is also at capacity, pumping 588K gallons p/day. He described the complexity of the sewer lines on the east side of Town all being tied into one manhole located at 7 Fitzgerald Drive. The

sewer lines that tie into the manhole go from Fitzgerald Drive, underground then through the center of the Draper Building, under route 16 to the WWTP. The clean water is then into the Mill River. Mr. Watson advised that over the last five years, the Town has been doing a sewer relining project mostly at the Draper Building to deal with the Inflow and Infiltration (I and I).

Selectman Arcudi asked whether there are federal resources available to help with these types of projects. Mr. Watson stated there are federal loans, however, they are mostly given to the EPA . The Town has been funding projects like these using 2% SRF funding loans (State Revolving Fund).

The concern of the Water/Sewer Commission is increased demand on the systems all at once noting the factory is a protected zone that the Town currently has the right to protect, however, if control of the land were to be given to the GURR, the fear is that they would be able to override local regulations which could affect the water supply.

Selectman Wesley explained that the Urban Renewal Plan is just a “plan” and is still in “draft form”. Selectmen Wesley noted that while the Town is still pursuing the urban renewal process, it is nowhere near being submitted. Selectman Arcudi stated that he was glad to have this information and will use it as the process moves forward. Selectman Keyes cautioned the commission on being presumptuous “railroad land ownership”. Board members acknowledged that although mentioned in the URP “eminent domain” would be used as a last resort to move the process forward. As the process moves forward if components of the project need to be scaled back because of infrastructure so be it.

BOS members noted the information received by the W/S Commission is well received and will be useful moving forward. The Board thanked the W/S Commissioners for their time.

3. Discussion with the Vanessa Calabrese Conservation Commission Chair on conservation activities

Conservation Commission members present were Chair Vanessa Calabrese and members David Guglielmo and Sandra Tetreault. Ms. Calabrese stated the Commission has been busy with projects, they have a meeting tomorrow and will take a winter break unless a project comes in. Ms. Calabrese commented the commission is looking for one more member to be complete. The Commission had recently instituted a fee schedule, which will be useful going forward. In the Spring, the Commission plans to add standard conservation bylaws to the town meeting warrant.

Mr. Guglielmo provided an update on the Hopedale Pond and the importance of keeping adequate water levels, to protect endangered species and keep invasive weeds down.

BOS members thanked the Conservation members for showing initiative and protecting the important conservation Town resources.

4. Vote to sign the 2.5-million-dollar bond borrowing as voted at the June 19, 2018 Special Town Meeting

MSDV to sign the 2.5-million-dollar bond borrowing as voted at the June 19, 2018 Special Town Meeting

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

5. Vote to authorize Clerk to sign form for Bond Counsel on useful life of the school bus lease (Chair to read document)
MSDV to authorize Susan Brouwer, Clerk to sign form for Bond Counsel on useful life of the school bus lease RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

D. Old Business

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

1. Resident Don Howes asked about certain Board members receiving litigation paperwork and whether Town Counsel would be representing the individual Board members. Mr. Howes was advised to see Ms. Brouwer who will provide him with information.
2. Selectmen Wesley would like to thank all who participated in the Winter Stroll and the Cocoa Crawl. A good time was had by all.
3. Selectman Arcudi acknowledged resident David Pagnini who recently passed thanking him for his time on the Zoning Board of Appeals and other service to the Town.
4. Selectman Keyes acknowledge the 19th anniversary of the fire at the Worcester Cold Storage and the members of the various Fire Departments who lost their lives.

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

1. Warrants 19-20, 19-21 and 19-21P
2. November 16, 2018 Notice from Xfinity regarding TV Channel changes
3. November 16, 2018 letter from Comcast regarding price changes
4. November 26, 2018 letter from First American Realty (Philip Shwachman, President) regarding property known as 49 Prospect Street rental rate increase effective February 1, 2019 increasing from \$1.00/month to \$2,500/month
5. November 26, 2018 letter from First American Realty (Philip Shwachman, President) regarding property known as Freedom Street Bridge and Hopedale Pond Dam

Selectman Keyes read the list of correspondence and informational items noting the above items are for the BOS review and that no public comment would be permitted on the above items. It was also noted there was a misprint on the date in item 4. The effective date of the increase from \$1.00/m to \$2,500/m would begin on January 1, 2019.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Ms. Brouwer mentioned that license renewals were due on November 28. There are still seven license that have not been renewed and effective, November 29 a \$100 late fee was added to any license holder that has not renewed.


H. Administrator News

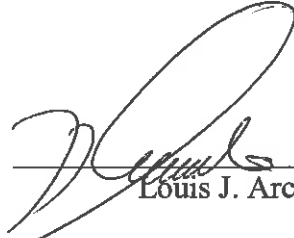
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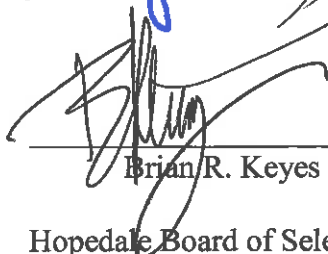
I. Adjournment

With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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


Thomas A. Wesley


Louis J. Arcudi, III


Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

**RCV- Roll Call Vote