

Board of Selectmen Minutes 04/16/2013

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Chairman Carroll convened the meeting at 7:01 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.

Chairman Carroll stated that the Board's thoughts and prayers are extended to those individuals that were injured and the families of the individuals that lost their lives due to the bombing at yesterday's Boston Marathon.

MSDV to approve the executive session minutes of March 4, and March 18, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

MSDV to approve the regular and executive session minutes of April 1, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

MSDV to approve the regular session minutes of April 9, 2013. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Coordinator Phillips presented for signatures of the Board the purchase and sale agreement between the town and the Grafton & Upton Railroad for the land purchase located off of Depot Street, as approved at the Special Town Meeting of February 5, 2013. The parcel of land consists of approximately 50,000 square feet and will be used for Highway Department expansion.

Coordinator Phillips stated that a title search is in process, which should be completed within the next two to three weeks, after which a deed will be drawn up to transfer the land to the town.

MSDV to accept the purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of land located off Depot Street as discussed. 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.
There were no appointments or resignations.

Chairman Carroll moved to new business on the agenda.

MSDV to recess the open session for a few minutes for the printing of the May 21, 2013 Annual Town Meeting warrant to be reviewed by the Board. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

MSDV to re-convene the open session following a brief recess. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Coordinator Phillips reviewed the warrant articles and motions for the Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 2013 with the Board and will present the warrant for the signatures of the Board members at their regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 6, 2013.

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

Resident Judy Belben asked why the Board did not acknowledge correspondence she has sent to the Board regarding the Parklands. Chairman Carroll responded that the Parklands are under the jurisdiction of the Parks Commission.

The Hopedale Country Club submitted an Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Change of Manager form for approval by the Board. The new manager will be John McCarthy, who currently owns two restaurants.

MSDV to approve the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Change of Manager form for the Hopedale Country Club. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Mr. Arthur Pigeon of A&S Detailing & Auto Sales submitted an application for a Class II used car dealer's license for approval. Mr. Pigeon addressed the Board regarding his application. He will be leasing space from Milford Tire Products at 244"C" South Main Street and said he operated his previous detailing and used car business for over 20 years at West Street in Milford. Mr. Pigeon further stated that he will not require space for more than 10 cars on the lot. With no objections expressed by the audience, a motion was made by Selectman Burns and seconded by Selectwoman Jacaruso to approve the license.

MSDV to approve the issuance of a Class II used car dealer's license for A&S Detailing & Auto Sales at 244"C" South Main Street, Hopedale. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Verizon New England, Inc, and Massachusetts Electric Company (NGRID) submitted a petition for a joint pole relocation requesting permission to relocate pole #49 on Plain Street approximately 31' south of the current location and proposed driveway.

MSDV to approve the request to relocate pole #49 on Plain Street as shown on the petition. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Dudley sent a letter to the Board to ask that the Town of Hopedale support their filed legislation requesting an amendment to the M.G.L. Chapter 70 financial mandates with regard to the "catch-up" provision. The law requires cities and towns to increase spending at a level that outpaces the ability for local government to raise taxes and revenue to meet the mandate. The Town of Dudley is asking communities to contact their state legislators to ask that they sponsor the proposed bill. Chairman Carroll said he questions the formula used by the State.

MSDV to support the Town of Dudley in their request for a review of the M.G.L. Chapter 70 "catch-up" provision with regard to a municipality's minimum required local contribution. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Carroll moved to old business on the agenda.

The Board continued a discussion regarding Selectman Burns re-zoning proposal that would re-zone portions of land located in the Town of Hopedale along Rte. 140, Hartford Ave, and Rte. 16 from the Hopedale Medical Building to the Mendon town line. Selectwoman Jacaruso commented that the Planning Board would have to take a look at the proposal and hold a public hearing, and as a selectperson she does not have sufficient knowledge that the proposed change would work. Ms. Jacaruso stated that although an increase in the commercial tax base is an excellent start the Planning Board would have to look into this matter prior to going before a town meeting. Chairman Carroll commended Selectman Burns on looking into the possibility of re-zoning, however he felt a potential drawback would be increased traffic on Rte. 16. Chairman Carroll stated that the matter is not up to the Board, but would encourage the Planning Board to review the matter.

MSDV to pass Selectman Burns re-zoning proposal on to the Planning Board for further review. Chairman Carroll – Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

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

Resident Judy Belben asked to address the Board regarding the Parklands and stated she would like an opportunity to be heard as a matter of diplomacy. Ms. Belben commented that the Attorney General's office told her she should be able to be heard. Selectwoman Jacaruso said the Parks Commission is an elected board and as such the Board of Selectmen has no power over the Parks Commission. Chairman Carroll said the Board has no jurisdiction over the Parks Commission, and Ms. Belben would need to speak with them.

Chairman Carroll moved to Coordinator News on the agenda.
There was no discussion held.

With no further business before them at 8:00 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, 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

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

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