



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2016

Call to order 7:00 pm – Draper Room

Chairman Burns began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

1. None

B. Consent Items

1. Approval of the June 6, 2016 Regular Minutes
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of June 6, 2016
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
2. Approval of the June 20, 2016 Regular Minutes
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of June 20, 2016
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
3. Approval of the June 20, 2016 Executive Minutes
MSDV to approve the executive minutes of June 20, 2016 not to be released
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
4. Approval of the June 28, 2016 Regular Minutes
MSDV to approve the regular minutes of June 28, 2016
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
5. Approval of the July 18, 2016 Regular Minutes
Selectman Arcudi requested to passover approval of the July 18, 2016 minutes advising that he spoke with Administrator Sette earlier in the day and had requested changes.
Administrator Sette said he would edit as requested and resend for board comments prior to the next meeting.
MSDV to passover approving the regular minutes of July 18, 2016
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
6. Approval of the July 18, 2016 Executive Minutes
MSDV to approve the executive minutes of July 18, 2016 not to be released
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye

D. Appointments and Resignations

1. Chair Burns stated that he would be recusing himself from the discussion as Mrs. Ciaramicoli is related to him by marriage and he does not want any appearance of impropriety. Chair Burns requested another member take the chair for this discussion and vote. Selectman Wesley stated that he would handle the appointment and Selectman Arcudi concurred.

Selectman Wesley requested a motion to appoint Suzan Ciaramicoli as the Accounting Assistant effective August 8, 2016. Administrator Sette reviewed the hiring process for the position stating the position was advertised, several applicants were interviewed and Suzan was the applicant offered the position. Mrs. Ciaramicoli began working a week ago and is already doing a fantastic job in the accounting office.

MSDV to appoint Suzan Ciaramicoli as the Accounting Assistant effective August 8, 2016.
Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye; Chair Burns-Abstained

Selectman Wesley relinquished the Chair back to Selectman Burns and Chair Burns moved on to New Business.

E. New Business

1. Presentation from Chris Bullock, ClearGov.com regarding municipal finance website
Chair Burns turned the floor over to Chris Bullock who is an entrepreneur and the founder of ClearGov.com. Mr. Bullock explained that ClearGov.com provides taxpayers with a comprehensive breakdown of how their tax dollars are spent within the town as compared with other similar size communities. Mr. Bullock's presentation outlined the value of using this important tool not only for public information but the leadership team, which will allow them to delve further into data to make informed and data driven budgetary decisions. There is a flat rate annual fee of \$3,750, which is based on the town's state funded budget.

Selectman asked questions of Mr. Bullock. The board will seek input from other town departments and look at other financial websites to see what they offer. In addition, Selectman Arcudi volunteered to look into ClearGov.com and will report back to the board at the September 19 meeting. Chair Burns thanked Mr. Bullock for his presentation and stated the board will take this under advisement.

2. Signing of Warrant of 2016 State Primary to be held Thursday, September 8, 2016
MSDV to approve signing the September 8, 2016 State Primary Warrant
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
3. Cover Technologies - Update on S. Main Street Landfill Capping Project
Chair Burns recognized Ken Foley President of Cover Technologies who gave an update on the S. Main Street Landfill Capping Project. Mr. Foley reviewed the assessment of the site and showed a turf material that is being considered to cap the landfill stating the material will prevent silting on the site. Mr. Foley stated he is expecting the design to be completed within 60 days and an approval by the DEP by the end of the year. Cover Technology will then present the project plan to the Conservation Commission for their approval and expects to begin capping by the summer of 2018 and project completion sometime in 2020. Mr. Foley presented the board pictures of the Cranston Rhode Island Project which used a similar material. After remediation in the post closure phase, Mr. Foley provided suggested uses for the site including, recreational purposes, solar farm,

greenhouse, athletic field (although he advised that this is usually not a popular option for parents). The Board thanked Mr. Foley for his update and requested they be updated periodically.

4. Memorial School PTO use of Jr. Sr. High School Parking lot for a yard sale
Administrator Sette stated the PTO contacted him regarding use of the high school parking lot however; they did not submit any information and are not present. Mr. Sette recommended the board passover this agenda item to a later date.
MSDV to passover discussion on PTO use of Jr. Sr. High School Parking lot for a yard sale
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye
5. Hopedale Housing Authority Box Alarm Monitoring Fee
Chair Burns recognized Chief Daige who wanted to make the board aware that the Hopedale Housing Authority has not paid the box alarm monitoring fee. Board members asked questions including the process for other housing authorities and Chief Daige advised that it is common for towns to charge entities that are not town owned. Chief Daige said unlike other local businesses in a similar situation, he would send them a daily fine but he would not be in a position to fine them giving that elderly residents reside at this location. Following the discussion, the board agreed to have Chair Burns and Chief Daige attend the next Housing Authority meeting to see if they can resolve the issue.
6. Worcester County Selectmen's Association FY2017 Board Appointment

Administrator Sette stated that the Worcester County Selectmen Association Selectman is looking for a member of the Board to be appointed and attend their meeting. Selectman Arcudi volunteered to be the board's FY2017 Worcester County Selectmen's Association member.
MSDV to nominate Selectman Arcudi as the FY2017 Worcester County Selectmen's Association Board Representative
Chair Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye

F. Old Business

1. Mr. Lawson request to rezone West Street from Industrial to Residential
Chair Burns asked Mr. Lawson and any other residents wishing to be heard to come forward. Administrator Sette gave an overview of the process done by the Planning Board to rezone West Street as an Industrial district with an Adult Entertainment overlay district. Mr. Lawson said he is asking the board to place an article on future town meeting warrant to rezone West Street back to Residential. Board members asked if there is any other town that has done this and Mr. Lawson responded there is not a town that he knows of with in residential district with this type of overlay. Mr. Lawson further went on to say that no other town that has ever placed an Adult Entertainment Overlay District in an area that is primarily residential use. Mr. Lawson continued stating that he spoke with a Town Planner in another town and the Attorney General's Office and both provided him information on how to do this. The Selectmen's position is that even if the area was rezoned back to Residential the Adult Entertainment Overlay District would remain. Another resident responded that if West Street was switched back to Residential Use it would provide the residents with another layer of protection from having Adult Entertainment in this area. Administrator Sette stated the Planning Board already took the position 4-0 to not rezone this district back to Residential. It is up to the Board of Selectmen whether they want to vote to place an article on the Town Meeting Warrant. Board Members were in agreement that they support the Planning Board and were not in favor of placing an article on the Town Meeting Warrant. Board Members stated their position that the land is worth more as Commercial Use and if residents in this district want

to, they can present their position to Town Meeting by placing a petition article on the town meeting warrant, advising they only need 10 registered voter signatures. Mr. Lawson requested forms to get a petition article placed on the next Town Meeting Warrant. Administrator Sette stated he would provide the forms to Mr. Lawson.

MSDV to support the unanimous position of the Planning Board and deny the residents request to place an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to change the zoning of West Sreet from Industrial back to Residential

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

2. Posting a Meeting Notice, Creating and Approving Meeting Minutes, Entering into Executive Session

Administrator Sette advised that the next items were on a previous agenda as Informational and that Selectman Arcudi requested they be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

The board held a discussion deciding to adopt the items as Selectmen Policy. Administrator Sette will place the items on Selectmen letterhead and on the website. In addition he will hold a meeting with Department Heads and Board and Committee Chair to review these policies.

MSDV to adopt the Posting a Meeting Notice, Creating and Approving Meeting Minutes, Entering into Executive Session as Board of Selectmen Policies.

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

G. Public and Board Member Comments

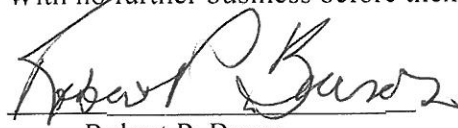
H. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

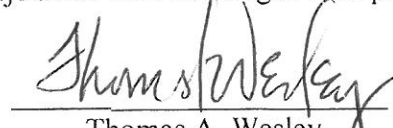
I. Requests for Future Agenda Items

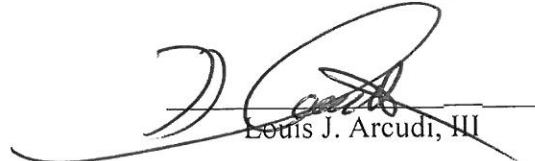
1. Historic Commission would like to attend the September 6 meeting.
2. Warrant Signing Process
3. Selectman Arcudi will provide a report on OpenGov at the September 19 meeting.

J. Administrator News

With no further business before them the board adjourned their meeting at 9:06 p.m.


Robert P. Burns


Thomas A. Wesley


Louis J. Arcudi, III

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* MSDV - Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

**RCV - Roll Call Vote