

Board of Selectmen Minutes 07/15/2013

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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 Sandra Biagetti; Town Coordinator Steven Sette; Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin, and Jeff Ellis, Videographer. Absent: Selectwoman Janet Orff Jacaruso.

MSDV to pass over approval of the regular session minutes of July 1, 2013 until Selectwoman Jacaruso is in attendance. Chairman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

Chairman Burns moved to correspondence on the agenda.

Chairman Burns commented on the receipt of a letter from the MetroWest Anti-Casino Coalition, consisting of the towns of Hopkinton, Ashland, Holliston and Medway, inviting the town to join the Coalition by signing an inter-municipal agreement in opposition to the proposed Milford Casino. Chairman Burns said he was not prepared at this time to enter into an agreement with the Coalition and suggested further discussion be held upon the return of Selectwoman Jacaruso. Coordinator Sette said the host community of Milford, is the only community that can accept or reject the casino.

Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Nancilee Fuller of the Council on Aging and Nick Alexander, Sr. of the Zoning Board of Appeals each returned the fiscal year annual re-appointment questionnaire expressing interest in being re-appointed for a 3-year term to their respective committees.

MSDV to accept the re-appointments for FY'14 of Nancilee Fuller of the Council on Aging for a 3-year term, and Nick Alexander, Sr. of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. Chairman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

There were no resignations.

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.

An announcement and invitation was received by the Board with regard to an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony to be held July 21, 2013 in honor of Samuel James Hockenbury of Boy Scout Troop 1. A proclamation of congratulations honoring Stephen on his achievement was read by Selectwoman Biagetti and signed by the Board.

Braking Aids™ Ride submitted a letter requesting permission to travel through Hopedale on Friday, September 27, 2013, during a 3-day bicycle ride to benefit Housing Works, a major Aids service organization. Coordinator Sette said he spoke with Police Chief Mark Giovannella who expressed no concern with the benefit ride.

MSDV to grant permission to Braking Aids™ Ride to travel through Hopedale as so discussed. Chairman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

The Friends of Historic Hopedale have requested approval from the town to hold their 5th annual Oktoberfest festival on Saturday, October 5, 2013, with a rain date of October 6, 2013. Coordinator Sette commented that various meetings have been held regarding the logistics for the event. As in the past they will be seeking approval of a special 1-day beer and wine liquor license by the Board. Mr. Sette commented that approval and issuance of the license will not be granted until the required liquor liability insurance is in place.

MSDV to grant permission to hold the 5th annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5, 2013, with a rain date of October 6, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye, and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti – Aye.

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

There was no discussion held.

Chairman Burns moved to Coordinator news.

Coordinator Sette said that a meeting was held at the Milford High School last Wednesday evening regarding the proposed Milford Casino. Mr. Sette further commented that a traffic study will need to be conducted as there are concerns regarding increased traffic on Rte. 16, as well as side roads, and additional concerns regarding water usage. Chairman Burns commented that he believed the original location for the casino had been changed. Selectwoman Biagetti responded that the Army Corps of Engineers stated that the original Fortune Blvd. location would not be allowed due to vernal pools and therefore the placement of the casino would be closer to the Holliston line.

Coordinator Sette stated that \$15K had been appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting held May 21, 2013 to fund the cost of a personnel classification and compensation study, which was last conducted in 1999 and 2004. Mr. Sette further commented that he contacted the consultant who previously completed the study with regard to conducting a similar evaluation. Town Department Heads have been asked to review and update current job descriptions, which Mr. Sette will compile for evaluation by the consultant.

Coordinator Sette commented that the Grafton & Upton Railroad Rte. 16 crossing work was to begin today, however, the date has been changed to Wednesday, July 17th, with work commencing between the hours of 7:00 pm. To 7:00 a.m. Mr. Sette said two articles were published in the Milford Daily News to inform people and the Hopedale Police Department has placed the electronic message board on Rte.

16 at the Milford/Hopedale town line to alert travelers. It was suggested that travelers seek alternate routes on Wednesday.

With no further business before them at 7:22 p.m. a motion was made by Selectwoman Biagetti, and agreed to by Chairman Burns to adjourn the open meeting; not to enter into executive session; not to reconvene.

MSDV adjourn the open meeting; not to enter into executive session, and not to reconvene. RCV**: Robert Burns, Chm. – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Robert P. Burns, Chairman

Janet Orff Jacaruso

Sandra Biagetti

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