

Board of Selectmen Minutes 08/05/2013

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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 Janet Orff Jacaruso; Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti; Town Coordinator Steven Sette; Executive Assistant Patricia Goodwin, and Jeff Ellis and Marcia Matthews, Videographers.

MSDV to approve the regular session minutes of July 1, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

MSDV to approve the regular session minutes of July 15, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye. Selectwoman Jacaruso abstained.

Chairman Burns moved to correspondence on the agenda.

Chairman Burns commented on the receipt of a letter from Town Counsel, Joyce Frank, announcing her withdrawal of practice from Kopelman and Paige, P.C. Chairman Burns further commented that after many years of Attorney Frank's representation on behalf of the town he was reluctant to see her leave, stating that she was fantastic and a joy to work with.

Chairman Burns acknowledged the receipt of a letter from the Town of Wareham asking the Board to support an amendment to House Bill 1115 in regard to low and moderate income housing. Mr. Burns commented that the town misses out on a lot of eligibility grants, as the town does not meet the 10% minimum requirement for low to moderate housing, and said he believes support of this provision would increase the number of units the town could count for qualifying as low to moderate income housing. Chairman Burns asked that Coordinator Sette draft a letter to the Town of Wareham in support of the amendment to House Bill 1115.

MSDV to approve the drafting of a letter by Coordinator Sette to the Town of Wareham in support of the proposed amendment to House Bill 1115. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Sheila Embree submitted a talent bank form requesting appointment to the Personnel Committee. The Board appreciated Ms. Embree's interest, with Selectwoman Jacaruso commenting that her qualifications appear to make Ms. Embree a great candidate to move the committee forward. The Board said they are seeking other members to join the Personnel Committee.

MSDV to approve the appointment of Sheila Embree to the Personnel Committee. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

There were no resignations.

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.

Fire Chief Tom Daige submitted a proposal to the Board for the replacement of the fire alarm monitoring equipment, which runs the entire fire alarm system out of the firehouse. Chief Daige stated that the old system had failed, leaving both the master box alarms and street box alarms throughout town without a monitoring system. Due to the monitoring system's age, repairs are not an option. Chief Daige asked the Board for their approval and support by allowing the Fire Department to seek approval of the Finance Committee to fund this purchase.

Coordinator Sette commented that the vendor submitting the proposal is an approved Massachusetts statewide contractor, and the town will seek approval for financing the system at the October Special Town Meeting.

The newly constructed Blackstone Valley Ice Arena is planning to hold a grand opening event on August 17, 2013, and is seeking approval to allow additional portable bleachers to be installed during the event. There is bleacher seating for 100, and the additional bleacher/s would accommodate another 100-150. Coordinator Sette stated that Fire Chief Tom Daige and Building Inspector Bob Speroni have visited the ice arena and will be re-visiting the location again Monday. Additionally they are seeking approval for the issuance of a Common Victualler license to operate a concession stand. Coordinator Sette commented that as the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 19th, this meeting would fall after the planned grand opening and recommended the Board approve issuance of the license, subject to receiving final approvals of the Fire Department, Building Inspector, and Board of Health.

MSDV to approve additional bleacher seating for the Blackstone Valley Ice Arena grand opening event on August 17, 2013, and the issuance of an annual Common Victualler license, subject to final approvals by the Fire Department, Building Inspector and Board of Health, as so discussed. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Coordinator Sette continued a discussion with regard to the annual Oktoberfest festival. 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. As in the past, they are seeking approval of the Board for a special 1-day beer and wine beverage license. A quote has been received from the insurance company regarding liquor liability coverage. Upon receipt of payment of the premium an insurance binder will be issued, followed by the policy.

MSDV to approve the issuance of a special 1-day wine and malt beverage license to the Friends of Historic Hopedale for their 5th annual Oktoberfest, pending receipt of the liquor liability insurance binder and policy as so discussed. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Coordinator Sette stated that the Memorial School roof is in need of repair, which is a different section of the roof previously repaired.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has invited the town to participate in their Accelerated Repair Program, which will require submission of a feasibility study, a project schedule and official MSBA initial compliance certification in order to receive approval by the MSBA. Mr. Sette said the School Committee will be reviewing the roof repair feasibility study, to be funded from School Choice funds, for approval at their next meeting. Coordinator Sette will also be meeting with the Finance Committee regarding the project. Chairman Burns approved the Certified Project Schedule.

Chairman Burns moved to old business on the agenda.

Coordinator Sette reviewed the current list of committee vacancies and encouraged anyone interested to please come forward and register for one of the committees.

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 stated that another Nearby Communities Impact Work Group meeting will be held by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee (CMRPC) regarding the proposed Milford Casino. The topic of this meeting will be a discussion of traffic, water and sewer, and other infrastructure, and is scheduled for August 12, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bellingham Municipal Center. The Town of Hopedale will be hosting the next meeting on August 22nd, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hopedale Community Center.

Coordinator Sette said he is in receipt of a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) with regard to Chapter 90 local transportation funding for fiscal year 2014. The Town of Hopedale has been allocated \$173,807 for FY'14 by MassDOT for the Chapter 90 program.

With no further business before them at 7:21 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 dealing with land of the Grafton & Upton Railroad; potential land acquisition, 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.

Robert P. Burns, Chairman

Janet Orff Jacaruso

Sandra Biagetti

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

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