



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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## Board of Selectmen

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Thomas A. Wesley  
**Town Administrator**  
Steven A. Sette

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

**Monday, October 5, 2015**

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

Present: Chair Sandra Biagetti, Selectman Robert Burns, Selectman Thomas A. Wesley, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, members of the public and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis

Chair Biagetti began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

B. Consent Items

**1) Approval of Regular Minutes of September 1, 2015**

MSDV to approve regular minutes of September 1, 2015

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

**2) Approval of Regular Minutes of September 21, 2015**

MSDV to approve regular minutes of September 21, 2015

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

**3) Approval of Regular Minutes of September 22, 2015 (3:30 p.m.)**

MSDV to approve regular minutes of September 22, 2015 (3:30 p.m.)

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

**4) Approval of Regular Minutes of September 22, 2015 (5:00 p.m.) with Upton Board of Selectmen at Upton Town Hall**

MSDV to approve regular minutes of September 22, 2015 (5:00 p.m.) at Upton Town Hall

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

**5) Approval of Executive Minutes of September 21, 2015**

MSDV to approve the executive session minutes of September 21, 2015 but not be released as matter is still pending

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

**6) Approval of Executive Minutes of September 22, 2015**

MSDV to approve executive session minutes of September 22, 2015

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

C. Correspondence

Selectman Wesley asked to be recognized and read a notice from the School Committee regarding the formation of a School Superintendent Search Committee, urging residents to become part of the process in hiring the next Superintendent of the Hopedale Public Schools.

D. Appointments and Resignations

- 1) **Appointment of Brian R. Hayes – Part Time Reserve Police Officer**  
Chair Biagetti read a letter Chief Giovanella who is recommending the appointment of appoint Brian R. Hayes – Part Time Reserve Police Officer  
MSDV to appoint Brian R. Hayes – Part Time Reserve Police Officer  
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye
- 2) **Appointment of Gail E. Bernardo – Part Time Assistant Town Clerk**  
MSDV to appoint Gail E. Bernardo – Part Time Assistant Town Clerk  
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

E. New Business

- 1) **Eagle Scout Proclamation – Jagath Jai Kumar**  
**Ceremony to be held on October 31, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church**  
Selectman Wesley read a letter supporting Jagath's Eagle Scout award and the proclamation that will be presented to Jagath by a member of the board on October 31, 2015 at the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony.  
MSDV to approve and sign Eagle Scout Proclamation – Jagath Jai Kumar  
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye
- 2) **Open Special Town Meeting Warrant**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School**  
Administrator Sette stated the warrant would remain open until the BOS meeting of November 2 when the warrant will be signed and posted on November 3.  
MSDV to open Tuesday, November 17, 2015 Special Town Meeting Warrant  
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye
- 3) **Accept donation from Republic Services to Hopedale Cultural Council for \$1,250.00 The money will be used to offset the following Cultural Council expenses; Summer Band Concert Series, Day in the Park and the Student Art Show**  
Chair Biagetti publicly thanked Republic Services for not only supporting Cultural Council but also other events that have taken place in town and stated their support is much appreciated.  
MSDV to accept donation from Republic Services to the Hopedale Cultural Council for \$1,250.00  
Chair Biagetti-Aye; Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye

F. Old Business

- 1) **Hopedale Country Club – Follow up on discussion with Board of Assessors**  
MSDV to support the Board of Assessors decision of 2012 and affirmed in the joint executive session meeting of September 22.  
Chair Biagetti - Aye, Selectman Burns – Aye, Selectman Wesley – Aye  
Board of Director member Steven Haynes of the Hopedale Country Club asked to be recognized and Chair Biagetti invited both he and HCC Board President Jeffrey Germagian to come forward. Mr. Haynes is of the opinion that the model being used to assess the Hopedale Country Club property is in conflict with MGL. Mr. Haynes is requesting the town revisit how the land is being assessed.  
Chair Biagetti asked Don Howes, Chair of the Board of Assessors to come forward. Mr. Howes stated the Department of Revenue (DOR) approves the town's property valuation yearly. Mr. Howes commented the town has a property value they say it is worth, and the HCC has a value they believe the property is worth. Mr. Howes suggested having the property appraised at the HCC expense and if the valuation is far off; a discussion could occur.

Administrator Sette cautioned that any adjustments made to the lease will have to go before town meeting. Mr. Haynes stated they are not looking to adjust the lease agreement only the formula used to come up with land valuation. Administrator Sette said the town would consult with Town Counsel to see if this would be a change to the lease agreement.

After further discussion between the parties, it was agreed the Hopedale Country Club would have an appraisal done of the entire property including the buildings, yard items, and excess land at their expense. Selectmen Burns recommended getting two appraisals for comparative purposes.

G. Public Comment and requests for future agenda Items

Chair Biagetti recognized Daniel Iacovelli who stated he was before the board about a year ago and recommended the town look at possible cost savings by combing the Water/Sewer, Highway, and Parks Divisions into a DPW. Mr. Iacovelli would still like to have the town explore this option.

Chair Biagetti stated that she does not feel it is appropriate for the BOS to discuss this topic without discussion and input from the affected department heads and boards. Selectmen Wesley asked Administrator Sette to reach out to the department heads, affected boards, and to pull a meeting together to see if there is an interest among these departments.


H. Administrator News

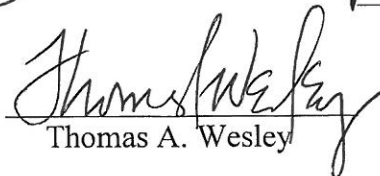
1) **Hopedale Package Store – Damage to Premise**


Administrator Sette stated the owners of the Hopedale Package Store notified the town of an accident that occurred at their premises which has temporarily closed the business. Administrator Sette said the owner's have been very forthright in working with the ABCC and town to ensure the premises is alarmed and the alcohol is secure.

Adjournment

With no further regular business before them at 7:56 p.m., the board adjourned their regular meeting.

  
Sandra Biagetti, Chair

  
Thomas A. Wesley

  
Robert P. Burns

**Hopedale Board of Selectmen**  
**\*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted**  
**\*\*RCV**