



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen Minutes

March 16, 2015

The regular Meeting of the Board and Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Biagetti in the Draper Room of Town Hall.

Present: Chair Sandra Biagetti, Selectman Burns, Town Coordinator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, Chief Giovanna, members of the public, and Videographer Marcia Matthews.

Chair Biagetti moved to consent items on the agenda

1. Regular Minutes of March 2, 2015

MSDV to approve the Regular Minutes of March 2, 2015

Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

Chair Biagetti moved to Correspondence on the agenda

2. Hopedale Council on Aging Collectibles Appraisal Event and Open House on Sat. April 11, 2015 from 1-3 pm. at Hopedale Community House

Coordinator Sette announced that the Council on Aging is sponsoring an antique appraisal program and open house at Hopedale Community House on April 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There is a \$5.00 admission fee with a limit of 3 items to be appraised.

Appointments and Resignations

1. Resignation of Kevin M. Feen – Full-Time Police Dispatch

MSDV to accept the resignation of Kevin M. Feen as a Full Time Police Dispatch

Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

2. Appointment of Kevin M. Feen –Part-Time Police Dispatch

MSDV to accept the appointment of Kevin M. Feen as a Part Time Police Dispatch

Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

3. Appointment of Amanda Ayer – Full Time Police Dispatch

MSDV to accept the appointment of Amanda Ayer as a Full Time Police Dispatch

Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

Chair Biagetti moved to new business on the agenda

1. **Vote to Close the Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for March 31, 2015 at 7 p.m.**

Coordinator Sette reviewed the articles on the warrant and reminded the residents of the date and time of the Special Town Meeting.

MSDV voted to close and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for March 31, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

2. Vote to open Annual Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for May 19, 2015

MSDV voted to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for May 19, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Chair Biagetti– Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye

3. Presentation from Kathy Stanley ABM Bundled Energy Solutions

Kathy Stanley and David O'Brien from ABM presented a plan in performing energy audits with an eye toward energy saving opportunities for town properties. ABM would then develop a plan that implemented energy conservation and facility improvements by identifying areas of reduction in energy consumption and reallocating the savings towards town facilities and infrastructure improvements.

4. CMRPC – Participation in Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Electricity Program

Coordinator Sette received a letter from Hampshire Council who has partnered with CMRPC (Central Mass Regional Planning Commission). Steve will be meeting with them shortly to discuss the possibility of joining along with other communities in purchasing electricity through the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). The plan is to reduce the overall town's electricity costs.

5. Francis Marcoux – Discuss plan for Plain Street Industrial Park Road Acceptances

The Chair recognized Mr. Francis Marcoux who asked to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss a plan for accepting roads within the Plain Street Industrial Park. Mr. Marcoux said he met with both the Road Commissioners and Planning Board to discuss road acceptances. Mr. Burns asked what the holdup was in getting the roads accepted. Mr. Marcoux responded there are 6 lots that have not been built on; 2 of which he owns and 4 which remain unsold at this time. The challenge is; until all the lots are sold and buildings are proposed it makes it very difficult for the subdivision to be completed and accepted from the Town because the Water Department policy does not allow for stubs to be placed from the water main located within the roadway to the property line. In addition, the Town Highway Department has a 5-year moratorium on curb cuts or cutting into a road to lay drains and/or water pipes. This makes it very difficult to complete the commercial subdivision within a reasonable time frame.

Fran and other business owners located within this development shared concerns of the how costly it is for them to maintain a private subdivision; having to keep the roads plowed and sanded in the winter and keep maintenance of the subdivision roads which currently have only a base layer of asphalt because of the lots not be sold; a final layer of asphalt cannot be done. Due to the harsh winter, the base layer of asphalt is beginning to fail. The owners feel they pay the same tax rate as other commercial properties but are not afforded the same services. Mr. Marcoux would like to work with the Town on an agreeable plan for him to complete the subdivision so the roads located

within the Plain Street Industrial Park can be placed on a Town Meeting warrant for acceptance. Mr. Burns advised he is Chair of the Water/Sewer Commissioners and stated possible concerns of Water Department not allowing water line stubs to be placed to the property lines including the following unknowns; the size of the building; would determine the size water line needed for adequate supply, building placement on the site; if the line is connected from the road to the property line and the building plans call for line placement on the other far side of the building, this could pose a problem with inadequate water flow to the building; would there be several business offices/condominiums within the same building? Every business would need to have separate utilities therefore each office or condominium would require an individual connection.

Tim Watson Water/Sewer Superintendent came into the meeting and informed Mr. Marcoux that it is not the Water Department holding up acceptance of the commercial subdivision and installation or placement of utilities is not the main concern. Mr. Watson stated Mr. Marcoux needs to work with the Planning Board and Road Commissioners in getting his subdivision complete and in accordance with to the Planning Board and Road Commissioners rules and regulations.

Coordinator Sette stated that he will speak with both the Highway Superintendent and Planning Board Chair to see where this project stands and will report back to the Selectmen at a future meeting.

Chair Biagetti moved to old business on the agenda

1. Follow up on resident concern regarding intersection at Mill Street and Greene Street

Coordinator Sette said he spoke with Highway Superintendent Bob DePonte regarding placement of a STOP sign and/or a crosswalk in the area of concern. Bob advised the STOP sign in place is as big as allowed for this area and a crosswalk is not an option because of the lack of a sidewalk. Steve and Chief Giovanella met and agreed to place the message board along this area and keep police patrols in this area of concern. Mr. Ryan was present and seemed satisfied with this approach.

Chair Biagetti then moved to other Items not reasonably anticipated

1. Mr. Burns recommended that each Board of Selectmen member be assigned a town email address to receive and respond residents who wish to contact them directly. Coordinator Sette advised that he will contact Paul Grimes and have email addresses set up for Mr. Burns and Ms. Biagetti as Ms. Jacaruso already has a town email address.
2. Ms. Biagetti advised that she would like to discuss placing oversight of the Animal Control / Dog Officer position back under the purview of the Board of Selectmen. Sandra asked Steve to see what is involved the handling of dog hearings et cetera. Ms. Biagetti feels the Board of Health is busy enough and would like to take this item off their plate and bring it back under the Board of Selectmen's responsibility.

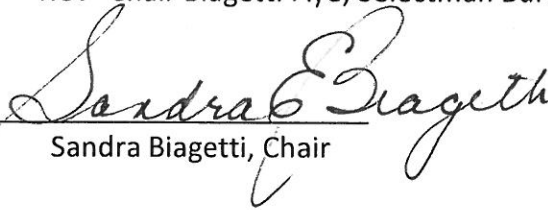
Chair Biagetti then moved to Coordinator News

1. Steve advised the board that the Town Hall heating system sub bids were opened on March 10 and are posted at BidDocs Online. Coordinator Sette also said a pre-bid walk through was held on March 11 and eight contractors came to view the project. Steve is hoping for a fair amount bids for the general bid which are due on March 26.

Adjournment

With no further business before them at 8:23 p.m. the board adjourned.

RCV- Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns – Aye



Sandra Biagetti, Chair



Robert P. Burns

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

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