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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

February 5, 2018

Call to order 7:00 pm – Draper Room

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

Present: Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Louis Arcudi, Selectman Brian Keyes, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, members of the public and Videographer Jeff Ellis were present.

Chairman Wesley began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Public Hearing

1. 7:05 PM: National Grid – [Dana Larson Engineer] Petition to install a new pole 37-1 and anchor in a grassy area behind guardrail to support pole 37-1 leaning across the street.

- a) Chair Wesley asked for a motion to open the public hearing
Motion made by Selectman Keyes, seconded by Selectman Arcudi and made unanimous by Selectman Wesley to open the public hearing.

Chair Wesley recognized National Grid Engineer Dana Larson who advised that pole 37-1 on Mill Street is leaning towards the road and needs to be replaced. The plan is to put a new pole in the grassy area behind the guardrail with an anchor to support the pole.

- b) Chair Wesley asked for public comment, hearing none; Chair Wesley asked for a motion to close the public hearing
Motion made by Selectman Keyes, seconded by Selectman Arcudi and made unanimous by Selectman Wesley to close the public hearing.

- c) Chair Wesley asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the petition of National Grid to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, in the following public way or ways:
Mill Street:

National Grid to install a new pole 37-1 and anchor in a grassy area behind guardrail to support pole 37-1 leaning across the street.

Plan No. 25363551, dated December 18, 2017

MSDV to support the National Grid plan to install a new pole on Mill Street as presented subject to National Grid paying all Town fees and fees associated with the public hearing
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

C. Consent Items

1. Approval of January 16, 2018 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the regular minutes of January 16, 2018 as amended
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

2. Authorization of Warrants FY18-29, FY18-29P and FY18-30 as approved by Selectman Keyes

MSDV to authorize warrants FY18-29, FY18-29P and FY18-30 as approved by Selectman Keyes
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

D. Appointments and Resignations

1. Appointment of Derek Piatt as a member of the Finance Committee

Mr. Piatt came forward and introduced himself and stated that he and his wife are new to Town and he wanted to get involved so he could learn more about the Town. Mr. Piatt is requesting appointment to the Finance Committee. Chair Wesley noted the Finance Committee recommended his appointment. The Board thanked Mr. Piatt for stepping forward and welcomed he and his wife to Town.

MSDV to appoint Derek Piatt to the Finance Committee
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

2. Resignation of Barbara Kochon from the Historical Commission

Chair Wesley read Ms. Kochon's resignation aloud. The Board thanked her for her service to the Town.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Barbara Kochon from the Historical Commission with regret.

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

3. Resignation of Paula Galligan from the Cultural Council

Chair Wesley read Ms. Galligan's resignation aloud. The Board thanked her for her service to the Town.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Paula Galligan from the Cultural Council with regret.
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

E. New Business

1. Discussion on Town's possible involvement in proposed Opioid Tort Litigation
Attorney Mark Reich from KP Law provided information to the Board on the mass tort litigation process whereby municipalities file lawsuits against large pharmaceutical companies that were involved in manufacturing and distribution of opioids and marketing them to doctors and patients without full disclosure. Attorney Reich advised there would be no cost to join the lawsuit and the Massachusetts Opioid Litigation attorneys would only receive payment if a settlement is reached; the attorney fee would be 25% of the municipality's settlement. Attorney Reich advised that this is one-way Towns can recoup some of the monies they have spent on the opioid crisis on providing Narcan, education and resource police officers to battle this public health nuisance.

Selectman Keyes stated that he supports joining the lawsuit and would like to see Hopedale lead by example.

Chairman Wesley felt it is important to consider but also wants to ensure the matter is addressed in other ways in dealing with the root of the problem.

The Board deferred action on the matter to the next meeting, to allow time for the Board to seek input from members of the Opioid Task Force and public safety officials.

2. Fire Department Request to declare 2005 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W85X107524 as surplus equipment vehicle to be auctioned

MSDV to declare 2005 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W85X107524 as surplus equipment vehicle to be auctioned.

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

3. Vote to affirm Monica Phillips Girl Scout Coordinator's request to hold cookie drives on Saturdays during the months of January and February between the hours of 9 am to 1 pm in the Hopedale High School parking lot

MSDV to affirm Monica Phillips Girl Scout Coordinator's request to hold cookie drives Jan and Feb Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm in the Hopedale High School parking lot
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

4. Approval of Hopedale Youth Baseball request to use Hopedale High School parking lot Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 8 am to 12 pm.

MSDV to Hopedale Youth Baseball request to use Hopedale High School parking lot Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 8 am to 12 pm. to hold a bottle and can drive

5. Discussion on makeup of Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee

Administrator Sette presented a recommendation for the makeup of the Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee stating there should be a member (1) member from the following;

- Parks Commission
- School Athletics
- Board of Selectmen
- Youth Baseball
- Youth Soccer
- Hopedale Foundation
- Friends of the Parks
- Cultural Council
- Conservation Commission
- Resident at large

Board members agreed to Administrator Sette's recommendation on the makeup of the Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee. Administrator Sette advised he will contact each of above groups to seek recommendations. Administrator Sette recommends the resident at large be sought by advertising the opening on cable and on the website.

F. Old Business

None

G. Public and Board Member Comments

1. Selectman Wesley would like the formation of the Urban Renewal Ad Hoc Committee discussed on a future agenda.

H. Correspondence and Informational Items

I. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. Authorization of Warrant FY18-28 as approved by Selectmen Wesley, Keyes and Arcudi
2. Hopedale Fire Department award of Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) grant \$3,708.00 and Senior SAFE grant \$2,415.00
3. Verizon Annual Complaint Filing Notice dated January 31, 2018
4. Guidance for Municipalities Regarding Marijuana Adult Use

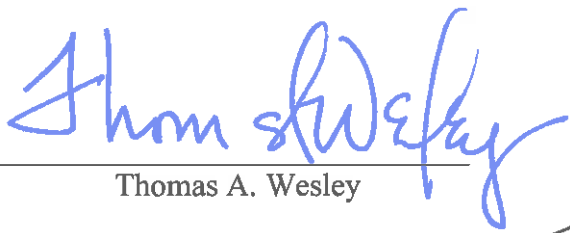
The Board commended the efforts of the Fire Department in securing funding for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) grant and the Senior SAFE grant.

J. Administrator News

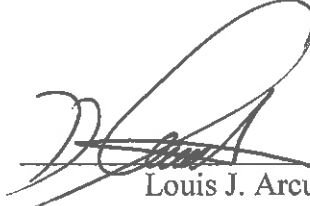
1. Administrator Sette met with a gentleman at the MMA and discussed the purchasing of the Town streetlights and conversion to LED. He will be presenting this at a future meeting.
2. Administrator Sette and Selectman Wesley will be meeting with the Hopedale Housing Authority this week to discuss their involvement with the urban renewal project and to request a member of the HHA be appointed to Chair an Urban Renewal Ad Hoc Committee
3. There is a request by the Finance Committee to meet on February 14, 2018 to discuss the FY19 budget.

K. Adjournment

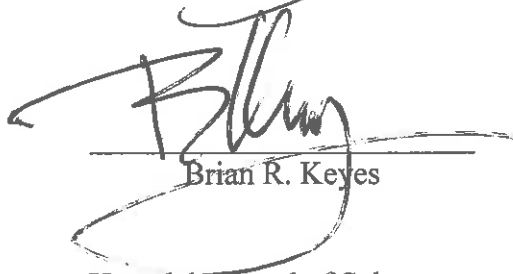
With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.



Thomas A. Wesley



Louis J. Arcudi, III



Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

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