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Board of Selectmen Minutes September 16, 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, Planning Board members Edward Small, Steven Gallagher and William Campbell, Jr., and Marcia Matthews, Videographer.

MSDV to approve the regular and executive session minutes of September 3, 2013.
Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman 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.
There were no resignations.

Coordinator Sette asked whether people should be appointed to the Town Hall Renovation Committee as they express interest, or whether the appointments should be completed all at once. Chairman Burns stated that he believes there is a need to define the scope of the committee first and then to begin appointing members. It was agreed that applications (talent bank forms) should be taken, which can be located on the town hall website or picked up at the town hall. Selectwoman Biagetti suggested that former chair of the committee, Ed Burt, be invited to attend the meetings as he has agreed to continue on the committee. Coordinator Sette commented that the Building Commissioner, Bob Speroni, is interested in becoming a member. Mr. Sette further commented that there is an issue, however, with Mr. Speroni, as well as himself, not being town residents and suggested that both become members of an ad hoc committee. Chairman Burns inquired as to whether a member of the Board should participate, commenting that two members of the Board participated on the last committee, which may have been a problem for some residents. Mr. Burns asked whether one member of the Board should participate, and stated that he was open to suggestions.

Chairman Burns requested that a meeting of the Planning Board be opened for the purpose of holding a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to appoint Brian Keyes as a member of the Planning Board.

Brian Keyes thanked the board members for the opportunity to apply for a vacant position on the Planning Board and expressed his interest as a long time resident. Planning Board Chair Ed Small said he highly recommends the appointment of Mr. Keyes.

MSDV to appoint Brian Keyes as a member of the Planning Board by a unanimous roll call vote of the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. The joint meeting was adjourned.

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.

Former Town Coordinator, Eugene N. Phillips, forwarded a memo to the Planning Board from Mrs. Mary Phillips requesting that the Phillips Brothers Memorial Field be renamed to "Phillips Field". Planning Board Chair, Edward Small, submitted a letter to the Town Clerk stating that the Board has no objections to this change and approves the name change to "Phillips Field", as requested by the Phillips family.

MSDV to approve the renaming of Phillips Brothers Memorial Field to Phillips Field. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

Police Chief Giovannella submitted a letter to Town Coordinator Sette requesting that the Board declare a 2001 Ford, Sport Track police vehicle as surplus equipment. The request was tabled pending further discussion.

Coordinator Sette suggested that the date of November 19, 2013 be set for a Special Town Meeting, and that the Board open the warrant for the meeting and then close the warrant at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting of October 21, 2013. Selectwoman Jacaruso asked that Coordinator Sette notify the Department Heads of the STM meeting date in preparation of warrant articles.

MSDV to open the warrant for a Special Town Meeting on November 19, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye, and Selectwoman Biagetti – Aye.

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

Chairman Burns moved to other topics not previously anticipated at the meeting.
There was no discussion held.

Chairman Burns moved to Coordinator news on the agenda.

Coordinator Sette continued a discussion regarding the proposed Milford Casino. The Milford Board of Selectmen have agreed to approve the Host Community Agreement and it will then be up to the Milford voters to decide if they want a casino in their community.

The last Communities Impact Work Group meeting by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee (CMRPC) was held on September 5th. A meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 8:30 a.m., in the Draper meeting room of the Hopedale Town Hall, to discuss the impact to the Hopedale community.

Coordinator Sette continued a discussion with regard to the personnel classification and compensation study. He commented that the consultant has met with several department heads, with the remaining department heads scheduled to meet on this Thursday, after which a meeting will take place to review the results and issue a final report. Coordinator Sette suggested that the Board invite the consultant to attend their October 21st meeting. The consultant will be looking into compensation and benefit packages, etc. as offered by comparable communities. Chairman Burns stated he would like a compensation survey completed for elected officials. Coordinator Sette will gather this information for the Board.

Coordinator Sette reminded the Board of the upcoming Worcester County Selectmen's Association meeting on Thursday, September 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sterling Town Hall, should there be an interest in attending.

With no further business before them at 7:22 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 contract negotiations with the Police Chief, and §21(a) 6 property exchange, 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

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