

**Meeting Minutes  
Board of Selectmen  
July 13, 2020**

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Present: Chairman Brian Keyes, members Louis Arcudi, and Thomas Wesley. Also present Town Administrator Diana Schindler.

**Chair Keyes called the meeting to order at 7:00PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Consent Items

1. Approval of May 11, 2020 Regular Minutes

Selectman Wesley made motion to approve the May 11, 2020 regular meeting. Selectman Arcudi seconded the motion.

Wesley – Aye, Arcudi – Aye, Keyes - Aye

2. Approval of July 6, 2020 Regular Minutes

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve the July 6, 2020 regular minutes. Selectman Wesley seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Wesley – Aye, Keyes - Aye

3. Approval of Warrant 20-53, total of \$447,746.21 signed by Chair Keyes

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve Warrant 20-53. Selectman Wesley seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Wesley – Aye, Keyes – Aye

4. Approval of Warrant 20-54, total of \$142,158.79, signed by Chair Keyes

Selectman Wesley made a motion to approve Warrant 20-54. Selectman Arcudi seconded the motion

Wesley – Aye, Arcudi – Aye, Keyes - Aye

5. Approval of Warrant 21-01, total of \$1,479,205.24, signed by Chair Keyes

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve Warrant 21-01. Selectman Wesley seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Wesley – Aye, Keyes – Aye

B. Appointments

1. **7 PM-** Michael R. Milanoski, President of Grafton and Upton Railroad Company for the IRAP and the Right of First Refusal pursuant to MGL Ch 61, regarding Map 2; Block 5, Parcel 2-8, consisting of 155.24 acres. Letter for Consideration

-[https://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.net/files/pdf-doc-ppt/rofr\\_procedure\\_summary\\_hci.pdf](https://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.net/files/pdf-doc-ppt/rofr_procedure_summary_hci.pdf)

-<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-irap-funding>

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to move this to new business. Selectman Wesley seconded this motion.

2. Appointment of Career Firefighter/Paramedic, Hopedale Fire Department – Peter Schrafft

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to appoint Career Firefighter/Paramedic, Peter Schrafft effective June 29, 2020. Selectman Wesley seconded this motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Wesley – Aye, Keyes – Aye

3. Annual Appointments – See attached Reappointment Excel Document

Responding to all persons that have confirmed they would like to be reappointed.

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve reappointments that have been confirmed, Selectman Wesley seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Wesley – Aye, Keyes – Aye

C. New Business

1. IRAP

Chair Keyes made a motion to move Grafton and Upton Railroad Company for the IRAP discussion to the next Board of Selectmen meeting in August. Selectman Arcudi moved the motion. Selectman Wesley seconded the motion.

Wesley – Aye, Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

Right of First Refusal Letter

Chair Keyes made a motion to accept the Right of First Refusal Letter. Selectman Arcudi seconded the motion.

2. Hopedale Ambulance Service – Write off 256 aged Accounts in the amount of \$206,813.30 – Vote to write off these receipts and send to collection.

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to write off \$206,813.30 aged accounts for receipts not collectable. Selectman Wesley seconded the motion.

Wesley – Aye, Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

D. Old Business

1. Hopedale Country Club – Request for temporary rent forgiveness on the lease (based on Article 9.4 of the lease) due to Covid-19 restrictions on business

Selectman Wesley made a motion to open up for discussion the request of temporary rent forgiveness resulting in \$7450.96. Selectman Arcudi seconded the motion.

In regards to the rent forgiveness of \$7450.96, Selectman Wesley made a motion to move the vote to Town Meeting. Selectman Arcudi seconded this motion.

Approval of the Hopedale Country Club Temporary Rent Forgiveness of \$7450.96

Wesley – Nay, Arcudi – Nay, Keyes – Nay

2. Budget FY21 Discussion – No Vote Taken

3. Annual Town Meeting Motions – Draft – No Vote Taken

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

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

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

H. Administrator News

I. Executive Session – None

Chair Keyes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Wesley moved for adjournment. Selectman Arcudi seconded the motion.

Wesley – Aye, Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

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*Submitted by:*

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*Lindsay Mercier, Executive Assistant*

*Adopted:* \_\_\_\_\_