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Board of Selectmen

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Minutes
Monday, December 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 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 November 20, 2017 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the November 20, 2017 regular minutes as presented
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

2. Approval of December 4, 2017 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the December 4, 2017 regular minutes as presented
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

3. Approval of December 4, 2017 Executive Minutes

MSDV to approve the December 4, 2017 executive minutes as presented not to be released.
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

4. Approval of December 11, 2017 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the December 11, 2017 regular minutes as presented
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

5. Approval of December 11, 2017 Executive Minutes

MSDV to passover the December 11, 2017 executive minutes to be held pending further review
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

6. Approval of December 12, 2017 Regular Minutes

MSDV to approve the December 12, 2017 regular minutes as presented
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Abstain; Selectman Keyes–Aye

7. Authorization of Warrants FY18-23 and FY18-23P as 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 Jennifer Graves as a Part-time Dispatcher
MSDV to appoint Jennifer Graves as a Part-time Dispatcher
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye
2. Appointment of Samuel Hockenbury to the Finance Committee appointment to June 30, 2020
Samuel Hockenbury came forward and provided a brief statement on his background and interest in the Finance Committee appointment. Mr. Hockenbury said he is an Eagle Scout, a UMass graduate with a degree in Economics, and he served as an intern at the state house. Sam commented that he is seeking a seat on the Finance Committee to learn of Town finances. His long-range goal is to run for an elected position stating it would be a good idea to learn about the finances of the town prior to running for an elected position. The Board thanked Mr. Hockenbury for coming forward to serve the town and is looking forward to working with him. MSDV to appoint Samuel Hockenbury to the Finance Committee appointment to June 30, 2020
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

D. New Business

1. Approval of a 5-Day Special License January 24 – 28, 2018 and 3-Day Entertainment License Carol Devendorf – Milford Performing Arts Center for Boar's Head Festival at the Unitarian Parish January 25 – 27, 2018
MSDV to approve a 5-Day Special License January 24 – 28, 2018 and 3-Day Entertainment License to Carol Devendorf – Milford Performing Arts Center for Boar's Head Festival at the Unitarian Parish January 25 – 27, 2018
Selectman Wesley– Aye; Selectman Arcudi–Aye; Selectman Keyes–Aye

E. Old Business

1. Continued discussion on Park Commission request to form subcommittee on Hopedale Pond Contamination
Park Commission Chair Don Howes and Conservation Commission member Dave Guglielmi were present for the continued discussion on the Hopedale Pond contamination. Mr. Howes advised that the Park Commission will take the lead on creating and administering the ad hoc committee. Don said he is seeking one member from the BOS, BOH, Conservation Commission, Water/Sewer Commission and Highway Department to meet and discuss a course of action to address the issue. He is asking that each appointee be prepared to attend the first two meetings of the committee where they will be informed of the problems, potential solutions, actions already taken and a course of action. BOS members stated they would be willing to participate in the ad hoc and will place the item on the next agenda where Board members can discuss an appointment a member from the BOS.

F. Public and Board Member Comments

1. Mr. Howes stated that he has been educated on the streetlight outages stating the Police do make notations of streetlight outages as part of their nightly details and the list is provided to the Town Administrator who gives sends it to National Grid.
2. Selectman Keyes shared condolences to the Mendon family who lost their home in a fire this week and thanked the carolers who came to his door.
3. Selectman Arcudi thanked Selectman Keyes for educating the taxpayers at the December 11 meeting on the marijuana article.

G. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

1. Warrants FY-22 authorized and signed by Town Administrator and Selectmen Wesley, Arcudi and Keyes

Board members had no comments on the above listed item.

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. Town Lighting
2. BOS member appointment to the Park Commission Ad Hoc Committee

I. Administrator News

1. Village Center Grant

Administrator Sette stated the Town was recently approved for a 62K grant from CMRPC for the Revitalization Project.

Steve also mentioned the Town Hall employees enjoyed two visits this week; one from the Girls Scouts Christmas carols and two from the HS Band coming in to play Christmas carols, both groups did a great job.

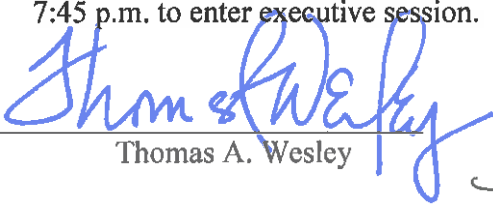
J. Executive Session

- i. To discuss the discipline or dismissal of an employee pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(1)
- ii. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Fire Union pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3)
- iii. Discussion of possible land acquisition G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(6)

Chair Wesley advised the public that the Board would be entering into an executive session, stating: I am requesting a motion to allow this board to enter Executive Session and not to reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reason (1) t o discuss the discipline or dismissal of an employee (3): t o discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) (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 or litigation position of the Town.

K. Adjournment

With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. to enter executive session.



Thomas A. Wesley



Louis J. Arcudi, III



Brian R. Keyes

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

*RCV – Roll Call Vote