

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Hopedale Town Hall-Draper Room  
January 30, 2019  
Regular Minutes**

Present: Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Brian Keyes, Selectman Louis Arcudi  
Also present, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Arcudi

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Consent Items

1. Vote to approve the Regular Minutes of January 14, 2019
2. Vote to approve the Executive Minutes of January 14, 2019  
The Board passed over the above listed minutes
3. Vote to approve Warrant 19-28 as approved by Selectmen Arcudi, Wesley and Keyes  
MSDV to approve Warrants 19-28 as approved by Selectmen Arcudi, Wesley and Keyes  
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye
4. Vote to approve Warrant 19-29 and 19-30 and 19-29P as approved by Selectman Keyes  
MSDV to approve Warrant 19-29 and 19-30 and 19-29P as approved by Selectman Keyes  
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

B. Appointments and Resignations

1. Rescind the Appointment of Nicole Battaglia – Call Firefighter Candidate from 01/14/19  
MSDV to rescind the appointment of Nicole Battaglia – Call Firefighter Candidate from 01/14/19  
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye
2. Appointment of Patrick Giles to the Hopedale Historical Commission  
  
Suzan Ciaramicoli, Co-Chair of Historical Commission provided a brief statement on Mr. Giles background to the Board.  
MSDV to appoint Patrick Giles to the Hopedale Historical Commission  
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

C. New Business

1. Proclamation for retiring Library Director Ann Fields; celebrating her accomplishments and the growth of library services to the residents of the Town during her tenure

Selectman Wesley read the proclamation to Library Director Ann Fields aloud. Board members thanked Ann for her service to the Town and wished well in her retirement.

Administrator Sette advised that the Friends are holding an event for Ann and the Proclamation will be presented to Ann at that time.  
Selectman Arcudi asked if the Friends would like a Selectman there to present the proclamation to Ann Fields. Administrator Sette will advise.

MSDV to approve and sign the proclamation  
Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

D. Old Business

1. Discussion on dissolving non-active Ad Hoc Committees  
The Board continued to the next meeting

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

Selectman Keyes mentioned that the Field Ad Hoc Committee will be presenting at the next meeting.

Selectman Arcudi noted that he has heard about the silos mentioned on social media. He would like to remind the community, that the Board of Selectmen takes these matters very seriously and advised that if anyone has any questions or concerns regarding any Town matter, please contact the Town Administrator and the Town will handle the matter if they can.

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

1. Letter from Department of Environmental regarding third amendment to administrative consent order for Cover Technologies activity at former Hopedale landfill site.
2. Letter from Verizon regarding with the Department Telecommunications and Cable and Issuing Authorities, received on January 25, 2019.
3. Letter from Amy Burns regarding a conflict of interest as a property owner.
4. Letter from Xfinity regarding emergency r porting procedures during a storm or other emergency.
5. Letter from Xfinity regarding a change in their international programming package

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. Field Ad Hoc Committee – February 4, 2019
2. Meet with Road Commissioners-Request to schedule in April

Administrator Sette advised that the Road Commissioners requested they present a meeting in April to allow time for some of the bids to come in for proposed road work. The Commissioners will also provide an update on snow removal operations.

H. Administrator News

1. Update on Budget Planning session held on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>

Administrator Sette provided the Board with information on the budget planning session that was held this past Saturday, stating there is some good news with health care costs. The Town will be going from GIC to Blue Cross Blue Shield plan managed through MIIA, which will save the Town money. In addition, there will be some savings on debt service and growth.

The financial team is in the process of putting information into a spreadsheet, so they can see what the numbers look like. Mr. Sette does not anticipate any problems going to Town Meeting. Administrator Sette is in the process of putting together capital planning information for the Capital Committee's review, prior to Town Meeting.

2. Recognition of grant to Hopedale Fire Department from Firehouse Subs for purchase of life saving equipment

Administrator Sette said the Fire Department received \$33,000 a grant from Firehouse Subs for purchase of life saving equipment. He noted that Firehouse Subs is a restaurant chain that provides grants towards lifesaving equipment to communities.

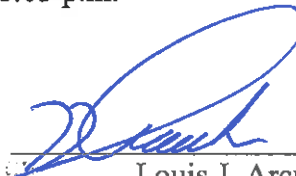
The Police Department was also awarded a grant for \$20,000 for new tactical vests, outfits to assist the Fire Department if they go into an active shooter situation and a speed sign that can be put on telephone poles. Mr. Sette noted that Representative Brian Murray assisted in securing the grant.

Administrator Sette reminded the board of the February meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

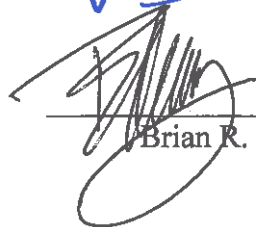
The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Thomas A. Wesley



Louis J. Arcudi, III



Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

\*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

\*\*RCV- Roll Call Vote