



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen Minutes February 24, 2014

Chairman Burns opened the Regular Meeting of the Board and Selectmen 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, members of the public, and Videographer Jeffrey Ellis.

MSDV to approve the regular and executive session minutes of February 3, 2014.

Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

Chairman Burns moved to correspondence on the agenda

None

Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda

None

Resignation

Paul Gingras submitted a letter of resignation to Chief Giovannella dated February 7, 2014 resigning from his position as a part-time dispatcher effective immediately. Selectman Burns read the letter aloud.

MSDV to approve the resignation of Paul Gingras as a part-time dispatcher for the Hopedale Police Department

Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

Appointments – Daniel Iacovelli - Economic Development and Industrial Commission

Mr. Burns recognized Daniel Iacovelli who completed a Talent Bank Form requesting appointment to the Economic Development and Industrial Commission. Dan currently serves on the School Committee, Park Commission and is a Free Mason. He is interested in serving on this board because he sees a need for economic growth in the community. Mr. Burns said he currently serves on this committee and sees it becoming a more active board in the near future because of the new zoning currently under review.

MSDV to approve the appointment Daniel Iacovelli to the Economic Development and Industrial Commission

Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye. The appointee was present and sworn in by Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso.

Vincent Arone, Jr. – Commission on Disabilities

Vincent Arone has completed a Talent Bank Form requesting appointment to the Commission on Disabilities. Mr. Burns thanked Mr. Arone for stepping up and Selectwoman Jacaruso advised that Mr. Arone will bring a lot of practical experience to the position.

MSDV to approve the appointment Vincent Arone, Jr. to the Commission on Disabilities

Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye. The appointee was present and sworn in by Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.

Selectman Burns announced that there is a Special Town Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. tomorrow evening in the Dennett Auditorium at the Jr. Sr. High School. The Select board wants to remind residents of the there are 2 articles on the warrant and the need for attendance in order to continue ambulance service and water and sewer services without interruption.

Hopedale Country Club – Change of Manager

Coordinator Sette introduced Karyn Connors as the new manager of the Hopedale Country Club. He stated the Board of Selectmen received an application from Hopedale Country Club requesting a Change of Manager from John McCarthy to Karyn Connors. Karyn was present to answer questions and advised the board that she is Servsafe and CPR certified and attended food allergy training.

MSDV voted to approve the Change of Manager (Karyn Connors) for the Hopedale Country Club and to submit to the ABCC for final approval. The Board of Selectmen signed the new certificate which will be held until the final approval is received by the ABCC.

Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

Mutual Aid Agreement – Town of Hopedale and Public Works

Coordinator Sette said the Road Commissioners, Water/Sewer Commissioners and Tree Warden have all agreed that they would like to opt-in to the statewide Mutual Aid Public Works Agreement.

MSDV voted to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement Town of Hopedale and Public Works

Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman Biagetti-Aye

Donald Jacobs – Classification and Compensation Study Part II

Donald Jacobs of DI Jacobs Consulting Company presented Part II of the Classification and Compensation Study for non-union employee positions, which completes the Compensation and Classification study for the Town of Hopedale. Don conducted a market study consisting of 12 communities based on demographic and operational criteria on a position by position basis. Mr. Jacobs said Part II of the study was to format job descriptions non-union employee positions. Don Jacobs informed Coordinator Sette that the study gives the board a baseline on how to proceed with salary adjustments for non-union employees. Coordinator Sette said he will work with the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen on finalizing the compensation for consideration at the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

Chairman Burns then moved to other topics not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours before meeting

None

Chairman Burns then moved to Coordinator News

None

With no further business before them at 8:25 p.m. a motion to allow this board to now enter into Executive Session, not to reconvene in regular session, under G.L. c.30A, s 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, and that the reason for this Executive Session is because the Chair has declared that discussing this matter in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town; 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 reconvene.

RCV**; Chairman Burns-Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso-Aye; Selectwoman-Aye

Robert P. Burns, Chairman

Janet Orff Jacaruso

Sandra Biagetti

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

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