



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

September 18, 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 Brian Keyes, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, members of the public and Videographer Jeff Ellis were present. Selectman Louis Arcudi was absent.

Chairman Wesley began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

B. Consent Items

1. Approval of August 21, 2017 Regular Minutes
MSDV to approve the August 21, 2017 Regular Minutes
Selectman Wesley–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Absent
2. Approval of August 21, 2017 Executive Minutes
MSDV to approve the August 21, 2017 Executive Minutes
Selectman Wesley–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Absent
3. Approval of September 5, 2017 Executive Minutes
MSDV to approve the September 5, 2017 Executive Minutes
Selectman Wesley–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Absent
4. Authorization of Warrants FY18-08; FY18-09 & FY18-09P; FY18-10 & FY18-10P as approved by Selectman Keyes
MSDV to approve the above warrants as approved by Selectman Keyes
Selectman Wesley–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Absent

C. Appointments and Resignations

1. Resignation of Jonathan Cantillon as Call Firefighter
MSDV to accept resignation of Jonathan Cantillon as Call Firefighter thanking him for his service to the Town
Selectman Wesley–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Absent

D. New Business

1. Park Commission Presentation
Park Commission Chairman Don Howes gave an update on the Park Commission activities (report attached). The Board thanked Mr. Howes for the update and requested the Park Commission put together a list of Town Park needs for the Board of Selectmen

to see what future funding may be available. The Selectmen would also like a list of names of the volunteers who assisted the Parks Commission, so the Board can send a letter of thanks to the volunteers.

2. Presentation from ABM Corp on a potential energy savings contract
No Discussion

3. Hopedale Country Club ABCC application for approval of new Officers/Directors
Hopedale Country Club (HCC) Attorney Joe Antonellis explained that in August, the HCC submitted an application for a change of Board of Directors to the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant. Upon review of the application, Administrative Assistant Susan Brouwer found the application was incomplete. Ms. Brouwer met with HCC President Jeffrey Germagian to review the application explaining that every current Board of Director must complete a personal statement form as outlined in the application instructions. Attorney Antonellis contacted the ABCC and the person he spoke with told him he only needs to complete one change of director's form for each new member. Attorney Antonellis later called the ABCC back and found Mrs. Brouwer's information to be true. Mr. Antonellis said that he is having difficulty getting the forms completed by the current board members. Joe also stated there will be another Board change in October/November and asked if the BOS would consider holding off on the application until the new Board is appointed. Chair Wesley responded that the Board would continue this matter to the October 2 meeting allowing the HCC time to submit a complete application.

4. Discussion with COA on senior transportation options
Senior Center Director Carole Mullen introduced Carl Damigella, Director of Community Relations & Outreach Metro West Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) who presented a plan and process for the Town to lease a 12 to 16--passenger handicap van through a MWRTA using a grant. Mr. Damigella said in order for the process to move forward, the Board of Selectmen would have to approve joining the Regional Transit Authority and authorize the Chair to submit a letter on the Town's behalf. Once the Town is a member, they can apply for a grant. Carole Mullen reviewed her current options stating the services are costly and limited at best. Ms. Mullen expressed her concerns with the COA's ability to help seniors "age in place" and said if the BOS approves joining the MWRTA that she would Pilot the program using her existing budget with no additional cost to the Town. Her costs would be minimal compared to what she is paying. Town costs would include paying gas, paying the driver and the insurance on the van. The MWRTA would be responsible for paying vehicle lease and all repairs and maintenance to the vehicle.

Mr. Damigella provided handouts to the Board and Chair Wesley asked that these be forwarded via email to all members for review. Chair Wesley suggested the matter be continued to the October 2nd meeting, as he would like all members to have the opportunity to review the information provided more closely and a full Board present in

making a decision.

5. Continued discussion on referendum ballot question on banning certain aspects on sales of marijuana

Selectman Keyes said he has been working with Steve, the Town Clerk and Town Counsel. Town Counsel advised that the ballot question could not be added to the November election, as November is a State Election. The Town will have to hold a separate ballot referendum. In addition, the matter will need to go before Town meeting for consideration of both a General and Zoning Bylaw change. Selectman Keyes provided several suggested language scenarios that could be considered for the referendum question. Brian also mentioned the Board of Selectmen was invited to visit a medical marijuana cultivation facility that is currently located in Milford called Sage Cannabis. Selectmen Keyes advised that this would give the Board a firsthand view to see how the product is handled through the cultivation process. Chair Wesley is willing to visit the facility but is cautious about supporting any type of marijuana in Town. The Board agreed to hold off on further discussion until after the Milford vote and a visit to Sage Cannabis facility that is also located in Milford. Mr. Keyes said several opportunities might open up in Hopedale, if the Milford vote restricts all forms of and processes of marijuana. Administrator Sette will reach out to Board to check their availability on the site visit.

6. Town Clerk recommendation for reappointment of Election Officers

MSDV to approve the Town Clerk recommendation for reappointment of Election Officers as presented

Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Absent

7. Vote to approve the issuance and details of bonds and notes to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust for Loan #CW-16-34 and sign note closing papers

MSDV to approve the issuance and details of bonds and notes to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust for Loan #CW-16-34 and sign note closing papers

Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Absent

8. Authorize and sign ban renewal for plan design for WWTP project

Administrator Sette stated that a vote is not needed on the above.

E. Old Business

None

F. Public and Board Member Comments

None

G. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

1. Comcast Channel Guide Update dated August 30, 2017

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. HDTV Broadcasts (September)
2. Draper Field Discussion Downtown
3. Revitalization Study Update (October)
4. Adin Street Parking Update (October)

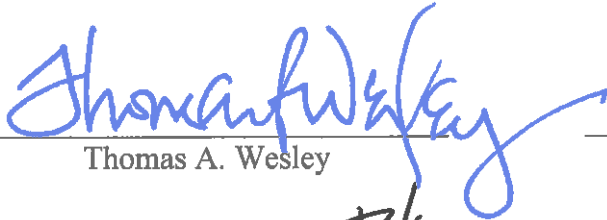
I. Administrator News

Administrator Sette said he had a conference call earlier in the day with MEMA. While this area may not get the brunt of the storm, winds gusts may be up to 40 miles an hour.

J. Adjournment

With no further regular business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 9:18 pm entering into executive session.

RCV - Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Keyes-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Absent



Thomas A. Wesley

Louis J. Arcudi, III



Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

*RCV – Roll Call Vote

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BOS AGENDA PACKET 09/18/2017
PARK COMMISSION #1

SEP 19 2017

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN/
COORDINATOR
TIME: _____

Town Park

As most of you are aware, the family friendly, handicap accessible bathroom addition to the restroom building at Town Park is completed. This project was approximately two years from idea through completion. It was done at no direct cost to the town of Hopedale due to the donation/gifting of the addition by the Hopedale Foundation.

The Highway Dept., in particular, as well as the Building, Electrical, and Plumbing Inspectors, were all invaluable in this project. As was Nathan Moreland of Asphalt Engineering, that assisted with the paving of the area outside the facility, He provided free labor, and we paid only for material.

We have replaced or upgrade some of the lighting fixtures and have more similar projects in the works.

As we now have a full time park employee, under the direction of the Highway Dept. we have been able to make strides towards more maintenance of grounds at the facility.

Tennis and Park Programs

Long time park director Barry Gorman's employment scheduled changed, so after 17 years at the helm; we were forced to replace him. We chose Mark Espanet a grandson of long time park supervisor Charlie Espanet. With Barry's guidance and Mark's hard work he was able to continue all tennis lessons and park programs. He wants to return next year, and has some ideas to grow both the tennis and park programs.

ond weeds

Three treatments and the required testing before and after have been accomplished. While the results don't look ideal , we are on track. One must realize that it has been some seven or so years with NO treatment. One of the worst visual indications of weeds is the lilies. On Tuesday evening I will be asking the Con-Com for permission to treat this with a new "contact" type herbicide, and if we have favorable action with them, I will be discussing this with my board on Thursday. If it is decided to move forward with this, it will happen this year well before the first frost.

Parklands

Chris Ashby came to us looking for an Eagle Scout project. with his team, a completed a new kiosk construction and installation at the Hazel Street Entrance, He was able to incorporate the work of Mark Andolina's Eagle Scout project which was the mapping and marking of trails in the Parklands, additionally they added protected maps on two other existing kiosks.

We had a great deal of dead and dangerous trees removed and some of their trunks turned into natural benches.

We had a very serious incident of encroachment/vandalism regarding tree cutting in the Parklands. We are having ongoing communication with the Con-Com and the HPC will be discussing some options at our next meeting. It will be my suggestion that we take our info to Town Council for their guidance.

Philips Field.

Many changes and improvements have taken place here. We have almost doubled the available parking spaces, prepared a safe location and had installed some previously purchased playground equipment. With a sizeable \$5,000. donation from the Seven Hills Foundation, and some additional monies from the Towns Disabilities Commission, we purchased and installed some playground equipment that is usable by more people.

The original contractor has left at an approximately 95% completion point. We are picking away at the remainder with available funds, which will be augmented by a \$2,000, donation from Shaun Keefe of G & U Logistics. Additionally we are seeking volunteers, both professional and residents, to help with donations of labor and services.

We have been addressing issues and making ongoing repairs to the irrigation system in order to try and improve the quality of playing fields.

SCOREBAM

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In general.

All lockable gates, buildings, storage, panels, etc. have been keyed to a master key system, The Fire and Police Dept. as well as Highway workers, ALL have keys in all vehicles for emergency access. Temporary access to one facility can be granted to a group without access to all.

The HPC continues to work with our "Town Partners" The Hopedale Cultural Council, The Hopedale Movie Night Group, and The Friends of Historic Hopedale, Police and Fire Departments and School Organizations. Our goal is to expand the use of our facilities to include functions like the Friday night movies, Wednesday night band concerts., The Fairy Walk, The day in the Park, numerous 5k runs, and other things still in the planning stages.

We are open to ideas for fundraising, labor or material donations, or improvements, anything that helps us all enjoy this town more.