

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Hopedale Town Hall-Draper Room
Regular Minutes
January 14, 2019

Present: Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Brian Keyes, Selectman Louis Arcudi
Also present, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Arcudi

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Consent Items

1. Vote to approve the of December 17, 2018 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the regular minutes of December 17, 2018
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2. Vote to approve the Executive Minutes of December 10, 2018

MSDV to approve the executive minutes of December 10, 2018, not to be released
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3. Vote to approve the Executive Minutes of December 17, 2018

MSDV to approve the executive minutes of December 17, 2018, not to be released
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley

4. Vote to approve Warrant 19-25, 19-25P, 19-26, 19-27 and 19-27P as approved by Selectmen Wesley and Keyes

MSDV to approve warrant 19-25, 19-25P, 19-26, 19-27 and 19-27P as approved by Selectmen Wesley and Keyes
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

B. Appointments and Resignations

Chief Daige was present and reviewed the hiring process for two Career Firefighter openings. Chief Daige is recommending the Board appoint Conor Sayles as Career Firefighters/EMT effective January 14, 2019 and Jarrod Taranto be appointed effective April 10, 2018 as Career Firefighters/EMT. Fellow members of the Fire Department were present in support of the following appointments. Town Clerk Lisa Pedroli was present to swear in the new Fire Department appointments.

1. Vote to appoint Conor Sayles to Career Firefighter/EMT

MSDV to appoint Conor Sayles to Career Firefighter/EMT effective January 14, 2019
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2. Appointment of Jarrod Taranto to Career Firefighter/EMT effective April 10, 2019

MSDV to appoint Jarrod Taranto to Career Firefighter/EMT effective April 10, 2018
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3. Appointment of Nicole Battaglia – Call Firefighter Candidate effective January 14, 2019

Nicole was unable to attend tonight's meeting, Chief Daige recommended the Board appoint Nicole as a Call Firefighter Candidate effective January 14, 2019

MSDV to appoint Nicole Battaglia – Call Firefighter Candidate effective January 14, 2019
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

4. Appointment of Tapley Jackson – Call Firefighter Candidate effective January 14, 2019

Chief Daige recommended the Board appoint Tapley as a Call Firefighter Candidate effective January 14, 2019

MSDV to appoint Tapley Jackson – Call Firefighter Candidate effective January 14, 2019
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

5. Appointment of Donald Howes to Board of Health term to expire May 14, 2019

Board of Health members Walter Swift and Jason MacDonald were there in support of Mr. Howes.

MSDV to appoint Donald Howes to Board of Health term to expire May 14, 2019
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

6. Appointment of Town Administrator Steven Sette as the Municipal Hearing Officer, term to run concurrent with contract

MSDV to appoint Town Administrator Steven Sette as the Municipal Hearing Officer, term to run concurrent with contract.
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

C. New Business

1. Request from Park Commissioners to approve youth baseball fee schedule for use of Draper Field

Park Commissioner Chair Don Howes noted that a letter was sent to the youth baseball board inviting them to a Park Commission meeting to discuss a youth baseball fee structure for Draper Field. Mr. Howes advised that members of the youth baseball board did not attend the meeting and did not send an objection to the fee schedule, so the Park Commissioners assumed there was issue with the fee structure and unanimously supported the proposed fee schedule. Mr. Howes is requesting the Board of Selectmen approve the fee structure as presented. The fee schedule will be implemented Spring 2019.

MSDV to approve the youth baseball fee schedule for use of Draper Field as presented
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2. Vote to authorize Chair to enter into Business Associate Contract with MIIA (Chair signature required)

MSDV to authorize Chair to enter into Business Associate Contract with MIIA
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3. Vote to sign MIIA Health Benefits Trust Agreement (Board signatures required)

MSDV to approve and sign MIIA Health Benefits Trust Agreement
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

4. Vote to discontinue use of LHS Accuvote Voting Tabulator and to begin implementing the use of new LHS ImageCast Precinct (ICP) Electronic Vote Tabulator beginning with the May 14, 2019 Annual Town Election

MSDV to discontinue use of LHS Accuvote Voting Tabulator and to begin implementing the use of new LHS ImageCast Precinct (ICP) Electronic Vote Tabulator beginning with the May 14, 2019 Annual Town Election
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

5. Board Discussion on Ad Hoc Committees

Administrator Sette and the Board reviewed a handout on Ad Hoc Committees versus Standing Committees. Following discussion, the Board agreed that Ad Hoc Committees formed by the BOS will dissolve once the the task charged by the Selectmen is complete. The BOS asked for a list of Ad Hoc Committees to be presented at the next meeting to vote to disband ad hoc committees for which their task is complete.

D. Old Business

None

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

1. Selectmen Keyes thanked the Boy Scouts for their service in picking up the residents Christmas trees.
2. Selectman Wesley spoke with a couple of people who are interested in serving on the Memorial Day Committee and requested other residents who are interested to please come forward in order to continue the traditional Memorial Day celebration.
3. Selectman Wesley would like the Capital Planning Committee involved in the FY20 budget process by reviewing capital items that may be considered for May Annual Town Meeting.

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

1. Warrants 19-24
2. Police Department Monthly Stat Reports for October and November 2018
3. Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Quarterly Payment \$113,016.25 due February 1, 2019
4. Letter dated January 4, 2019 from Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) regarding Annual Business Meeting scheduled Saturday, January 19, 2019
5. December 19, 2018 Notice from Xfinity regarding channel changes
6. January 4, 2019 Email from Verizon Fios regarding channel changes
7. January 9, 2019 Email from Verizon Fios regarding channel changes

The Board noted the Police Department stats requesting the Fire Department submit a similar report and request that the Police Department stats are placed on-line for public information.

Chair Arcudi will represent the Board at the MMA Annual Business Meeting scheduled on Saturday, January 19, 2019

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. Ad Hoc Committee-review of existing and vote to disband any committees not active January 30, 2019
2. Meet with Cable Advisory Committee – January 30, 2019
3. Meet with Road Commissioners – January 30, 2019
4. Field Ad Hoc Committee – February 4, 2019

H. Administrator News

1. MLK Holiday January 21, 2019
Administrator Sette wanted to remind the public that Town Hall will be closed on January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
2. Hopedale Police Department
The Hopedale Police Department once again participated in the Home Base fundraiser and raised \$600.00. The money goes to fund Veteran's and Family Care.
3. Girl Scouts
Administrator Sette asked for the Boards permission to allow the Girls Scouts to use the school parking lot to sell girl scout cookies on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the months of January and February.

4. FY 20 Budget

Administrator Sette noted that he has met with department heads to review their budgets. The Finance Committee will once again be meeting with each department and committee to discuss budgets on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Mr. Sette has the schedule if Board members are interested in attending.

5. Public Hearing

Maca Industries, the company who is interested in opening up a marijuana cultivation company will be holding a public hearing at the Jr. Sr. High School on January 29, 2019. The public will be invited to provide comment on the proposed business.

6. Next Board Meeting

Following a brief discussion, the Board of Selectmen changed their regularly scheduled meeting from Monday, January 28 to Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

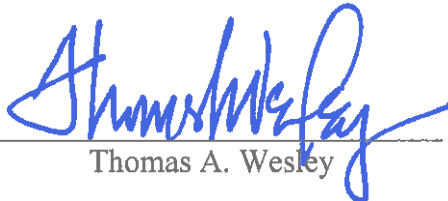
I. Executive Session

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Police Union pursuant to G.L. c. 30A , Section 21(a) (3)

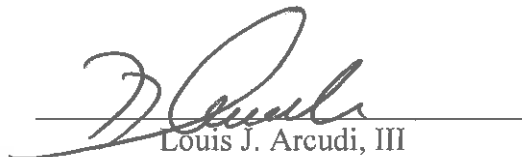
Chair – I move that the Board enter into Executive Session not to return to open session pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Police Union pursuant to G.L. c. 30A , Section 21(a) (3). I as Chair, declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town.

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

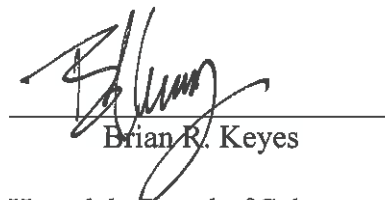
The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m.



Thomas A. Wesley



Louis J. Arcudi, III



Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

**RCV- Roll Call Vote