

Board of Selectmen Minutes 03/18/2013

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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, and Jeff Ellis, Videographer. Absent: Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin.

MSDV to approve the regular and executive session minutes of March 4, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to correspondence on the agenda.

Chairman Carroll acknowledged the receipt of an invitation, via e-mail, from the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association to attend a meeting on April 3, 2013. A presentation is to be made by the Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, and as this is budget season, Chairman Carroll said he plans to attend.

Chairman Carroll moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

There were no resignations or appointments.

Chairman Carroll moved to new business on the agenda.

Coordinator Phillips asked that the Board open the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 21, 2013, as the town bylaws stipulate that the Annual Town Meeting be held on the third Tuesday of May. The warrant will be closed at the meeting of the Board on April 16th.

Selectwoman Jacaruso asked Coordinator Phillips to send a notice to the Department Heads, Boards and Commissions with the date of the meeting. Coordinator Phillips commented that the warrant articles will be reviewed during the Board meeting of April 16th, which will allow time for approval by May 1st and posting of the warrant articles on May 2nd.

MSDV to open the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 21, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Selectwoman Jacaruso presented Coordinator Phillips with a certified copy of the last warrant articles from the Special Town Meeting of February 15 2013.

The Board was asked to approve the warrant for the Annual Town Election and Special State Primary on April 30, 2013. At the February 4, 2013 meeting of the Board, the Selectmen voted to approve combining the Special State Primary and the Town Election on April 30, 2013. The Town Clerk reported that there are twelve positions on the Town Election ballot and every position has at least one person running.

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

The Hopedale Youth Baseball Association requested approval of their Annual Parade Permit for Saturday, April 27, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. with a rain date of Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. The Police and Fire Chiefs have given their approval.

MSDV to approve the Hopedale Youth Baseball Association Annual Parade Permit as presented. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Coordinator Phillips commented that a request for a bond bid went out last week for the first \$150K that was authorized for the architectural and designer fees for the Town Hall renovation and there were three bidders. The low bidder was Eastern Bank at .06%, which is a ban for one year. The proceeds will be issued on March 27, 2013 and due March 27, 2014.

MSDV to approve the bond sale as discussed. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Robert Casali of the Council on Aging addressed the Board with regard to a Senior Center Study Committee that has been formed to evaluate the services provided to seniors by the Council. Among the areas of concern is the need for a private/confidential meeting space, additional accessible handicap space and a needs assessment survey to be completed by stakeholders. Mr. Casali commented that it is his understanding that a member of the Board of Selectmen and a member of the Finance Committee have agreed to join the committee, as well as two individuals from the community. He asked that other individuals who may be interested contact the Council on Aging at 508-634-2208.

Chairman Carroll asked what the biggest issue of concern is. Mr. Casali stated that this was most likely the lack of privacy. As a SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Counselor, a volunteer who is trained and certified by the Executive Officer of Elder Affairs, Mr. Casali said that some seniors have cited the lack of privacy as a concern and have gone to the Town of Milford rather than Hopedale for assistance. Selectman Burns said he was made aware that the women's lounge at the Community House has been offered for use. Mr. Casali said there are two deficiencies – the lack of a telephone and a computer and printer to use. According to the 2010 Census, the Town of Hopedale has a total population of 5,911 and of that total 1,120 individuals are over the age of 60, which represents 19% of the town's residents.

Carole Mullen, Council on Aging Director, said there is a need to have a fresh approach with people from the community to look at the entire scope of the project.

At 7:22 p.m. motion was made to open the Public Hearing regarding the Hopedale Country Club application for an entertainment license.

MSDV to open the public hearing regarding the Hopedale Country Club's application for an entertainment license. Chairman Carroll –

Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Coordinator Phillips introduced Mr. Tim Mooradian, Vice President of the Hopedale Country Club who said the Country Club is applying for an Entertainment License this year to provide live music by a 3 or 4-piece band inside the facility on Friday and Saturday evenings between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The Board asked that the Fire Department inspect the fire sprinkler system, which is a new system.

MSDV to approve the Entertainment License for the Hopedale Country Club through December 31, 2013 to allow live music inside the Country Club on Friday and Saturday evenings between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

On a motion at 7:26 p.m. the Public Hearing for the Hopedale Country Club’s application for an entertainment license was closed.

MSDV to close the public hearing regarding the Hopedale Country Club’s application for an entertainment license. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to old business on the agenda.

No discussion was held.

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

No discussion was held.

Chairman Carroll moved to Coordinator News on the agenda.

No discussion was held.

With no further business before them at 7:28 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso, seconded by Selectman Burns 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), to discuss negotiations with the Permanent Firefighters Union, and potential litigation against the town 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.

James F. Carroll, Chairman

Robert P. Burns

Janet Orff Jacaruso

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