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Board of Selectmen

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

Monday July 6, 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 Robert Burns, Selectman Thomas A. Wesley, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, Videographer Jeffrey Ellis

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

C. Consent Items

1) Approval of Regular Minutes of June 15, 2015

MSDV to approve Regular Minutes of June 15, 2015

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2) Approval of Regular Minutes of June 22, 2015

MSDV to approve Regular Minutes of June 22, 2015

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3) Approval of Executive Session Minutes of June 22, 2015

MSDV to approve Executive Session Minutes of June 22, 2015 not to be released.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

D. Correspondence

None

E. Appointments and Resignations

1) Appointment of Edward Holland, Jr. to Board of Assessors

Mr. Burns stated that he will not appoint or second a motion to appoint Mr. Holland to the Board of Assessors. Mr. Burns continued that his reason for not reappointing Mr. Holland is the level of disrespect that Mr. Holland has shown and continues to show toward members of the Board of Selectmen; therefore, he has no intention of supporting Mr. Holland's appointment to the Board of Selectmen. Chair Biagetti advised that there was a misunderstanding between her and Mr. Holland but the concern was resolved. Mr. Burns stated he has tried to speak with Mr. Holland in the past but Mr. Holland turns and walks away. Mr. Wesley stated that he is not familiar with the situation and recommended that the appointment be tabled for two weeks requesting that Mr. Holland be invited to come before the board at the next meeting to discuss the situation. Mr. Burns stated he would support tabling the appointment. Chair Biagetti recognized Assessor

Gonsalves who was present at the meeting. Ms. Gonsalves commented she was never made aware of any behavior issues or problems in the six years that Mr. Holland was on the Board of Assessors. Ms. Gonsalves advised the town is undergoing a recertification this year and the board could use an experienced and knowledgeable Board of Assessor member to assist in the process. Teri stated that Mr. Holland has already successfully completed the necessary training and would help in the process. Chair Biagetti stated that former Board of Selectmen member Janet Jacaruso was also in favor of reappointing Mr. Holland to the Board of Assessors.

MSDV to table appointment of Mr. Edward Holland, Jr. to Board of Assessor's until the July 20 meeting

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2) Appointment of Blake Wilson to Firefighter/Paramedic

David McMorrow presented Chief Daige's recommendation of Blake Wilson as full time Firefighter/Paramedic. Mr. McMorrow stated that Mr. Wilson is an Army Veteran from Marion, Mass. with four years experience in working as a Paramedic and six years experience as a Call Firefighter. In addition Mr. Wilson's references provided glowing reviews about his work ethic and him as a person. Chief Daige provided a letter recommending the Board of Selectmen appoint Blake Wilson to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic contingent on the successful completion of one year probation, pre-hire agility test and fire academy.

MSDV to appoint Blake Wilson to Firefighter/Paramedic with above contingencies

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

F. New Business

1) Leo Agnew – Military Order of the Purple Heart Presentation

Mr. Wesley welcomed Mr. Leo Agnew, Mr. Thomas Terrien, Mr. Wayne Henry, Mr. Denny Drewry, Ms. Linda Forte and Ms. Betty Benoit from the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Agnew presented a proclamation designating the Town of Hopedale as a Purple Heart Community *honoring all who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who have shed blood defending our country in all wars*, honoring August 7 as Purple Heart Day. Mr. Wesley stated he would like to recognize and incorporate the Purple Heart Community into other veteran celebration during the year noting the Purple Heart designation day is August 7.

2) Request from Katherine Consigli Executive Director of Hopedale Housing Authority to waive building fees

Housing Authority Director Katherine Consigli, Housing Authority Member Patricia Johnson and Building Commissioner Robert Speroni were recognized by the chair. Ms. Consigli stated she sent a letter requesting the Board of Selectmen requesting the board continue to waive all building fees for the Housing Authority as they for the past twenty plus years. Mr. Speroni advised that he does not have the authority to building permit fees. Bob cautioned that waiving permit fees for one entity can set precedence for other entities to come forward and request the same. Mr. Speroni explained that it's not the Housing Authority paying the permit fees it is a contractor hired by the Housing Authority who does the work that pays the fee. Bob also noted that the Housing Authority is not a town entity; it's a state entity and the state requires towns to pay fees. Bob stated the permit fees cover the cost of doing business including paperwork and the inspector's time in performing the inspections. The board took the position that the Housing Authority is a state entity and that fees are the cost of doing business which are paid by the contractor.

MSDV to respectfully disapprove waiving building department fees for the Hopedale Housing Authority.

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

3) Request from Friends of Historic Hopedale to hold a Costume 5K run/1 mile walk throughout Hopedale on Saturday, October 31, 2015

Doreen Landry and Toby Booth gave a brief overview of the event stating the event would begin and end at the Hopedale Pond Bath House with a walk consisting of a loop around downtown Hopedale and ending at the Bath House. The FOHH would like to set up tents on the grass exterior to the right of the bath house beginning on Friday, October 30 lasting no later than 8 p.m. and resuming at 6 a.m. on Saturday, October 31. The 5k will begin at 10 a.m. and the walk at 11 a.m. The plan is to offer entertainment (DJ), food and local vendors at the Bath House area for the participants after the event. The FOHH will get the proper liability insurance coverage, paid police details and raffle permit if necessary.

MSDV to approve Historic Hopedale to hold a Costume 5K run/1 mile walk throughout Hopedale on Saturday, October 31, 2015 subject providing a certificate of insurance, approval of the Police, Fire and Parks Department

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

G. Old Business

1) Reappointment Wiring Inspector Alternate Scott Guyette – 1 year reappointment

MSDV to appoint Wiring Inspector Alternate Scott Guyette

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

2) Vote to extend the current Inter-municipal Agreement for Regional Dispatch Services Between the Towns of Hopedale and Upton until July 31, 2015

MSDV to extend the current Inter-municipal Agreement for Regional Dispatch Services Between the Towns of Hopedale and Upton until July 31, 2015

Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

H. Public Comment and requests for future agenda Items

None

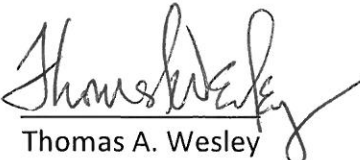
I. Administrator News


None

J. Adjournment

With no further regular business before them at 7:46 p.m. the board adjourned their meeting.


Sandra Biagetti, Chair


Thomas A. Wesley


Robert P. Burns

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

***Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted**

**** Roll Call Vote**