



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

78 Hopedale Street - P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

Tel: 508-634-2203 Fax: 508-634-2200

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thomas A. Wesley, Chair
Louis J. Arcudi, III
Brian R. Keyes

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

April 2, 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, 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 Comment on Agenda Items

None

B. Consent Items

1. Approval of March 5, 2018 Executive Minutes as amended
MSDV to approve the Executive Minutes of March 5, 2018 as amended
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye
2. Approval of March 19, 2018 Regular Minutes
MSDV to approve the Regular Minutes of March 19, 2018
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye
3. Authorization of Warrants FY18-37, FY18-37P, as approved by Selectmen Keyes and Arcudi
MSDV to approve Warrants FY18-37, FY18-37P, as approved by Selectmen Keyes and Arcudi
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

C. Appointments and Resignations

1. Acceptance of Call Firefighter Christopher Maloney's resignation effective March 22, 2018

Chief Daige advised that Call Firefighter Maloney resigned his position due to other commitments. Chief Daige recommended the Board accept Mr. Maloney's resignation.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Call Firefighter Christopher Maloney effective March 22, 2018 with regret

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

2. Acceptance of Call Firefighter Candidate Paul Nash's resignation effective March 15, 2018

Chief Daige commented that Mr. Nash found that he was unable to devote the time necessary to continue as a Call Firefighter Candidate and recommends the board accept his resignation.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Call Firefighter Candidate Paul Nash effective March 15, 2018 with regret

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

3. Acceptance of Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Alt's lateral transfer to the Milford Fire Department

Chief Daige recommended the Board accept Christopher Alt's lateral transfer to the Milford Fire Department stating it will be an upgraded position for Mr. Alt.

MSDV to approve Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Alt's lateral transfer to the Milford Fire Department wishing FF Alt the best of luck with his new department.

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

4. Appointment of Call Fire Lieutenant/EMT Jarrod Taranto to the position of Temporary Full Time Firefighter/EMT for no longer than a six-month period

Chief Daige advised that Call Fire Lieutenant Taranto was unavailable to attend the meeting; however, due to the resignation of full-time FF Foshburgh, the transfer of FF Alt; and the Civil Service applicant, who is a military veteran serving abroad, the department is short staffed. Therefore, Chief Daige, with the approval of the union, is recommending Call Fire Lieutenant/EMT Jarrod Taranto be temporarily appointed to Full Time Firefighter/EMT for no longer than a six-month period. Chief Daige is confident in Mr. Taranto's abilities and recommends the Board approve the temporary appointment.

MSDV to approve Call Fire Lieutenant/EMT Jarrod Taranto to the position of Temporary Full Time Firefighter/EMT for no longer than a six-month period

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

5. Acceptance of Edward A. Holland Sr. resignation from the Council on Aging

MSDV to accept Edward A. Holland Sr. resignation from the Council on Aging with regret

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

6. Appointment of Eileen Milaszewski to the Council on Aging to fill seat of Mr. Edward Holland Sr. term to expire June 30, 2019

MSDV to appoint Eileen Milaszewski to the Council on Aging period to June 30, 2019

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

Town Clerk Lisa Pedrolis was present and swore in Ms. Milaszewski.

7. Appointment of the following representatives to the Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee Brian Keyes, Selectmen; Jim Abbruzzese, Park Commission; James Fitch, Softball; Keith Smith Recreation, Baseball; Derek Atherton, School and Tasha Griffin, Soccer

The Board reviewed the Talent Bank Forms for the above-mentioned applicants except for Ms. Griffin, who Selectman Keyes advised is interested in representing the soccer board but has been dealing with a family matter that has prevented her from submitting a Talent Bank Form. Brian recommends the Board appoint Ms. Griffin as the Soccer representative and if she is unable to commit, the Soccer Board will recommend another representative.

Chair Wesley read the following purpose statement for the Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee; "The Recreational Field Ad Hoc Committee is charged with providing an analysis of the recreational field situation as it stands today with the intent to suggest recommendations for future use that considers amended use structure, if appropriate, in light of the acquisition of the former landfill site along Freedom Street. Additionally, any parcels of land presently owned or with potential to acquire may also enter consideration. It is understood that this committee will not only seek to address the expressed needs of athletic use for our youth but shall also seek to accommodate the unexpressed needs of our adult community as well. The committee should select a chairperson to represent the views of the committee

to the Board of Selectman and Town Administrator from among its at large members. This committee, constituted this evening, shall report its findings within three (3) months. The committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may remain in effect beyond that date should it be requested.”

MSDV to appoint the following representatives to the Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee Brian Keyes, Selectmen; Jim Abbruzzese, Park Commission; James Fitch, Softball; Recreation, Baseball; Derek Atherton, School and Tasha Griffin, Soccer

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

Town Clerk Lisa Pedroli was present and swore in the candidates who were in attendance.

It was mentioned that Conservation member Dave Guglielmi will be appointed as the Conservation Representative at the next meeting.

8. Appointment of Urban Renewal/Downtown Revitalization Committee (URDRC) members Jason MacDonald Housing Authority and URDRC Chair, Jim Abbruzzese, Debra Montville, Donald Howes, David DeVore, Michael Collins, and Stephen Chaplin (absent)

Chair Wesley requested the applicants for the Urban Renewal/Downtown Revitalization Committee come forward and introduce themselves. Chair Wesley read the following purpose statement for the committee: “As approved at the Special Town Meeting in December 2017, the Urban Renewal Committee is jointly appointed by the Hopedale Housing Authority and the Board of Selectman and reports into the Town Administrator. The Urban Renewal Committee is tasked to review the findings of previous downtown studies, most specifically the 2007 Draper Revitalization Study, to determine the continued relevance of the uses identified in that study. This review will lead to the development of a new Urban Renewal Plan that will be jointly reviewed by the Hopedale Housing Authority and the Board of Selectman through the Town Administrator. The goal of this committee is to be prepared to present the findings of this Plan at a Public Hearing during the month of May 2018. The Committee will be chaired by Jason MacDonald of the HHA and will remain in effect until dissolved by the Board of Selectman and the Hopedale Housing Authority.”

Board members welcomed the applicants and thanked them for their service.

MSDV to appoint the following individuals to the Urban Renewal/Downtown Revitalization Committee; Jason MacDonald, Jim Abbruzzese, Debra Montville, Donald Howes, David DeVore, Michael Collins, and Stephen Chaplin

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

Town Clerk Lisa Pedroli swore in the candidates in attendance.

D. New Business

1. Interview of residential candidates for Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Wesley noted the following Talent Bank Forms were received from residents interested in serving as at large member; Joe Drugan, Mac Murray, Brandt Wajda, Stephen Haynes and Michael Bresciani.

Chair Wesley turned the interview of candidates over to Selectman Arcudi who asked the candidates to come forward, introduce themselves and give some background on why they are interested in serving on the committee. The following applicants were present; Joe Drugan, Mac Murray and Brandt Wajda. It was noted that Mr. Bresciani sent an email stating he is sick but would like to be considered for the committee. Mr. Bresciani’s email also provided some background information on why he would like to serve. Joe Drugan stated he has been a track and field coach for the past 26-years, has served on other Town Committees and would like to see a track built for not only students but for use by the entire community. Mac Murray is a priest in Milford, he would like to get involved in the community. Mr. Murray stated that he has three years of land use planning and was President of a large homeowner’s association where he was responsible for planning projects such as tennis courts, ball fields, soccer fields

and 50 miles of walking pathways. He believes his background would be useful in planning the best use of space for the recreation in town. Mr. Wajda stated he has served on the Conservation Commission and is presently serving on the Planning Board. He has a Civil Engineering degree, is a general contractor and currently works as a project executive for an area land use planning company. Mr. Wajda stated he was a surveyor and has procurement experience. He feels these skills would be useful in the preplanning and permitting process. Mr. Wajda also mentioned that he has children and is a coach on Town leagues. Chair Wesley advised that a Talent Bank was submitted by Steven Haynes who was not present. The Board reviewed Mr. Haynes application noting he is a real estate broker, father of three children and has been a basketball and baseball coach. After reviewing the application further, the Board determined Mr. Haynes' application does not list anything new that would benefit the group further. After further discussion, Board members felt the three applicants present could offer skills that would benefit the committee. Chair Wesley commented that one of them should Chair the committee and asked if they would be willing to Chair. Each candidate confirmed they would chair if the committee appointed them.

MSDV to appoint Joe Drugan, Mac Murray and Brandt Wajda to the Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee as residents at large.

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

2. Board Discussion on tasks and expectations for the Recreation Field Ad Hoc Committee
Chair Wesley commented he provided a statement regarding the committee tasks earlier advising the committee may use it to formulate a mission statement.

E. Old Business

None

F. Public and Board Member Comments

Selectman Keyes invited members of the Board to the next meeting of the Opioid Task Force, which is 8:00 a.m. at Atria Place on April 24. The task force invited (5) area towns to participate and KP Law will be presenting. Other officials that will be present include Representative Murray, Ryan Fattman and Mr. Early.

Selectman Wesley noted the talent in the community and number of people willing to serve.

Selectman Arcudi attended the Zoning Board meeting where an application for a Special Permit was approved for an in-law apartment. Mr. Arcudi noted that in-law apartments do not transfer with the property when it is sold and he would like to find out what department is responsible for enforcement.

The Board would like to invite Building Commissioner and Code Enforcement Officer Robert Speroni to the next meeting to give a presentation on the Building Department and Code Enforcement with a focus on in-law apartments.

G. Correspondence and Informational Items

1. Town of Hopedale Public Schools Independent Accountants' Report Year Ending June 30, 2017
2. BVT letter dated March 16, 2018 regarding school Budget Regional Assessments for FY2019
3. Keolis Commuter Services 2018 Yearly Operational Plan Herbicide application schedule
4. Notice from FIOS dated March 26, 2018 of programing changes
5. Notice from Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Governor dated March 12, 2018 congratulations on completing best practices of the Community Compact Agreement
6. Notice from Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce dated March 16, 2018 award of Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) grant

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items


1. Vote to place the Freedom Street Property temporarily under the stewardship of the Park Commission
BOS Meeting Approval 04-23-2018

2. Open the ATM warrant April 17 and close on May 7
3. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition


H. Administrator News

I. Adjournment


With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:15 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