

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Hopedale Town Hall-Draper Room**  
**August 12, 2019**  
**Regular Minutes**

Present: Selectman Brian Keyes, Selectman Thomas Wesley; Selectman Louis Arcudi was absent.

Also, present, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer and Videographer Jeff Ellis.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Keyes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

**A. Consent Items**

1. Regular Minutes of July 15, 2019  
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of July 15, 2019  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
2. Executive Minutes of July 15, 2019  
MSDV to pass over the executive minutes of July 15, 2019  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
3. Public Forum Minutes of July 25, 2019  
MSDV to approve the public forum minutes of July 25, 2019  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
4. Executive Minutes of July 29, 2019  
MSDV to approve the executive minutes of July 2019 – not to be released  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
5. Regular Minutes of August 7, 2019  
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of August 7, 2019  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
6. Approval of warrant 20-04 as signed by Selectman Keyes  
MSDV to approve warrant 20-04 as signed by Selectman Keyes  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
7. Approval of warrants 20-05 and 20-05P as signed by Selectmen Keyes and Arcudi  
MSDV to approve warrants 20-05 and 20-05P as signed by Selectman Keyes  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent

**B. Appointments and Resignations**

1. Resignation of Police Officer Kate E. Hickey as Full-Time Detective effective August 15, 2019  
MSDV to accept the resignation of Police Officer Kate E. Hickey as Full-Time Detective effective August 15, 2019 with regret  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
2. Appointment of new Full-Time Police Officer James M. Flagg effective August 19, 2019  
MSDV to appoint of new Full-Time Police Officer James M. Flagg effective August 19, 2019  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent  
Board members acknowledged the support from both the Police and Fire personnel in the room.
3. Appointment of Jeffrey Ross as Deputy Wiring Inspector effective August 13, 2019  
MSDV to appoint Jeffrey Ross as Deputy Wiring Inspector effective August 13, 2019  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent

4. Appointment of Daniel Soares as On Call Assistant Wiring Inspector effective August 13, 2019  
MSDV to appoint Daniel Soares as On Call Assistant Wiring Inspector effective August 13, 2019  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
5. Resignation of Call Firefighter Robert Coffman effective August 5, 2019  
MSDV to accept the resignation of Call Firefighter Robert Coffman effective August 5, 2019 with regret  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
6. Resignation of Call Firefighter Matthew Kelley effective August 25, 2019  
MSDV to accept the resignation of Call Firefighter Matthew Kelley effective August 25, 2019 with regret  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent

C. New Business

1. Lease Agreement between Town of Hopedale and Beyond Full effective August 1, 2019  
MSDV to approve and the lease agreement between the Town of Hopedale and Beyond Full effective August 1, 2019  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
2. Caroline's Cannabis Host Agreement  
MSDV to move the signing the Host Agreement with Caroline's Cannabis to the September 9, 2019 meeting  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent
3. Discussion on renaming Board of Selectmen to Selectboard  
Board members were provided a survey showing the number of Towns that are renaming from Board of Selectmen to Selectboard. Selectman Keyes noted that he asked to have this put on the agenda in an effort to be inclusive. Administrator Sette noted the change would affect the Town Bylaws and must be voted on at a Town Meeting. He is recommended creating a survey to gather resident input. Selectman Wesley agreed that a survey or public hearing would be beneficial. It was agreed that a survey would be placed on the Town website in addition to the Town Administrator would exploring the process and ramifications.  
MSDV to authorize the Town Administrator to explore changing the name of the Board of Selectmen to Selectboard and further investigate all ramifications thereto  
Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Absent

D. Old Business

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

The Board and Town Administrator discussed acceptable methods of advertising the August 28 Special Town Election within the confines of MGL. Administrator Sette said he reached out to Derek Atherton, HS Principal and arranged to have the students park behind the Highway Department to allow for more parking near the polls.

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

1. Letter from KP Law dated July 31, 2019 – Petition of GURR DPU 19-39 - Town of Hopedale Petition to Intervene
2. Warrants 19-54, 20-02, 20-03, 20-03P and 20-06 as signed by Selectmen Keyes, Arcudi and Wesley
3. Letter from KP Law dated July 10, 2019 – Notice of Rate Increase
4. Notice from Xfinity dated July 11, 2019 – Municipal Emergency Reporting Procedure
5. Letter from MMA dated July 18, 2019 – Notice of Dues increase and MMA ongoing activities

6. Bancroft Library August 2019 Newsletter
7. Police Department Stats May and June 2019

Administrator Sette noted correspondence #1 is a copy of letter that KP Law sent on behalf of the Town to petition to intervene the GURR DPU filing. If anyone wishes to see the filings, they can go to the DPU website and type in the file #19-39

The Library had a busy summer. The August newsletter outlines the activities unfortunately, the activities were impacted for two and a half days, the week that Hopedale Street was being paved.

Selectman Keyes acknowledged that the ambulance the Town obtained from Hopkinton is on the road and would like to thank the efforts put forth to those involved in getting this done.

Selectman Wesley reviewed the HPD stats thanking the Police Department for keeping the residents safe.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. Discussion on the make-up of Cable Advisory Ad Hoc Committee

H. Administrator News

Special Town Election Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Hopedale Street was paved and while the contractor is in Town, he will be doing Pinecrest at the same cost of materials as quoted for Hopedale Street. Funding for these projects are a combination of Chapter 90 and bond money.

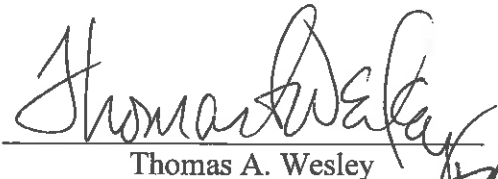
Administrator Sette invited Board members to partake in the 911 ceremony held at 9:00 a.m. at Atria Draper Place.

After seeing comments on social media regarding large trucks going through Bancroft Park, Administrator Sette met with Chief Giovanella and Highway Superintendent Bob DePonte to see about placing "No Truck" signs. Mr. DePonte and Chief Giovanella agreed that signs should be placed. Bob DePonte will order signage for that area.

I. Adjournment

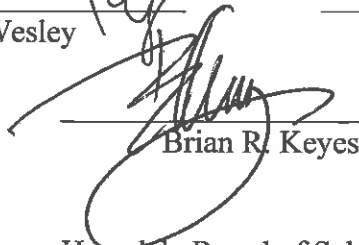
At 7:50 p.m. the Board MSDV to adjourn the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Keyes – Aye, Selectman Wesley – Aye, Selectman Arcudi- Absent



Thomas A. Wesley

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Louis J. Arcudi, III



Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

\*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

\*\*RCV- Roll Call Vote