

Board of Selectmen Minutes 08/19/2013

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Chairman Burns convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper room of the Town Hall and moved into the agenda. Present: Chairman Robert Burns; Selectwoman Janet Orff Jacaruso; Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti; Town Coordinator Steven Sette; Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin, and Marcia Matthews, Videographer.

MSDV to approve the regular and executive session minutes of August 5, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Chairman Burns moved to correspondence on the agenda.
There was no discussion held.

Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Coordinator Sette expressed interest in being appointed to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee (CMRPC) as an alternate member. Three members are appointed as members from the town, with two being appointed by the Planning Board and the alternate being appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Sette will plan to attend the CMRPC quarterly meetings.

MSDV to approve the appointment of Coordinator Steven Sette as an alternate member of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

There were no resignations.

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.

The Hopedale Youth Baseball Association submitted a request for approval to hold a 5K road race fundraising event on October 26, 2013. The road race is to help raise funds to offset the costs of the 12-year old HYBA team's participation in the 2014 Cooperstown, NY American Youth Baseball Invitational Tournament.

MSDV to approve the Hopedale Youth Baseball Association 5K road race on October 26, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

The Hopedale Unitarian Parish submitted a request for approval of a one-day license for the sale of wine during a fund-raising event for SenseAbility Gym, a non-profit organization for handicapped children, to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

MSDV to approve the issuance of a one-day license for the sale of wine only to the Hopedale Unitarian Parish for a fund-raising event to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

Chairman Burns moved to old business on the agenda.

Ed Burt, Chairman of the Town Hall Renovation Committee reviewed the Committee's final report submitted to the Town Moderator and Board of Selectman. Mr. Burt said that following the Special Town Meeting, at which the vote did not authorize the Town Hall renovation plan, the committee met to close out their activities and discuss how the work that had been completed could be used to help address possible next steps.

Mr. Burt stated that all documents pertaining to the renovation have been stored within the committee's files and he believes a lot of good information was gathered, which could be put to good use in the future as something would still need to be done regarding the building. The information was organized into three categories: repairs, contingency plans, and space analysis.

The committee has closed out their \$300K budget after approving outstanding invoices, with expenses of just under \$148K. Mr. Burt said the committee came in under budget for two main reasons – 1) by the committee completing most of the prep work, keeping the Owners Project Manager and/or architect focused in their areas of expertise, and 2) not moving on to the next level of design details and associated expenses without obtaining approval at town meeting to proceed.

Mr. Burt expressed his gratitude and recognition to the members of the committee for all their time given to the project and stated that it was a pleasure to work for the town and should his help be needed in any way to let him know.

Coordinator Sette asked the Board if there was interest in forming a committee consisting of different members to determine other solutions that could be presented. Selectwoman Biagetti said she thought that was a good idea, as we need to be prepared with contingency plans before something happens. Coordinator Sette will place the matter on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

Chairman Burns moved to other topics not previously anticipated at the meeting.
There was no discussion held.

Chairman Burns moved to Coordinator news on the agenda.

The Law Office of Robert L. Allen, Jr., LLP is representing Crossroads Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a "Foxwoods", the applicant for a Category 1 gaming license with regard to the proposed Milford Casino. Attorney Allen stated in his letter to Coordinator Sette that Foxwoods is not designating any particular town as a surrounding community at this time. However, Foxwoods will sign an agreement with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, a Regional Planning Agency (RPA) to take the lead to facilitate discussions with any impacted community. The RPA has sub-contracted with the Central Massachusetts Planning Commission (CMRPC) to host working sessions with groups of potential surrounding communities. Coordinator Sette stated that a report was received from the CMRPC following their first

group meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled for August 22nd at the Hopedale Community House from 1:00-4:00p.m. The topic for this meeting will be a socioeconomic impact discussion.

Coordinator Sette expressed congratulations to Hopedale High School senior, Jake Baldi, on his par-4 hole-in-one at Hopedale Country Club on Wednesday. The Board of Selectmen extended their congratulations as well.

With no further business before them at 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso, seconded by Selectwoman Biagetti, and agreed to by Chairman Burns to adjourn the open meeting, and to enter into executive session, not to reconvene in regular session, under G.L. c.30A, §21(a) (3), to discuss collective bargaining, and contract negotiations with the Police Chief, because the Chair has declared that discussing this matter in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board of Selectmen; and I as Chairman so declare; not to reconvene but to adjourn directly upon conclusion of the closed discussion.

MSDV to enter into executive session, not to return to open session meeting, and not to reconvene. RCV**: Robert Burns, Chm. – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Robert P. Burns, Chairman

Janet Orff Jacaruso

Sandra Biagetti

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted **Roll Call Vote