



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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### Board of Selectmen

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Regular Minutes

Monday, November 6, 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, 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 October 16, 2017 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the October 16, 2017 Regular Minutes as presented  
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

##### 2. Approval of October 16, 2017 Executive Minutes

MSDV to passover the September 18, 2017 Executive Minutes  
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

##### 3. Authorization of Warrants FY18-15 & FY18-15P, FY18-17 & FY18-17P as approved by Selectmen Keyes FY18-16 as approved by Selectman Keyes and Arcudi

MSDV to approve the above warrants as approved by Selectmen Keyes and Arcudi  
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

#### C. Appointments and Resignations

##### 1. Resignation of Barbara Kochon from Local Historic District Study Committee effective August 27, 2017

Chair Wesley read Ms. Kochon's resignation letter aloud stating the board will regretfully accept the resignation.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Barbara Kochon from Local Historic District Study Committee effective August 27, 2017

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

Chair Wesley gave an overview of the Town Bylaw and MGL regarding the Capital Program Committee stating the Town received a capital planning grant from the Governor's Community Compact Program to assist the Town with a capital program and planning process. The results of the grant indicate the Town has severe capital planning needs as well the absence of a process in which

the Town can evaluate the needs and best practices in capital planning. The Town would like to reactivate the Capital Program Committee and are grateful to the two people who stepped forward to assist with in the capital planning process.

2. Appointment of Michael Palumbo to Capital Program Committee

MSDV to appoint Michael Palumbo to Capital Program Committee term to expire June 30, 2020  
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

3. Appointment of Marcella Pannenburg to Capital Program Committee

MSDV to appoint Marcella Pannenburg to Capital Program Committee term to expire June 30, 2020  
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

D. New Business

1. Discussion on the formation of Recreation and Field Development Committee

Chairman Wesley said the formation of a Recreation and Field Development Committee is the result of the impending transfer of land from Rockwell to the Town of Hopedale that has been pending for a couple of months due to defining easements. The Board of Selectmen would like to form a committee of key stakeholders to decide how to make best use of this property and all recreational properties in Town. Town Administrator Sette said he has had a lot of interest from residents asking when the land will transfer and questions as to the formation of the committee. Mr. Sette suggested the committee formation include town residents, representation from Finance Committee, the Hopedale Foundation, the school department, Selectmen and adult representatives from local youth athletic programs. Selectmen Keyes noted the need for all individuals to work together and not as individuals.

1. Friends of Historic Hopedale, Inc. 5K Race held October 28, 2017

Administrator Sette briefed the Board on the 5K Race that was held on October 28, 2017 stating the Friends of Historic Hopedale sponsored the race but was unaware of the need for the BOS to approve the race. The Friends subsequently submitted a letter for ratification by the Board.  
MSDV to ratify the Friends of Historic Hopedale, Inc. 5K Race held October 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

2. Acceptance of check for Opioid Task Force from Friends of Historic Hopedale, Inc.

MSDV to accept donation for the Opioid Task Force from Friends of Historic Hopedale, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000.  
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes– Aye

3. Local Historic District Study Committee discussion on formation of Local Historic District(s)

Local Historic District Study Committee members sitting in the audience came forward. There was a brief recap on the how the Town became part of the National Park Service. The group explained that as part of the designation, there needs to be an agreement that is signed between the National Park Service and Town. In addition, there needs to be at least one local historic district approved within the Town. The Local Historic District can be as small as one building, it can be certain areas of the Town or it can be several Local Historic Districts. The LHDSC is considering recommending several districts over a period-of-time. Prior to moving forward, the group said they are asking for input from the BOS to see if there is an(y) area(s) of Town or building(s) the Board would not like

included in the designation.

BOS members shared concerns of having the Draper Mill listed as part of the historic designation because the building has laid dormant for 40+ years and therefore the building and facade may not be structurally sound. In addition, if the Draper building was included in the historic district it may make redevelopment of the site less appealing to potential developers.

The LHDSC mentioned other areas to be considered in the historic designation; some Draper worker housing, the Town Hall, Parklands, Adin Ballou house. The Selectmen are supportive of the process but recommended for the initial pass through the group stay away from commercial and industrial properties and focus more on Town owned properties and land. The LHDSC will review and prioritize their list of recommendations and present them to the Board at a future meeting.

4. Hopedale Fire Department request to increase the number Call Firefighter candidates

Chief Daige came before the Board to request adding a new designation "Call Firefighters Candidates". Chief Daige advised that the turnover for Call Firefighters is quite significant and when openings occur there is a 6-8-month turnaround to do a proper hiring process and in that time additional Call Firefighters may resign their position creating a further need. The Chief is requesting that the process be changed by going right to the interview and background check and bringing a candidate on for a 6-month trial. In addition, the Chief would like to increase the number of positions. Currently there are 16 budgeted positions 12 full time and 4 Officers. Chief Daige would like to be able to appoint additional Call Firefighter Candidates who will work on a volunteer basis. The Chief is looking to bring on more than the budgeted number with the understanding that the additional Call Firefighter Candidates would be appointed to a voluntary and unpaid position. As far as budget, the Chief will rent the fire gear at approximately \$50/m per person, the Town would incur additional liability insurance premium.

The Board is favorable toward exploring the idea of adding this designation. Questions that came from the discussion and that Town Administrator Sette will get answers to is; do the Call Firefighter's need to give written authorization to allow these candidates? is this allowable with the insurance carrier and what is the additional liability to the Town? Administrator Sette believes he can get answers to the questions and prior to the next meeting. The Chief has ten individuals already interested and would like the Board to appoint them at the next meeting.

E. Old Business

None

F. Public and Board Member Comments

None

G. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

1. Selectmen Keyes wanted to clarify the upcoming Planning Board Public Hearing on the marijuana bylaw based on the information he has been seeing on social media. The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing to consider (2) bylaws regarding the recreational sale of marijuana with in the Town of Hopedale. The hearing is to create a Zoning Bylaw and General Bylaw regarding marijuana retail sale. They will be approving or not approving a recommendation on these bylaws. If they do approve recommending the bylaws, the Planning Board will come before the Selectmen with their recommendation on whether to create these

bylaws or not. The Board of Selectmen will then decide whether this matter is placed on the town meeting warrant or not. Even though the Town of Hopedale approved the legality of marijuana at the national election, the Town did not vote as to who sells what or as to commercial versus retail sale of marijuana. Selectman Keyes wants to let the residents to know that the Planning Board hearing is a very important hearing and ultimately the goal is to get this before all the residents at the STM.

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. Downtown Revitalization Study Update

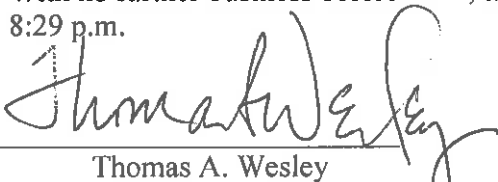
Chair Wesley

I. Administrator News

1. Special Town Meeting warrant was not added to the agenda for approval. Administrator Sette will look for a future date and let the Board know.
2. This Thursday is the Annual Veterans Breakfast at the Council on Aging at 9:00 a.m.
3. Gobble Wobble Thanksgiving Day
4. Thank the Police, Fire, Highway Department and National Grid on the storm response

J. Adjournment

With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:29 p.m.



Thomas A. Wesley



Louis J. Arsudi, III



Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

\*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

\*RCV – Roll Call Vote