**Board of Selectmen**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**September 28, 2020**

**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. Accepting the $1000 Donation to the Bancroft Memorial Library from the Friends of the Hopedale Library

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the $1,000 donation to the Bancroft Memorial Library from the Friends of the Hopedale Library. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* 1. Accepting the $1000 to the Hopedale Fire Department awarded from Walmart as part of their Community Grant Program

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the $1,000 grant from the Walmart Community Grant Program to the Hopedale Fire Department. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* 1. Accepting the $1000 Donation to the Hopedale Fire Department from the Hopedale Call Firefighters Association

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the $1,000 donation from the Hopedale Call Firefighters Association to the Hopedale Fire Department. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

1. Appointments and Resignations
   1. Appointment of Patrick Maloney to the Finance Committee

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the appointment of Patrick Maloney to the Finance Committee effective once he gets sworn in for a three (3) year term. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* 1. Appointment of Becca Solomon to the Conservation Commission

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the appointment of Becca Solomon to the Conservation Commission effective once she gets sworn in for a three (3) year term. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

1. New Business
2. Old Business
   1. FY21 Budget Adjustments/Updates

The Finance Committee and the Town Administrator are working on departmental reductions and or cuts that could be made to balance the budget. A recommendation has not been made by the Finance Committee as of yet. It was suggested by Selectman Arcudi that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee has a meeting prior to the Special Town Meeting.

* 1. Call for Special Election, **Tuesday, December 8, 2020** to fill Board of Selectmen Vacancy

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to call a Special Town Election for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 to fill Board of Selectmen vacancy held by Thomas Wesley. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

* 1. GURR – Right of First Refusal Next Steps; No Vote to Exercise RoFR
* Discuss Bonding Issue & Debt Service
* Vote to Award Environmental Engineering Review

Selectman Arcudi made a recommendation to move forward with the Environmental Engineering Review, payment will be made through the Board of Selectman budget. Chair Keyes seconded the recommendation.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes - Aye

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:

* Finalize STM Warrant, Special Meeting, October 5, 2020, 7 pm

1. Administrator Updates (In Packet)

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to move into executive session. Chair Keyes seconded the motion. Peter Durning, CPA roll called the vote.

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, Attorney Durning present.**

*Submitted by:*

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Lindsay Mercier, Executive Assistant*

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