

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Hopedale Town Hall-Draper Room
February 10, 2020
Regular Minutes

Present: Selectman Brian Keyes, Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Louis Arcudi
Also, present; Town Administrator Robert Reed and Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer.
Videographer Raphael

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. Approval of December 16, 2019 executive minutes
Motion made by Selectman Arcudi seconded by Selectman Wesley and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to approve the December 16, 2019 executive minutes
2. Approval of January 13, 2020 executive minutes
Motion made by Selectman Wesley seconded by Selectman Keyes, Selectman Arcudi abstained to approve the January 13, 2020 executive minutes
3. Approval of January 27, 2020 regular minutes
Motion made by Selectman Arcudi seconded by Selectman Wesley and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to approve the January 27, 2020 regular minutes
4. Approval of January 27, 2020 executive minutes
Motion made by Selectman Wesley seconded by Selectman Arcudi and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to approve the January 27, 2020 executive minutes
5. Approval of warrants 20-31, 20-31P as signed by Selectmen Wesley and Keyes
Motion made by Selectman Arcudi seconded by Selectman Wesley and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to approve above listed warrant

B. Appointments and Resignations

1. Letter from Carole Mullen, Council on Aging (COA) Director recommending Phyllis Winn be appointed as part-time up to 17 hours/week COA van driver (vote)
Motion made by Selectman Arcudi seconded by Selectman Wesley and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to appoint Phyllis Winn as part-time up to 17 hours/week as COA van driver
2. Joint appointment by Board of Selectmen and Planning Board
(1) open seat: Candidate Russell Bogartz term to expire May 12, 2020 (Annual Town Election)
Planning Board members present were Kathleen Ledoux, Michael Iacovelli and Steven Gallagher
The Planning Board and Board of Selectmen interviewed Mr. Bogartz who is seeking appointment to fill the unexpired term on the Planning Board. It was noted that Mr. Bogartz has business before both boards for a retail marijuana license. Chairman Keyes advised that he should recuse himself from voting on matters relating to marijuana but could sit in on matters involving marijuana before the Planning Board and make recommendations. Board members thanked Mr. Bogartz for stepping up and look forward to his knowledge and expertise.
Motion made by Selectman Wesley seconded by Selectman Arcudi to appoint Russell Bogartz to fill the unexpired term on the Planning Board until the May 12, 2020 election.

Selectmen Vote: Keyes – Aye, Arcudi- Aye, Wesley Aye

Planning Board Vote: Ledoux – Aye, Iacovelli – Aye, Gallagher - Aye

3. Resignation of Raymond E. Andreotti from Historical Commission
Motion made by Selectman Arcudi seconded by Selectman Wesley and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to accept the resignation of Raymond E. Andreotti from Historical Commission
4. Appointment of Karen L. Pendleton to Historical Commission term to June 30, 2022
Motion made by Selectman Wesley seconded by Selectman Arcudi and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to appoint Karen L. Pendleton to Historical Commission term to June 30, 2022

C. New Business

1. Request from Carole Mullen for the Hopedale Council on Aging, Bancroft Library, Hopedale Historic Commission, the Hopedale Women's History Project and Hopedale Community House to hold a march in commemoration of the enactment of the 19th amendment to be held on Sunday, September 20, 2020
Ms. Mullen provided background information on the plans for the march. The plans are preliminary at this time. The plan is to use the sidewalks rather than the road for the march as the cost for a police detail would be approximately \$2,000. There was discussion about getting sponsors. Selectman Keyes will reach out to Carole with ideas. Motion made by Selectman Arcudi seconded by Selectman Wesley and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to all the Hopedale Council on Aging, Bancroft Library, Hopedale Historic Commission, the Hopedale Women's History Project and Hopedale Community House to hold a march in commemoration of the enactment of the 19th amendment to be held on Sunday, September 20, 2020

Administrator Reed mentioned that he is putting together an RFP for the space in Town Hall that the Friends of the Council on Aging is using. The space never went out to bid and can be called into question. The RFP will state that the space must be used for a public purpose to benefit seniors. This will be advertised in the Central Register this week.

Motion made by Selectman Wesley seconded by Selectman Arcudi and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to issue an RFP for lease of the space in the lower town hall for a public purpose and to benefit the Council on Aging. The RFP will be due on April 1, 2020.

2. Vote on Cable Advisory Committee makeup and committee charge
The Town Administrator is proposing the makeup of the committee be 3 to 5 people including the Town Administrator, a member of the Cable Advisory Group, and 1-2 other people.

The Town Administrator provided a draft of the committee charge. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

3. Vote to sign and post the March 3, 2020 warrant for Presidential Primary
Motion made by Selectman Wesley seconded by Selectman Arcudi and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to sign and post the March 3, 2020 warrant for Presidential Primary
4. Vote to sign BSC Engineering contract for MassWorks Project

Motion made by Selectman Arcudi seconded by Selectman Wesley and made unanimous by Selectman Keyes to sign BSC Engineering contract for MassWorks Project.

5. **Vote Real Term Energy contract**

The Real Term Energy contract is not ready yet. Mr. Howes inquired about having the Town lease the poles from National Grid and have them install LED lights. The Board has been working on this project for three years, National Grid has been contacted in the past and recently contacted with no response. The Board had a couple of questions regarding accidents involving the poles and lights, who would be responsible. Administrator Reed will reach out to Mr. Vessel to get clarification on this. The Board continued this to their February 19 meeting.

D. Old Business

None

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

Mr. Howes would like to make the Draper Room ADA compliant by removing (1) set of 3 chairs and replacing them with (1) set of two chairs from the basement. Mr. Howes will seek volunteers to take the chairs from the cellar and clean them. This will be done when the chairs are taken down for early voting. Mr. Howes would also like to see the lower electrical plug on the floor be removed as there is another one on the wall.

Selectman Keyes thanked Mr. Howes for a social media posting on the (2) new park benches that were purchased with monies from the fairy walk.

Selectman Keyes also noted that today was the first day to take out papers for the Town election.

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

1. Xfinity notice dated January 23, 2020 regarding channel updates
2. Xfinity notice dated January 31, 2020 regarding annual complaint filing
3. Xfinity notice dated January 27, 2020 regarding price increase on programming
4. Notice dated February 2, 2020 from Mosquito Control Project re: FY21 budget projections and compliance certification policy
5. MMA Annual Spring Legislative Breakfast Series on FY21 Budget and Key Bills (need to register)

Board members will reach out to Susan regarding their availability to attend the MMA Annual Spring Legislative Breakfast on the FY21 Budget and key bills.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

H. Administrator News

1. Master Plan - CMRPC is ready to get the steering committee together. Administrator Reed sent an email to Kathy Ledoux, Planning Board Chair for a kickoff meeting and PB representative. The Planning Board is using CMRPC technical assistant hours to update the zoning bylaws.

2. FY21 Budget – Mr. Reed suggests getting the Police, Fire, School and Finance Committee together for discussion on the FY21 budget. Board members want this sooner rather than later and asked that they be invited to the February 19 meeting.
3. Green Communities - CMRPC approved a grant for up to 130K for additional technical assistance hours. Possible projects could be the school or library converting their boilers from oil to gas.
4. FY21 Insurance Renewal – Mr. Reed met with the MIIA representative on getting a quote for the Town's insurance policies. The Town will also seek a proposal from Berry Insurance.

Bernie Lynch would like to present the Town Administrator candidates at the next meeting and set up a date to interview the finalists.

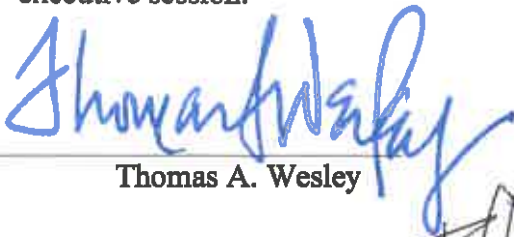
I. Executive Session

1. Non-Union Personnel
2. Permanent Firefighters Association Contract, Local 2225
3. The Massachusetts Coalition of Police Contract, AFL-CIO Local 164
4. Laborer's and Clerical Staff Public Employees Contract, Local Union 272
5. Sexual Harassment Policy
6. Grafton Upton Railroad Eminent Domain and Intervention Status Update

- J. Chair Keyes: I am requesting a motion to allow this board to now enter into Executive Session and not to reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reasons (2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union and nonunion personnel and Reason (3): to discuss strategy with respect to possible litigation, because I as chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town. Roll Call Vote

A motion was made by Selectman Wesley and seconded by Selectman Arcudi
Roll Call Vote: Selectman Keyes- Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi– Aye

At 8:45 p.m. the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting convening into executive session.



Thomas A. Wesley



Louis J. Arcudi, III



Brian R. Keyes