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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2016

Chair Biagetti called the regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper Room at Town Hall.

Present: Chair Sandra Biagetti, Selectman Robert Burns, Selectman Thomas A. Wesley, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, Board of Health Members Chair Edward Holland, Sr., Louis Arcudi, Walter Swift, Health Agent Lenny Izzo, members of the public and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis.

Chair Biagetti began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

B. Consent Items

1. Approval of Regular Minutes February 16, 2016

MSDV to approve the regular minutes February 16, 2016.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes February 16, 2016 (not to be released)

MSDV to approve the executive session minutes February 16, 2016 not to be released as the matter is still pending.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3. Approval of Executive Session Minutes November 16, 2015 (not to be released)

MSDV to approve the executive session minutes February 16, 2016 not to be released as the matter is still pending.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

C. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

1. Comcast/Xfinity- Notice single Professional Installation charge of \$79.99 effective March 7, 2016

2. Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Dept. of Telecommunications - Notice of Petition from Comcast to establish and adjust basic service tier programming, equipment and installation rates for Massachusetts communities served by Comcast Cable Communications, LLC

Administrator Sette advised the informational items are for the boards information. Chair Biagetti asked if members had any questions regarding the correspondence. With no members having questions, the Chair continue to the next agenda item

D. Appointments and Resignations

None

E. New Business

1. Meeting with members of the Board of Health to discuss Town Recycling

Selectmen Wesley said he attended the MMA meeting back in January and learning of a SMART Program (save money and reduce trash), which is also known as a pay as you throw program. Mr. Wesley stated that in light of the town's fiscal realities, questioned whether the town would benefit from this type of program by saving taxpayer money and requested the BOH be invited to a BOS meeting to discuss the town's current trash and recycling program. Board of Health Chairman Edward Holland introduced Michael Szczepan, General Manager of Republic Services who manages the trash and recycling program for the Town of Hopedale. Mr. Szczepan stated that he currently works with fourteen cities and towns and explained the different types of recycling programs and billing programs. Mr. Szczepan stated Hopedale residents do a very good job recycling which affords the town a very good rate. Mr. Szczepan advised the town may actually pay more if the town decided to move to a "pay as you throw program". The Board of Selectmen thanked the Board of Health and Mr. Szczepan for taking the time to come in and explain the recycling program.

2. Ratify and sign May 10, 2016 Local Election Warrant from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the George A. Draper Gymnasium

The Board signed the Local Election Warrant of May 10, 2016 voting held in the Draper Gymnasium from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3. Request by Building Inspector to waive permit fees for Non-profits, Religious Organizations and Town owned buildings for minor projects

Mr. Wesley advised that he will be abstaining from the discussion as he is affiliated with an organization that is currently looking to have permit fees waived. Selectmen Burns and Biagetti agreed to allow the building inspector to determine what constitutes a minor project and supports allowing the inspector to waive permit fees for Non-profits, Religious Organizations and Town owned buildings for minor projects

MSDV to authorize the Building Inspector waive permit fees for Non-profits, Religious Organizations and Town owned buildings for minor projects

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Abstain

4. Hopedale Country Club - Request to outsource food to local caterer

MSDV to table this to the next meeting of March 21, 2016 noting that the caterer and attorney have sons playing in the basketball team playoffs tonight.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

F. Public and Board Member Comments and Requests for Future Agenda Items

A comment was made from an audience member stating they would like to remind residents that there is a town bylaw "No political signs" on public trees.

G. Administrator News

Administrator Sette reported the following;

- 1) Tree Warden Walter Swift will be tapping a maple tree at the Community House on Saturday between the hours of 11 and 12.
- 2) The Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9 and there are three items on the warrant.

H. Adjournment

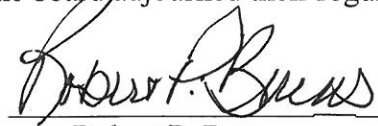
Chair Biagetti – I am requesting a motion to allow this board to now enter into Executive Session and not to

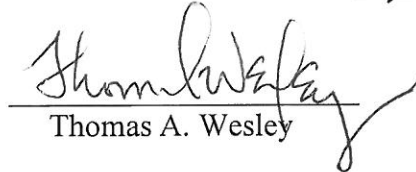
reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reason (2) To conduct strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel and Reason (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation because I as chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town

RCV Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

With no further regular business before them at 7:59 p.m. the board adjourned their regular meeting.


Sandra Biagetti, Chair


Robert P. Burns


Thomas A. Wesley

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

* MSDV - Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

**RCV - Roll Call Vote