**Meeting Minutes**

**Board of Selectmen**

**September 14, 2020**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID: 836 1166 3353**

**Passcode: 860894**

**Call to order 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting**

**Chair Keyes convened the meeting at 7:00PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Consent Items
   1. Approval of Regular Minutes, August 24, 2020

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes for August 24, 2020. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

1. Appointments and Resignations

* Resignation of Len Guertin from the Finance Committee – Letter Attached

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the resignation of Len Guertin from the Finance Committee. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* Resignation of Michelle Bird from the Master Plan Steering Committee – Letter Attached

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the resignation of Michelle Bird from the Master Plan Steering Committee. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* Resignation of Vanessa Calabrese from the Conservation Commission – Letter Attached

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the resignation of Vanessa Calabrese from the Conservation Commission. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* Appointment to Master Planning Steering Committee – Phil Shwachman

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve the appointment of Phil Schwachman to the Master Plan Steering Committee. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

1. New Business
   1. Call for Special Election for Board of Selectmen Vacancy
   2. Accept Gifts Per MGL Chap. 53E for the purpose of The Statue of Hope; made by The Hopedale Foundation & Margaret and Thomas Silva

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the donations from The Statue of Hope; made by The Hopedale Foundation & Margaret and Thomas Silva. Chair Keyes seconded the motion

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* 1. IMA for Participation in the Central MA Regional Stormwater Coalition, FY21-FY25(Vote)

Selectman Arcudi made a motion for the Town of Hopedale’s Participation in the Central MA Regional Stormwater Coalition, FY21-FY25. Chair Keyes seconded this motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* 1. Create Open Space and Recreation Planning Steering Committee

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to create Open Space and Recreation Planning Steering Committee. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

1. Old Business
   1. GURR – Right of First Refusal Updates

* Finance Committee Recommendation
* The Hopedale Foundation offer of financial support to purchase certain property for which the Town has a “Right of First Refusal” – 364 West Street, Hopedale, MA; Assessors Map 2; Block 5
* Letter from the Blackstone Valley Watershed Association

1. Public and Board Member Comments (votes will not be taken)
2. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items (votes will not be taken)
3. Requests for Future Agenda Items
4. Administrator News (attached)
   1. MVP Planning Grant
   2. Streetlight LED Conversion Project
   3. Draper Mill Asbestos Abatement Updates
   4. Master Planning Steering Committee Kickoff in September
   5. Mass Works Mendon Street (Route 16) at Hopedale Street Intersection Improvements Project
   6. Police Activity Reports (February-June 2020)
   7. Board/Committee Vacancies

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting and move into Executive Session. Chair Keyes seconded this motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

1. Executive Session

Motion: To move into Executive Session, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) for reason (6); To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Roll Call Vote

**Purpose: GURR land acquisition**

*Please note the Board of Selectmen agenda may be subject to change and items not anticipated maybe discussed.*

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s Order of March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open

Meeting Law (OML), G.L. c30A §18, and the Governor’s Order of March 15, 2020 imposing limitations

on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Hopedale Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation.

If you wish to speak, please reserve comments until the Public Comment section of the meeting. If you are using video, you may either raise your hand to be acknowledged by the Chair or use the “Raise Your Hand” button. Please wait to speak until you are acknowledged by Chair. If participants cannot conduct themselves in accordance with these guidelines, they will be removed from meeting.

Also Streamed Live, click here: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/hopedale\_ma

*Submitted by:*

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Lindsay Mercier, Executive Assistant*

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