

Board of Selectmen Minutes 05/22/2013

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A motion was made by Selectwoman Biagetti and seconded by Selectwoman Jacaruso to nominate Selectwoman Jacaruso as temporary Chair of the Board of Selectmen in the absence of Chairman Burns.

MSDV to vote Janet Orff Jacaruso as temporary Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen. Sandra Biagetti – Aye, and Janet Orff Jacaruso – Aye.

Acting Chairperson Jacaruso convened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. in the Draper room of the Town Hall and moved into the agenda.

Present: Janet Orff Jacaruso; Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti; Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips, Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin, and Jeff Ellis, Videographer. Absent: Chairman Robert Burns.

Previous meeting minutes of April 16, 2013 were held for approval at the June 3rd meeting, due to the absence of Chairman Burns.

Acting Chairperson Jacaruso moved to correspondence on the agenda.
There was no discussion held.

Acting Chairperson Jacaruso moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer Michael Tusino submitted a request for approval of the appointment of Robert Speroni as the new Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Hopedale. The request for Mr. Speroni's appointment was postponed for discussion upon the return of Chairman Burns.

There were no resignations.

Acting Chairperson Jacaruso moved to new business on the agenda.

Coordinator Phillips reviewed the warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting of June 18, 2013 with the Board and will present the warrant for the signatures of the Board members at their regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 3, 2013.

MSDV to close the warrant for the Special Town Meeting of June 18, 2013. Acting Chairperson Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Acting Chairperson and Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso asked the Board to approve the warrant for the Special State Election of June 25, 2013, which will be an election to fill the senate seat of former Senator John Kerry. The candidates for Senator are Gabriel Gomez of the Republican Party; Edward Markey of the Democratic Party, and Richard Heos of the Twelve Visions Party.

MSDV to approve the warrant for the Special State Election of June 25, 2013. Acting Chairperson Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Acting Chairperson Jacaruso moved to old business on the agenda.

The Board continued a discussion on the non-union non-contract personnel petition which was voted on at the Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 2013. The vote taken was not to voluntarily recognize the new union. Coordinator Phillips commented that Town Counsel, Kopelman and Paige Attorney Joseph Fair, has contacted Mr. Tim Mahoney of the Laborers Council and its business representative Paul Coffey to request an official list of positions the union wishes to represent. Coordinator Phillips said he will contact Attorney Joseph Fair to inform him of the vote by the Board not to voluntarily recognize the new union. Ms. Jacaruso stated that the Board needs to answer the letter that was received from the non-union, non-contract personnel two months prior, informing them of the Board's decision not to voluntarily recognize the union and asked Coordinator Phillips to write the letter. By doing so these employees could then decide whether to move forward with unionizing and Mr. Phillips commented that a 50% majority vote would be needed to unionize.

A public hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. regarding the request by Jonsin LLC d/b/a Grape Expectations for a transfer of their liquor license to Kabir Corporation, d/b/a Grape Expectations. No objections were entered by those in attendance with regard to the transfer of the license.

MSDV to approve the transfer of the retail package goods store, all alcoholic beverage license from Jonsin LLC d/b/a Grape Expectations to Kabir Corporation d/b/a Grape Expectations. Acting Chairperson Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Acting Chairperson Jacaruso moved to other topics not previously anticipated at the meeting.
There was no discussion held.

Acting Chairperson Jacaruso moved to Coordinator News on the agenda.

Coordinator Phillips said that he is in receipt of a letter from Bolton & DiMartino, Inc. (BDI), Consulting and Structural Engineers in reference to the structural condition of the existing town hall fire escape, which stated that the fire escape cannot safely support the Massachusetts State Building Code loads and should be replaced or removed. Mr. Phillips commented that two employees work on the second floor and should be moved down to the first floor until the town hall is renovated. Selectwoman Jacaruso commented that the first concern is for the safety of the employees and the Board would be negligent in not doing this. Logistics of the impending move were discussed.

The start date for the new Town Coordinator, Steven Sette, is June 3, 2013. Coordinator Phillips said that as he has a significant amount of vacation time left, he plans to work through June 14th with Mr. Sette and to take the remainder of the month off; however, he will be available through the end of the month.

Coordinator Phillips suggested the regularly scheduled Board meeting of June 3rd at 7PM be rescheduled to an earlier hour, due to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission meeting scheduled that evening in Milford.

The townspeople were reminded that the annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2013, which will begin at 8:30a.m., and depart from the Jr./Sr. High School.

With no further business before them at 12:35 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Biagetti, seconded and agreed to by Acting Chairperson Jacaruso 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: Janet Jacaruso, Acting Chm. – 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