



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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### **Board of Selectmen**

Janet Orff Jacaruso  
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Sandra Biagetti, Acting Chair

### **Town Coordinator**

Steven A. Sette

### **Board of Selectmen Minutes**

**February 11, 2015**

Chair Biagetti opened the Regular Meeting of the Board and Selectmen at 5:00 p.m. in the Draper Room of Town Hall and moved into the agenda. Present: Chair Sandra Biagetti, Selectman Robert Burns, Town Coordinator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, members of the public, and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis.

#### **Chair Biagetti moved to consent items on the agenda**

##### **1. Approval of Regular Minutes November 3, 2014**

##### **MSDV to approve the Regular Minutes of November 3, 2014**

Selectman Burns-Aye; Chair Biagetti-Aye

##### **1. Approval of the Regular Minutes of January 5, 2015**

##### **MSDV to approve the Regular Minutes of January 5, 2015**

Selectman Burns-Aye; Chair Biagetti-Aye

Mr. Burns, Ms. Biagetti and Coordinator Sette wanted to publicly thank the Highway Department crew's efforts in their excellent management of handling the extensive snowstorms this season. They all shared their appreciation for the workers dedication and laborious hours spent in maintaining the streets and sidewalks during these very challenging storms. In addition, the Board and Coordinator extended their appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments.

#### **Chair Biagetti moved to Correspondence on the agenda**

##### **1. Chapter 90 Money Allocation**

Chair Biagetti advised the Town received a letter from the State stating they are increasing the Chapter 90 allocation for FY2015 from \$200 million to \$300 million statewide. The Town of Hopedale's Chapter 90 apportionment for FY2015 has been increased from \$174,283 to \$261,424 which will be incorporated into the existing 10 Year Chapter 90 Contract. The board shared their appreciation to the new governor in increasing the additional funds.

#### **Chair Biagetti moved to new business on the agenda**

##### **1. Joint Meeting with Water/Sewer Commissioners to discuss Solar Project**

Chair Biagetti advised the board received a request from the Water/Sewer Commissioners to reschedule this item to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

## **2. Purple Heart Community**

Coordinator Sette said he wanted to bring this item forward to see if the Board of Selectmen had any interest in establishing the Town of Hopedale as a Purple Heart Community. Steve stated the board was provided a guide with steps on how to proceed in establishing the town as a Purple Heart Community. The Town must create a proclamation with intent to honor all those who have sacrificed for their country included those killed or wounded in battle. Steve will work to finalize the proclamation and bring it forward to the Board for approval. Coordinator Sette advised that this will be a great acknowledgement to all the men and women from Hopedale who served their country. Mr. Sette said the town cemeteries have Purple Heart war veteran's as far back as the Revolutionary War.

## **3. CDBG FY 2015 Funding – Vote to authorize joint Application**

Steve received an email from Paula Stuart from Communities Opportunities Group to see if the Town of Hopedale would like to submit an application for 2015 CDBG grant funding for projects conducted in the time period of February 14, 2014 through June 30, 2016. The application must identify projects located within the target area, must provide proper documentation such as building permits, town meeting votes, award letters from funding agencies, and/or contracts. Community Opportunities Group is looking for the Town to identify 2-3 projects and provide documentation to submit with the grant application. After a brief discussion the board recommends participating and authorized Ms. Biagetti to sign the CDBG agreement on behalf of the Town.

**MSDV to approve submitting a 2015 CDBG joint application for projects conducted within the time period of February 14, 2014 to June 30, 2016 authorizing Interim Chair Biagetti to sign the necessary paperwork and Coordinator Sette to provide the necessary documentation for participation.**

Selectman Burns-Aye; Chair Biagetti-Aye

## **4. Boston Post Cane – Proclamation for Doreene Nizzari and request for Town official to attend ceremony on February 25, 2015**

Chair Biagetti read the prepared Proclamation to Boston Post Cane recipient Doreene Nizzari. Ms. Biagetti asked for a motion to approve signing the proclamation making Doreene Nizzari the next Boston Post Cane recipient which will be presented to Ms. Nizzari at her home on February 25, 2015.

**MSDV to approve signing a Proclamation to Doreene Nizzari making her the next Boston Post Cane Recipient**

Selectman Burns-Aye; Chair Biagetti-Aye

## **Chair Biagetti moved to old business on the agenda**

None

**Chair Biagetti then moved to other Items not reasonably anticipated**

None

**Chair Biagetti then moved to Coordinator News**

**1. Town Mechanic Discussion with Road Commissioners**

Coordinator Sette acknowledged a letter that was received by the Road Commissioners regarding a Town Mechanic.

**2. Welcome Rosemary Bellacqua – Part-time employee in Town Clerk’s Office**

Coordinator Sette wanted to let the Board know that Ms. Bellacqua is filling in some hours in the Town Clerk’s office while Janet Jacaruso is out on medical leave. Steve advised that Rosemary retired from the Town Clerk’s office in Milford after 27 years and wants to thank both the efforts of Ms. Bellacqua and Mary Draper for assisting with coverage during the Town Clerk’s absence.

**3. Worcester Retirement Meeting Update**

Steve said he and Stephanie L’Etalien recently attended the Worcester Retirement Board annual meeting. There will be an annual increase of 8% annually going forward. Steve stated the pension will be fully funded by 2035.

**4. Finance Committee Meeting – Budget Update**

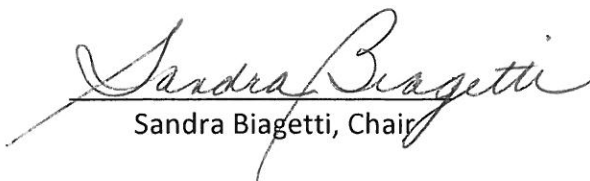
Coordinator Sette said the Finance Committee met on Saturday, January 24 with a couple of departments, however the meeting was cut short because of a snowstorm. Steve advised that the budget discussions went very well and the final proposed budget should be ready in approximately 2-3 weeks.

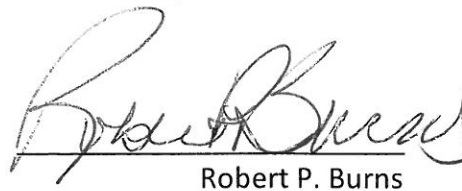
Steve also advises Board Member that the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19. In addition, there will be a Special Town Meeting on March 31. Steve said he will be asking the board to open the warrant on March 2, 2015 and close it on March 16, 2015. This will allow boards and committees an opportunity to submit warrant articles.

**Adjournment**

With no further business before them at 5:14 p.m. the board adjourned.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

  
Sandra Biagetti, Chair

  
Robert P. Burns

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

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