

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen Robert Burns Thomas A. Wesley Louis J. Arcudi, III

Town Administrator Steven A. Sette

Regular Meeting Agenda Monday, March 6, 2017

Selectman Burns called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper Room at Town Hall.

Present: Selectmen Robert P. Burns and Thomas Wesley, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, members of the public and Videographer Jeff Ellis were present. Selectman Louis Arcudi was absent.

Chairman Burns began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. <u>Public Comment on Agenda Items</u> None.

B. Consent Items

- Approval of February 21, 2017 Regular Minutes
 MSDV to approve the February 21, 2017 Regular Minutes
 Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi- Absent
- 2. Approval of February 21, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
 MSDV to approve the February 21, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
 Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi- Absent
- 3. Authorization of Warrants: FY 17-33 approved by Selectman Burns FY 17-34, FY 17-34P approved by Selectman Wesley and FY35 approved by Selectmen Burns and Wesley MSDV to approve the following warrants FY 17-34, FY 17-34P approved by Selectman Wesley and FY35 approved by Selectmen Burns and Wesley Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi- Absent

C. Appointments and Resignations

None

D. New Business

 Discussion with Parks Commission regarding ESS Study and recommendations for Hopedale Pond

Park Commission Chairman Howes was looking for guidance on how to proceed with the recommendations of the ESS Study for Hopedale Pond, noting that it was beyond the capacity

of the Parks Department to take action. It was suggested that an informal joint meeting of members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Highway Department and Water & Sewer Department be held to discuss how to proceed and then approach the Town of Milford.

2. Request by Council on Aging to declare Thursday, July 20, 2017 as "Joe Leoncini Day" in Hopedale

Discussion occurred with Board members on declaring Thursday, July 20, 2017 as "Joe Leoncini Day" in Hopedale. Administrator Sette said Carol Mullen, Director of Council invited board members to attend a party in his honor on Thursday, July 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hopedale Sr. Center. Mr. Burns said that he plans to attend. Administrator Sette stated he would prepare something on behalf of the board for Mr. Leoncini.

MSDV to declare Thursday, July 20, as "Joe Leoncini Day" in Hopedale. Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi- Absent

3. Recommendation for Appointments to Local Historic District Study Committee by Historical Commission

Discussion occurred with Suzan Ciaramicoli, who serves as Co-Chair of the Historic Commission and sent a letter to the Board that read: "MGL Chapter 40C, Section 4 requires that the committee nomination process include the local Board of Realtors and the American Institute of Architects. A request for nominees was sent to these organizations by the Selectmen on October 4, 2016. Each organization was requested to submit two nominees and given 30 days to reply. No reply was received by either organization. MGL Chapter 40C states that if any of the organizations fail to submit nominees within 30 days, the Board of Selectmen may appoint anyone they wish".

Ms. Ciaramicoli stated the Hopedale Historical Commission is recommending the Selectmen appoint the following people to the Local Historic District Study Committee, as an ad hoc and in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws 40C, Section 4.

- 1. Raymond Andreotti
- 2. Beverly Carver
- 3. Suzan L. Ciaramicoli
- 4. Barbara Kochon
- 5. Virginia Larkin
- 6. Walter Swift

Ms. Ciaramicoli advised that Mrs. Larkin contacted her over the weekend stating she is unable to participate on the study committee.

MSDV to appoint Raymond Andreotti, Beverly Carver, Suzan Ciaramicoli, Barbara Kuchon and Walter Swift to the Local Historic District Study Ad-Hoc Committee. Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi- Absent

4. Approval of FY18 Board of Selectmen regular meeting schedule MSDV to approved the FY18 Board of Selectmen regular meeting schedule Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi- Absent

E. Old Business

None

F. Public and Board Member Comments

It was suggested that there be an implementation of police patrol of street light outages. Administrator Sette noted the police department provides him with a periodic list and he contacts National Grid to report the outages on a monthly basis.

G. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

- 1. FEMA Notice dated February 27, 2017 regarding upcoming meeting on Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning for the Blackstone Watershed
- 2. Xfinity Notice dated February 14, 2017 regarding Esquire Channel
- 3. Police Department Statistics July 2016 to January 2017
- 4. Administrator Sette reviewed the above items. There were no questions regarding the listed correspondence. Selectman Wesley commented on the Police Department Statistics July 2016 to January 2017 noting the police department has an astounding number of activities and the Board of Selectmen appreciates the Police Department's work.

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Discussion with Hopedale Country Club in executive session.

I. Administrator News

Mr. Sette reported contract negotiations with all bargaining units have begun and that he has met with all groups except for the laborers group.

Chair Burns – I am requesting a motion to allow this board to now enter into Executive Session and not to reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reasons (2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and Reason (6): to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, because I as chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town.

J. Executive Session

- 1. To Consider Property Purchase
- 2. Negotiation of Police Chief Contract

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K. Adjournment

With no further regular business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 7:42 p.m.

RCV to enter into executive session and not return to open session. Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi- Absent

Robert P. Burns

Thomas a. Wesley

Louis J. Arcudi, III

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

*RCV – Roll Call Vote