



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Call to order 7:00 pm – Draper Room

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

Present: Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Louis Arcudi, Selectman Brian Keyes, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, members of the public and Videographer Jeff Ellis were present.

Chairman Wesley began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

B. Consent Items

1. Approval of August 21, 2017 Regular Minutes

MSDV to passover the August 21, 2017 Regular Minutes

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

2. Approval of August 21, 2017 Executive Minutes

MSDV to passover the August 21, 2017 Executive Minutes

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

3. Authorization of Warrants FY18-07 & FY18-07P approved by Selectman Keyes

MSDV to approve the above warrants as approved by Selectman Keyes

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

C. Appointments and Resignations

1. Appointment of Kate E. Hickey as a Full Time Police Officer to the Hopedale Police Department

MSDV to appoint Kate E. Hickey as a Full Time Police Officer to the Hopedale Police Department

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

2. Appointment of Jonathan J. Branch as a Full Time Police Officer to the Hopedale Police Department

MSDV to appoint Jonathan J. Branch as a Full Time Police Officer to the Hopedale Police Department

Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

D. New Business

1. Park Commission Presentation

The Board deferred this discussion to the next meeting

2. Hopedale Country Club ABCC application for approval of new Officers/Directors
The Board deferred this matter to the next meeting, as the Hopedale Country Club's application is not complete at this time.
3. Ratification of Hopedale Call Firefighter's Contract for period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020
MSDV to ratify the Hopedale Call Firefighter's Contract for period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020
Selectman Wesley-- Aye; Selectman Arcudi--Aye; Selectman Keyes-- Aye
4. Discussion for planning referendum on Ban of Cultivation and Retail Sales of Marijuana
Administrator Sette and Selectman Keyes provided a sample referendum ballot from Milford on banning marijuana. Brian is working with the Town Clerk and Steve to get a special referendum done in November 2017. Brian will continue to update the Board as information becomes available.
5. Approve request from Board of Health to declare a Dog Van and Water Buffalo as surplus items
6. MSDV to approve Board of Health's request to declare a Dog Van and Water Buffalo as surplus items
Selectman Wesley-- Aye; Selectman Arcudi--Aye; Selectman Keyes-- Aye

E. Old Business

None

F. Public and Board Member Comments

1. Adin Street Parking

Administrator Sette stated the school department notified him that parents were going to attend the Selectmen's meeting tonight to discuss the new parking restrictions along Adin Street during parent drop-off and pick-up.

Police Chief Giovannella advised the Police Department has been monitoring the new parking pattern and it appears to be working well; allowing emergency vehicles to pass safely during the hours of parent drop-off and pick-up. Chief noted that public safety trumps any inconveniences parents may encounter. Members of the Board agreed.

2. John and Pat Dipietropolo were in the audience and inquired about beginning a discussion on ball fields in Town and the need for a track in Town. The Dipietropolo's requested the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee and charge them with creating a study of all fields in Town. The plan would include all types of sports. They would also like to see a track in Town noting the track team has to rent out space in another Town in order to hold track meets. The Board advised the Draper Field deed is still being researched, once the deed is cleared, the Board will look at the next steps agreeing that as part of the plan a field study should be performed on how best to utilize the land. Board members would like key stakeholders to be involved in the process including local business, residents, and representatives from the school and community organizations.

The Board thanked the Dipietropolo's for coming in to begin a dialogue on the fields and assured them that once the Town has a secured deed on the property they will be looking for resident input on how best to utilize this property and the other fields in Town.

G. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

1. Administrator Sette stated that he is implementing a new protocol for posting Selectmen agendas. Topics and materials for the agenda are due in the office by 2 p.m. the Wednesday before the meeting; otherwise, the topic will be moved to the next agenda. This will allow for fewer amended agendas being posted. Steve advised that if there is an extenuating circumstance; the board could vote to amend the agenda and discuss a topic not anticipated. The Board had no questions on the new protocol

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

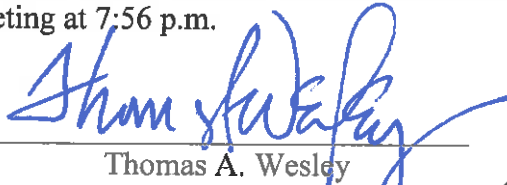
1. HDTV Broadcasts (September)
2. Draper Field Discussion (September)
3. COA Transportation Option
4. Downtown Revitalization Study Update (October)
5. Discussion for planning a referendum on Ban of cultivation and retail sales of marijuana
6. Park Commission Presentation (September)

I. Administrator News

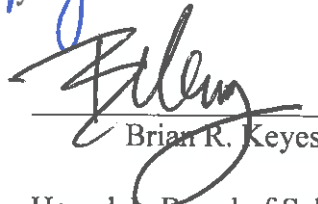
1. Lt. Governor Polito, Ryan Fattman and Brian Murray were in Hopedale to discuss issues relating to the Hopedale Pond. The Lt. Governor met with Conservation member David Guglielmi, who shared his knowledge and history of the Hopedale Pond and the importance in keeping this resource. A study was performed on the pond last year and determined the pond is in need of dredging. The estimated cost is 2 million dollars. The Lt. Governor Polito provided information on grants that may be of some assistance.

J. Adjournment

With no further regular business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 7:56 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