

Board of Selectmen Minutes 02/19/2013

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Chairman Carroll convened the meeting at 7:00 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 and executive session minutes of February 4, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to correspondence on the agenda.

Chairman Carroll commented on receiving the annual Auditors Management Letter and asked Coordinator Phillips to be sure the department heads follow through on any recommendations.

Chairman Carroll moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Police Officer Stephen Daigle submitted his resignation effective March 6, 2013. He will be joining the Bellingham Police Department, which is his hometown. The Board thanked Mr. Daigle for his efforts on behalf of the Town of Hopedale.

Police Chief Mark Giovanela submitted a request for approval to appoint Dean Parlon as a full-time Police Officer effective March 7, 2013. Mr. Parlon is a graduate of the 29th M.P.O.C. from the MBTA Transit Police Academy.

MSDV to approve the appointment of Dean Parlon as a full-time Police Officer for the Hopedale Police Department effective March 7, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Police Chief Mark Giovanela submitted a request for approval to appoint Tyler Dow as a part-time Police Officer for the Town of Hopedale. Mr. Dow is a recent graduate of the Reserve Academy and has worked as a part-time Police Officer in Provincetown. Mr. Tyler holds a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice.

MSDV to approve the appointment of Tyler Dow as a part-time Police Officer for the Hopedale Police Department. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Fire Chief Thomas Daige submitted a request for approval to appoint Brian Kelley as a full-time Firefighter/EMT effective February 25, 2013. Mr. Kelley is currently working as a Paramedic for a Worcester ambulance company and has worked for the past two years as a member of the Hopedale Call Firefighter Department. He previously worked for five years as a Call Firefighter for the Sherborn Fire Department.

MSDV to approve the appointment of Brian Kelley as a full-time Firefighter/EMT for the Hopedale Fire Department effective February 25, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to new business on the agenda.

There was no discussion held.

Chairman Carroll moved to old business on the agenda.

A continuing discussion took place regarding the moisture issue at the Little Red Shop Museum. Coordinator Phillips and Tom McGovern of the Historical Commission discussed the proposal received for the repairs from Gale Associates. Coordinator Phillips contacted Gale Associates and was informed they had made a mistake on the original estimate of \$7,200 in the proposal submitted to the Town and agreed to reduce the cost to \$5K. The Friends of Historical Hopedale have agreed to donate \$4K towards the cost of the study, with the Town paying the balance of \$1K. Coordinator Phillips said he will speak with Karla Hopkins, Chair of the Finance Committee regarding the funds for the study. It was agreed to wait until the report is received from Gale Associates before further action.

Josh Otlin, Chair of the Historical Commission continued a discussion on the interpretive signs for the town green by the Community House. Mr. Otlin said he contacted the Department of Parks Service for a sample of an agreement. Coordinator Phillips commented that the information has been forwarded to Town Counsel for review. Bids will be obtained for different style signs and it is hoped further information can be provided to the Board for review within the next few weeks.

Coordinator Phillips discussed a recap of the Special Town Meeting held February 5, 2013.

With regard to Article 5 pertaining to extending the Park Commissioners contract with Hull Forest Products, Mr. Phillips said he spoke with Town Counsel in reference to their opinion as to whether the contract would be declared null and void, or be extended. Town Counsel's opinion is to not extend the contract for another year and as such, the contract is null and void. Chairman Carroll said it is now a matter for the Parks Department to make the decision as to whether it wishes to move forward.

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

There was no discussion held.

Chairman Carroll moved to Coordinator News on the agenda.

Coordinator Phillips discussed the recent blizzard, known as snow storm "Nemo" and stated there were no power outages experienced within town. Governor Patrick had mandated that no non-essential travel take place on the roads, and it's believed this proved to be a major benefit. The Town of Hopedale received compliments on the clearing of the roads in town.

The Town Hall and Police Station cleaning contracts have expired, and the School Department's cleaning contract will be expiring.

Coordinator Phillips stated that all will be combined into one bid for a new request for proposal (RFP).

Chairman Carroll said he would like an update from the Town Coordinator Search Committee and inquired as to who is the Chair of the committee. Selectmen Burns responded that Mike Collins is the Chair. Committee member, Patricia Goodwin, gave a brief update and said résumés are being accepted up until March 1st, after which time a determination will be made as to the best candidates to move forward with for the initial interviewing process.

With no further business before them at 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso, seconded by Selectman Burns and agreed to by Chairman Carroll to adjourn the open meeting not to reconvene but to adjourn directly upon conclusion of the open discussion.

MSDV close the open session meeting, and not to reconvene. RCV**: James Carroll, Chm. – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

James F. Carroll, Chairman

Robert P. Burns

Janet Orff Jacaruso

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