

# Board of Selectmen Minutes 06/03/2013

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## Board of Selectmen Minutes June 3, 2013

Chairman Burns convened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. in the Draper room of the Town Hall and moved into the agenda. Present: Chairman Robert Burns; Selectwoman Janet Orff Jacaruso; Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti; Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips; Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin, and Jeff Ellis, Videographer.

MSDV to approve the regular session minutes of April 16, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

MSDV to approve the regular session minutes of May 6, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Selectwoman Jacaruso stated that the Board of Selectmen meeting was being held at noon today, as the members of the Board and the Town Coordinator would be attending the Massachusetts Gaming Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Milford.

Chairman Burns moved to correspondence on the agenda.  
There was no discussion held.

Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.  
Police Officer Dean Parlon submitted his letter of resignation from the Town of Hopedale effective May 19, 2013.  
MSDV to accept the resignation of Hopedale Police Officer Dean Parlon. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Susan Pagnini submitted a letter of resignation from the Hopedale Cultural Council effective June 1, 2013.  
MSDV to accept the resignation of Susan Pagnini from the Hopedale Cultural Council. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer Michael Tusino submitted a request for the approval of the appointment of Robert Speroni as the new Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Selectwoman Biagetti said she reviewed Mr. Speroni's résumé and completed reference checks and feels comfortable in approving his appointment.  
MSDV to approve the appointment of Robert Speroni as Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Police Chief Mark Giovannella submitted a letter of recommendation for the appointment of Craig Landry as a full-time Police Officer for the Town of Hopedale. Mr. Landry successfully completed the Basic Course of Training for full-time Police Officers, is a graduate of the M.P.O.C. in the Town of Reading, and holds a B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice from Worcester State University. Upon completion of the Police Academy, he was accepted into the Hopedale Police Department Reserve Officer Field Training Program.  
MSDV to approve the appointment of Craig Landry as a full-time Police Officer for the Town of Hopedale. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Fire Chief Thomas Daige submitted a letter to request the appointment of Joseph Rebello as Firefighter/EMT with the Hopedale Fire Department, contingent upon his successful completion of the State Physical Agility Test as well as the Massachusetts Firefighter Academy. Chief Daige stated that Mr. Rebello has an extensive Emergency Medical Services background, including working as a Lieutenant with the City of New Bedford EMS department and is a 17 year veteran of the U.S. Army.  
MSDV to approve the appointment of Joseph Rebello as Firefighter/EMT with the Hopedale Fire Department. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Coordinator Phillips introduced and welcomed new Town Coordinator Steven Sette, who began working for the Town today, to everyone.

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.  
Coordinator Phillips reviewed the warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting of June 18, 2013 and presented the warrant to the Board for their signatures. The warrant will be posted tomorrow and Selectwoman Jacaruso asked Coordinator Phillips to send an e-mail to the Department Heads as a reminder.  
MSDV to approve the warrant for the Special Town Meeting of June 18, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

The Tri-Valley Frontrunners submitted a request to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Larry Olsen Summer Classic 10K Race to support the Larry Olsen Scholarship Fund as part of the Hopedale High School Alumni and High School Cross Country Teams. The race is to be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013, commencing at 9:00a.m.

MSDV to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Larry Olsen Summer Classic 10K Race as discussed. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Chairman Burns moved to old business on the agenda.

Coordinator Phillips commented that, with the help of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and Attorney Jonathan Silverstein of Kopelman and Paige, a letter has been drafted to FCX Massachusetts LLC with regard to recognizing and acknowledging the Town of Hopedale as a surrounding community for the proposed development of a gaming facility in the Town of Milford. The letter will be mailed via certified mail.

The Grafton & Upton Railroad land transaction is scheduled for closing on June 14, 2013. Coordinator Phillips stated that the right of way to be granted to the town needs to be finalized on the maps before the closing. Selectwoman Jacaruso expressed concern regarding the right of way on Depot Street and asked how large it is. Mr. Phillips said it is up to the Board to define the width. Chairman Burns stated that the size of a right of way is typically 20' and should be shown on the map by a dotted or broken line. Chairman Burns stated that the right of way needs to be defined on the plan.

Coordinator Phillips commented that at the last meeting of the Board, Chairman Burns asked that the Accounting Department be moved from the second floor down to the first floor, due to the fire escape issues. Space will have to be made to accommodate the two employees in an already crowded first floor.

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

Chairman Burns acknowledged a letter addressed to Selectwoman Biagetti from the Mendon Board of Selectmen congratulating her on her election to the Hopedale Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Burns also commented on the receipt of a press release from the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association acknowledging Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso's prestigious CMMC designation (Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk). Currently only 113 of the state's 301 town clerks hold this designation.

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

Selectwoman Biagetti commented that following the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board, at which she had suggested the development of a new daily mileage log form, there seemed to be some confusion about the inception of the new form. As clarification, Ms. Biagetti suggested that the new mileage log be instituted on July 1<sup>st</sup>, to allow time for the department heads to become informed.

Selectwoman Jacaruso said she did not realize that tonight's Board meeting would be the last Board of Selectmen meeting that Coordinator Phillips would be attending before his retirement. Ms. Jacaruso commented that Coordinator Phillips has given decades of service to the town in various roles, and that when she came aboard in 2004 as Town Clerk she could not have done her job without his guidance. Chairman Burns commented that working with Coordinator Phillips was rewarding and believes the town is better off because of his efforts.

With no further business before them at 12:45 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso, seconded by Selectwoman Biagetti, and agreed to by Chairman Burns 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 proposed Department Heads 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\*\*: Robert Burns, Chm. – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

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Robert P. Burns, Chairman

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Janet Orff Jacaruso

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Sandra Biagetti

**Hopedale Board of Selectmen**

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