

# Board of Selectmen Minutes 02/04/2013

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## Board of Selectmen Minutes February 4, 2013

Chairman Carroll convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the Draper room of the Town Hall and moved into the agenda. Present: Chairman James Carroll; Selectman Robert Burns; Selectwoman Janet Jacaruso; Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips; Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin, and Jeff Ellis, Videographer.

MSDV to approve the regular session minutes of January 22, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to correspondence on the agenda.

There was no discussion held.

Chairman Carroll moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Ovila "Skip" Dionne submitted his resignation from the Planning Board effective February 2, 2013. This is an elected position. The Board thanked Mr. Dionne for his efforts.

There we no appointments made.

Chairman Carroll moved to new business on the agenda.

Paula Stuart and Peter Sanborn of the Community Opportunities Group requested authorization by the Board for the filing of a joint application with the Town of Bellingham for a Community Development Block Grant, as previously discussed at the community development strategy hearing held at the Board's meeting of January 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Selectmen in the Town of Bellingham voted to approve the request for the grant and officially invited the Town of Hopedale to join with them in applying for the grant. The application must be filed by February 15, 2013. The Board thanked the Town of Bellingham.

MSDV to approve the joint application authorization form for the Federal FY 2013 Community Development Block Grant with the Town of Bellingham. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Fire Chief Thomas Daige submitted a letter to the Board requesting the approval of a Civil Service Request for Transfer for Firefighter Teddy Wagner of the Hopedale Fire Department who will be transferring to the Framingham Fire Department effective February 25, 2013.

MSDV to approve the Civil Service Transfer Request for Firefighter Teddy Wagner to transfer employment from the Hopedale Fire Department to the Framingham Fire Department, effective February 25, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Coordinator Phillips informed the Board that the owner of the Grafton and Upton Railroad, Jon Delli Priscoli, has conceded to selling a portion of the land abutting the Highway Department. The cost for the purchase is estimated to be approximately \$150K, which will be taken from money put aside 7 years ago. The acquisition would allow room for the parking of Highway equipment, an area for the salt shed, and possibly additional parking for the Town Hall. Coordinator Phillips said the matter will be brought before the Special Town Meeting scheduled for next evening, February 5, 2013.

Chairman Carroll moved to old business on the agenda.

Coordinator Phillips reviewed the motions for the February 5<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting warrant articles with the Board.

Chairman Carroll moved to other topics not previously anticipated at the meeting.

Selectwoman Jacaruso said the office of the Town Clerk received information from the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office regarding the elections to replace Senator John Kerry who was recently appointed Secretary of State. The special primary will be held on April 30, 2013 and the special election will be held on June 25, 2013. As a result, the Massachusetts House and Senate passed legislation to allow municipalities to change their local election date, if it has been scheduled to occur within 30 days of either the primary or election. Ms. Jacaruso suggested combining the April 30<sup>th</sup> primary with the currently scheduled town election on May 14<sup>th</sup>, as the town could save money by holding elections twice rather than three times within a 2-month period, and asked whether the Board would authorize combining both the state primary and local election on April 30, 2013.

MSDV to approve combining the Special State Primary and the Town Election on April 30, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to Coordinator News on the agenda.

Coordinator Phillips reminded all that the Special Town Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening, February 5, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hopedale Jr./Sr. High School and commented that there are serious articles to be deliberated.

With no further business before them at 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Selectman Burns, seconded by Selectwoman Jacaruso and agreed to by Chairman Carroll 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) & (6), to discuss negotiations with the Permanent Firefighters Union, 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\*\*: James Carroll, Chm. – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

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James F. Carroll, Chairman

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Robert P. Burns

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Janet Orff Jacaruso

**Hopedale Board of Selectmen**

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