



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen

Robert P. Burns
Thomas A. Wesley
Louis J. Arcudi, III

Town Administrator

Steven A. Sette

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2016

Call to order 7:00 pm – Draper Room

Chairman Burns began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Reorganization of the Board

1. Administrator opened nomination for Chair
2. Administrator Sette requested nominations for Chair
Selectman Wesley nominated Selectman Burns
3. Administrator Sette asked if there were any other nomination for Chair
4. Hearing none, Administrator Sette closed nominations for Chair
5. Administrator Sette requested a motion to appoint Robert Burns as Chair
Selectman Wesley made a motion to appoint Robert Burns as Chair, seconded by Selectman Arcudi, and passed unanimously

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

C. Consent Items

1. Approval of Regular Minutes May 2, 2016
MSDV to approve the regular minutes May 2, 2016
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Abstain
2. Approval of Regular Minutes May 16, 2016
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of May 16, 2016
Chair Burns-Abstain; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
3. Approval of Executive Minutes May 16, 2016
MSDV to approve the executive minutes of May 16, 2016
Chair Burns-Abstain; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
4. Approval of Regular Minutes May 17, 2016
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of May 16, 2016
Chair Burns-Abstain; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
5. Approval of Regular Minutes June 2, 2016

The Board passed over the meeting minutes of June 2, 2016. The date listed on the agenda should have read June 6, 2016

D. Appointments and Resignations

1. FY 17 Annual Reappointments

Chair Burns stated that he would read the list of reappointments allowed advising members that if they had a question to please request a hold after the name is read and the board would revisit that appointment.

Name	Position	Term
Steven Sette	Town Administrator/ADA Coordinator	1
Donald Howes	Board of Assessors	3
Robert Speroni	Building Commissioner	1
Robert Speroni	Zoning Enforcement Officer	1
Timothy Aicardi	Local Building Inspector	1
Colleen Strapponi	Capital Program Committee	1
Vanessa Calabrese	Conservation Commission	3
Nancilee Fuller	Council on Aging	3
Edward Holland, Sr.	Council on Aging	3
Patricia Johnson	Council on Aging	3
Virginia Larkin	Cultural Council	3
Paula Galligan	Cultural Council	3
Gerard M. Small	Disabilities Commission	3
Vincent Arone, Jr.	Disabilities Commission	3
Robert P. Burns	Economic Dev. & Industrial Corp.	3
Tom Daige	Emergency Management Dir.	1
Karla Hopkins	Finance Committee	3
John Fontana	Gas (& Plumbing) Inspector	1
Joseph Zacchilli	Gas (& Plumbing) Asst. Insp.	1
Frederick Oldfield III	Historical Commission	3
Suzan Ciaramicoli	Historical Commission	3
Kelly Merchant	Historical Commission	3
Donna Lamphere	Parking Fines Clerk	1
Sheila Embree	Personnel Committee	3
Joseph Drugan	Board of Registrars	3
Stephanie L'Etalien	Town Treasurer/Collector	1
Kopelman & Paige	Town Counsel	1
Patrick D. Morris	Veterans' Agent	1
Joseph Scanzaroli	Wiring Inspector	1
Michael J O'Connell	Wiring Inspector, Alternate	1
Nick Alexander, Sr.	ZBA	3

Hearing no holds, Chairman Burns asked for a motion to reappoint the above list as presented

MSDV to appoint the FY17 reappointments as presented
Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Chair Burns-Aye

2. Appointment of Barbara H. Kochon to Hopedale Historical Commission
MSDV to appoint Barbara H. Kochon to Hopedale Historical Commission
Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Chair Burns-Aye
3. Resignation of Louis Arcudi III from the Board of Health
MSDV to accept the resignation of Louis Arcudi III from the Board of Health
Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Chair Burns-Aye
4. Appointment to Hopedale Board of Health
Administrator Sette stated the board received a letter from Mary Arcudi requesting appointment to the Board of Health. Mr. Sette said in addition, he received an email from Board of Health Chair Walter Swift advising the BOH accepted the resignation of Lou Arcudi and unanimously supports Mrs. Arcudi's appointment to the Board of Health. Administrator Sette recommends the BOS vote to support the BOH nomination and ratify the appointment at the next meeting on June 28, 2016. There were no objections by the BOS.

MSDV to appoint Mary Arcudi to the Board of Health to fill the vacancy left by Lou Arcudi.
Term will be until the next election.

Selectman Wesley; Selectman Arcudi-Abstained; Chair Burns-Aye

E. New Business

1. National Park Presentation - Local Historic District
Jennifer Smith from the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park (BRVNHP) gave a presentation to board on the scope of the newly established national park, which includes the Town of Hopedale. Ms. Smith's presentation outlined steps to help the town establish a local historic district. The steps include; gathering local support, working with local historic commission and forming ad-hoc study committee.

Discussion of BOS following the presentation: Selectman Wesley inquired as to the budget amount and what the historic benefits would be to the town. Ms. Smith replied the total budget for the BRVNHP is about \$900,000 which is split with the Blackstone National Heritage Corridor. The benefit to the town is that properties that fall within the district would have encumbered ordinances placed upon them requiring business and homeowners to seek local approval prior to any exterior improvements being done to the property. Ms. Smith gave an example of an advantage stating that anyone moving into the established historic district area would have the protection in knowing that there are regulations/ordinances governing the neighboring properties which will require owners to maintain or retain historic appearance of their properties. Selectman Wesley then asked what resources would be available to property owners. Ms. Smith advised the National Park Service (NPS) would provide plans or studies but they are unable to provide financial support as that would come from Mass Historic Commission (MHC). Ms. Smith said the BRVNHP is asking the town to support the establishment of a Local Historic District.

Suzan Ciaramicoli advised the local historic commission has a renewed interest in forming a local historic district study committee because of the national park designation, which will further allow them to carry out the Park's mission. The areas of town that the local Historical Commission is considering designating as part of the local historic district include; the Parklands, the Town Park, the Little Red Shop Museum, the Draper Building and areas of Hopedale Street including the Unitarian Church. Additionally, Ms. Ciaramicoli advised that the local Historical Commission needs to get educated in order to learn more about the requirements to get a proper message out, so that residents understand what the impact would be to Hopedale. Other concerns of board members were; whether ordinances could be changed within the local historic district, and a list of challenges that other local historic districts faced as part of their process. Ms. Smith responded that ordinances do require a process but can be in fact changed and then recommended the town have other local historic districts come and share their challenges and experiences. In addition, Ms. Smith recommended having the Town or Historical Commission invite Chris Skelly from Mass Historic Commission to come and speak to the Town. Ms. Smith said that Mr. Skelly has years of experience and can provide a lot of knowledge and information on forming a local historic district.

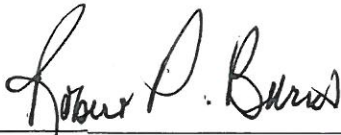
Chairman Burns asked Sue Ciaramicoli who should appoint the ad-hoc? Ms. Ciaramicoli advised that the Historical Commission would consult with and provide recommendations to the BOS and community on the formation of the ad-hoc committee. Sue also advised there is a tool-kit that recommends what types individuals should be included on the committee.

Administrator Sette recommend an item be placed on the next BOS agenda to form and consider a charge for the Local Historic District Committee. Selectman Arcudi ask what is the Hopedale Historic Commission's actionable item for the next BOS meeting. Mr. Sette recommends the Historical Commission come up with the number of people and types of people they recommend to be on the committee and have the first steps complete before the BOS does anything else. Selectman Wesley sought a recommendation for a motion and Mr. Sette advised that no motion is necessary for tonight rather the historic commission be tasked with providing recommendations for the local historic district ad-hoc committee make-up. The BOS thanked Ms. Smith for her presentation and Ms. Ciaramicoli for bringing this forward.

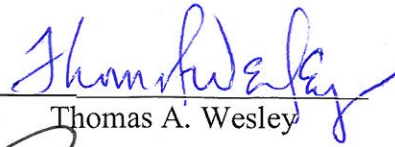
2. Cover Technologies - Update on S. Main Street Landfill Capping Project
Administrator Sette noted that Kip Foley from Cover Technologies was not present and advised he would contact Mr. Foley to reschedule his update for a future meeting.
3. Abatement of \$34,144.52 Uncollectible Ambulance Receipts
Administrator Sette referred to Chief Daigne memo requesting the board abate \$34,144.52 of uncollectible ambulance receipts. After a discussion, the Selectmen recommended the accounts be turned over to a collection agency or attorney.

MSDV to turn over uncollected ambulance billing to a collection agency or attorney in the amount of \$34,144.52

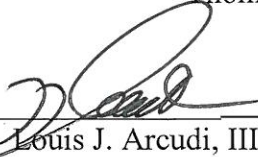
Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Chair Burns-Aye



Robert P. Burns



Thomas A. Wesley



Louis J. Arcudi, III

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

* MSDV - Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

**RCV - Roll Call Vote

F. Old Business

1. State Liberty Bell Update

Selectman Arcudi stated that he went to the State House and gathered information about the relocation of the state liberty bell. Mr. Arcudi informed the board there is no state funding earmarked for the relocation and does not feel the town should fund or make comments as to where the bell should be relocated within the State House. The board agreed to direct the Town Administrator to draft a letter in support of relocating the liberty bell but would like to include "the town does not wish to provide financial support". Administrator Sette stated he would use a letter similar to the ones that other towns have written.

G. Public and Board Member Comments

Selectmen Wesley welcomed back Selectman Burns

Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

1. Xfinity Channel Changes to occur on July 28, 2016
2. Comcast Business Wi-Fi Notice received June 14, 2016

Members had no questions or comments.

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

I. Administrator News

1. Flag Day Ceremony was held on June 14, 2016

Administrator Sette stated that the Flag Day Ceremony was well attended and that Selectmen Burns and Wesley were present and represented the Board. Steve also wanted to thank the newly elected Town Clerk Lisa Pedroli for her attendance.

2. Special Town Meeting - June 28, 2016 at the Hopedale Jr. Sr. High School Dennett Auditorium

Administrator Sette mentioned there are four articles on the STM warrant and it is important for residents to attend in order for the town to complete the year-end financial obligations.

3. Reminder the Board of Selectmen will be having one meeting in the months of July and August; July 18, 2016 and August 15, 2016

Administrator Sette wanted to remind the board and public of the above meeting dates.

J. Executive Session

1. Contract Negotiations with Town Administrator

Chair - I am requesting a motion to allow this board enter into Executive Session and not to reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reasons (2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel because I as Chair have determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town.

With no further business before them the board adjourned their meeting at 8:56 p.m.