

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Hopedale Town Hall-Draper Room
April 22, 2019
Regular Minutes

Present: Selectman Brian Keyes, Selectman Louis Arcudi, Selectman Thomas Wesley (arrived at 8:25 p.m.).

Also, present, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer and Videographer Marcia Matthews.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Arcudi. Selectmen Arcudi advised that Mr. Wesley is in traffic and would be participating remotely via telephone and that votes would be taken by roll call vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Consent Items

1. Regular minutes of April 8, 2019
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of April 8, 2019
RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

B. Appointments and Resignations

1. Claudette Hughes resignation from Council on Aging effective April 1, 2019
Council on Aging Director Carole Mullen commented that Ms. Hughes will be missed on the COA Board and that Board members voted for Mrs. Hughes to be a board member emeritus.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Claudette Hughes resignation from Council on Aging.
RCV-Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

C. New Business

1. Field Ad Hoc Presentation
Members of the Field Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the purpose and process for the field use feasibility study. Glen Howard, Landscape Architect from CDM Smith reviewed possibilities and constraints of the Draper Field, Phillips Brothers Field, the Harmony lot and the land behind the high school. Possibilities for the Draper Field would be installing a multiuse turf field, lighting and a track to be used by the schools for games only. Field sports would include soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. The track would be used by the school track team and would be offered to residents who wish to walk. Phillips Field would be upgraded with additional natural grass fields installed for use by baseball and softball. Fields can be added at the Harmony lot at a later time. It was determined that the land behind the high school is not suitable to fields due to water concerns. The Field Committee would like the Board of Selectmen to support moving the plan forward by allowing them to place an article on the Spring Town Meeting warrant for \$250,000 for the engineering phase.

Following a question and answer period, the Selectmen by consensus will support placing an article before the voters at the Town meeting. There was no formal vote taken.

2. Acceptance of Field Committee donations used to fund Feasibility Study for the development of Athletic Fields

MSDV to accept the School Department's donation of up to \$25,000 for the field feasibility study to be funded from their school choice account.

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

MSDV to accept the Hopedale Girls Softball donation in the amount of \$100.00

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

3. Vote to approve Board of Selectmen meeting schedule July 2019 to June 2020
Administrator Sette recommended moving the BOS meetings to the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, so there would be less conflict with meetings falling on observed Monday holidays. Following discussion, the Board MSDV to approve the meeting July 2019 to June 2020 meeting schedule with meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

4. Vote acceptance of \$5,000 Donation from Seven Hills PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes)
MSDV to accept \$5,000 Donation from Seven Hills PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes)
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

5. Request from Hopedale Youth Baseball 2019 Cooperstown Team to hold Bottle and Can Drive in the High School Parking lot on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.
MSDV to authorize Hopedale Youth Baseball 2019 Cooperstown Team to hold Bottle and Can Drive in the High School Parking lot on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

D. Old Business

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

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

1. Warrants 19-40, 19-41, 19-41P
2. Fire Department Monthly Stats
3. Letter from William D. Hardiman to Town of Milford
4. Town of Hopedale Public Schools Independent Accountant's Report Year Ended June 30, 2018
5. Xfinity notice dated March 30, 2019 regarding price change on Acorn TV

Board members noted the Fire Department Stats thanking them and the Police Department for the efforts put forth especially with the recent incident that occurred on Larkin Lane.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. Cable Television License Renewal to expire April 3, 2021

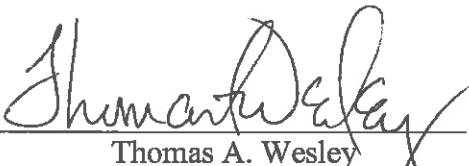
H. Administrator News

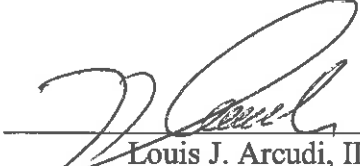
A. FY20 Budget Discussion

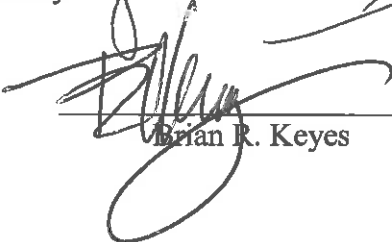
Administrator Sette will be meeting with the Finance Committee again on Wednesday continuing to review the budget. At the last meeting, it was determined that it's a revenue problem. The Town needs to seek ways in getting more business revenue. The Town's operational expenses have been level funded for the last three years. In order to keep services level funded, the Town and Schools are going to have to go for an FY20 operating override.

I. Adjournment

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:45 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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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April 29, 2019
Regular Minutes

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Also, present, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer
and Videographer Marcia Matthews.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Consent Items
None

B. Appointments and Resignations
None

C. New Business

1. Budget discussion with Fin Com regarding FY 20 Budget

The Board of Selectmen met with members of the Finance Committee to discuss the FY20 Budget. Finance Committee Chair Sam Hockenbury provided an overview the FY20 budget noting that he met with various departments to discuss their needs. The fire and police departments have overtime costs due to staff constraints. All other town departments are level funded and have been for the past three years. The school department is seeking an increase of 3% to meet their contractual needs.

Mr. Hockenbury provided members with a spreadsheet with breakdown of the FY19 and FY20 budgets. He reviewed the receipts, offset receipts and other revenue. The prior year levy was 14,339,924 an expected levy increase of \$358,498, new growth at \$159,800 for a total of \$14,858,222. The amount needed to be raised is \$15,294,858 leaving a deficit of \$436,636.

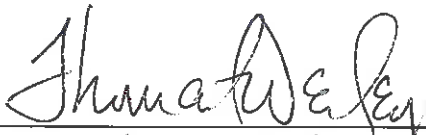
Board members inquired as to what is driving the numbers. Blackstone Valley Tech has an increase of \$97,890, the stormwater permit \$100,000, charter schools \$99,300, and school choice \$21,000. Selectman Arcudi would like a copy of the 10-year budget sheet shared with the Finance Committee for further review and information on projecting the needs of the FY20 budget.


Following discussion, the boards agreed, that an operational override for the Town and School Departments is needed for at least \$437,000 just to maintain services. The Board of Selectmen requested that the Finance Committee put together information booklet for residents, so they understand why an override is needed. Information will be placed on the Town's website, cable and press releases will be placed in the newspapers.

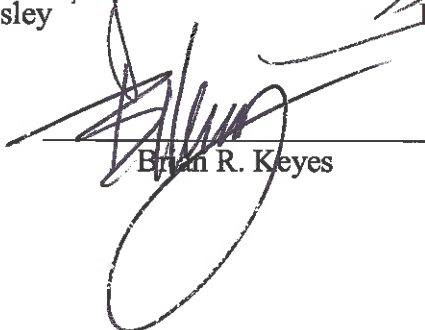
The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet again in the near future and will provide information to the Town Administrator, so he can get the information out.

I. Adjournment

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.


Thomas A. Wesley


Louis J. Arcudi, III


Brian R. Keyes

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**RCV- Roll Call Vote