

# Board of Selectmen Minutes 06/17/2013

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## Board of Selectmen Minutes June 17, 2013

Chairman Burns convened the meeting at 7:00 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 Steven Sette; Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin, and Jeff Ellis, Videographer.

MSDV to approve the regular session minutes of May 22, 2013. Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye. Chairman Burns abstained.

MSDV to approve the regular session minutes of June 3, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Chairman Burns stated that the Town Coordinator contract has been reviewed and signed by Steven Sette and requested a motion to accept the contract as signed. A motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso and seconded by Selectwoman Biagetti. Coordinator Sette thanked the Board for their confidence.

MSDV to approve the Town Coordinator contract for Steven Sette as reviewed and signed. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

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

Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Susan Curran submitted her letter of resignation from the Hopedale Cultural Council. The Board thanked Ms. Curran for her contributions to the Cultural Council and reluctantly accepted her resignation.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Susan Curran from the Hopedale Cultural Council. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.

Fire Chief Tom Daige requested the approval of two Cooperative Agreements, which would allow the Fire Department to enter into an agreement with the Department of Defense Firefighting Program and the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry, which would allow the Fire Department to purchase excess federal surplus equipment.

MSDV to authorize the Fire Chief Tom Daige of the Hopedale Fire Department to enter into the agreements as so discussed. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

The Memorial School's Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.E.) submitted a request to hold their Annual 1-mile Fun Run and 5K Trail Race on Saturday, September 7, 2013. The Police and Fire Chief have granted approval to hold the annual event, and will work with P.A.C.E with the cooperation of their respective departments.

MSDV to approve the request by the Memorial School's Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.E.) to hold the Annual 1-mile Fun Run and 5K Trail Race on Saturday, September 7, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Coordinator Sette commented that a question had been posed with regard to multiple positions being held within municipal government. Town Counsel sent information to Mr. Sette stating that in towns with less than 10,000 residents the Board of Selectmen are automatically designated as special municipal employees (M.G.L. c. 268A, §1 (n)); the exemption provided by M.G.L. c. 268A §20 (d) will apply to the new special municipal employee status of the newly elected Selectperson if a statement is filed with the Town Clerk making full disclosure of interest in the contract to continue to serve as a compensated, appointed member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and with approval of the Board of Selectmen. Town Counsel also advised that with respect to the municipal employee serving as a member of the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen may move to designate School Committee members as special municipal employees and suggested filing a statement of full disclosure of interest in the contract with the Town Clerk.

Coordinator Sette asked that two motions be made with regard to Selectwoman Biagetti being a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and a member of the School Committee, and asked that full disclosure forms be filed with the Town Clerk. It was also suggested that Chairman Burns file a full disclosure form with the Town Clerk with regard to his membership on the Water and Sewer Commission.

MSDV to approve the exemption from M.G.L. c. 268A, §20 of the financial interest of Selectwoman Biagetti in her contract with the Town to serve as a compensated, appointed member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye. Selectwoman Biagetti recused herself.

MSDV to designate members of the School Committee as Special Municipal Employees pursuant to M.G.L. c. 268A, §1(n). Chairman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye. Selectwoman Biagetti recused herself.

Chairman Burns moved to old business on the agenda.

Coordinator Sette said two meetings have been held with the state Gaming Commission regarding the proposed development of a gaming facility in the Town of Milford. In the interim a letter was mailed from the Town Coordinator's office to FCX Massachusetts LLC with regard to recognizing and acknowledging the Town of Hopedale as a surrounding community, and as a result, he has heard back that the town is in a good position to be recognized as a surrounding community. Mr. Sette commented that he plans to contact other communities to discuss the impact of a gaming facility within their towns.

The current list of committee vacancies was read. Chairman Burns commented that there are quite a few vacancies, including the very important Finance and Capital Planning committees, and asked that if anyone had an interest in joining one of the committees to please contact the Town Coordinator's Office. He also suggested that the need for a Cemetery Committee be researched as to why it was formed in the past, as the cemetery falls under the jurisdiction of the Town Coordinator and the committee may not be needed.

Chairman Burns said he is in receipt of a copy of a request from an individual expressing interest in becoming a member of the Planning Board, which was forwarded to the Planning Board to ask if there was interest in holding a joint meeting of the Boards regarding the appointment of the individual.

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

Selectwoman and Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso encouraged town residents to attend the Special Town Meeting the following evening, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at which time the proposed town hall renovation would be discussed, and encouraged everyone to attend and voice their opinion.

Selectwoman Jacaruso thanked Pat Goodwin for the wonderful job she did organizing former Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips retirement party.

A reminder was made to all of the upcoming Special State Election scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2013 to fill the seat held by former State Senator John Kerry. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Draper Gymnasium on Dutcher Street.

With no further business before them at 7:20 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 ongoing negotiations with the Grafton & Upton Railroad, 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