



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Finance Committee

March 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes 6:00 pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Present:

E. Callahan, D. Comastra (7:05pm), C. Hodgens, D. Madigan, P. Maloney, I. Michelson,
C. Strapponi, K. Wilson

Absent:

P. Maloney, D. Piatt

The Finance Committee participated in an information session hosted by the Select Board. The meeting was opened at 6:01 pm by Chris Hodgens. Supporting documents shared during the presentations may be found on the Town's website. Minutes of other boards are under separate cover.

Votes:

None during this session.

Events:

Presentations were made by Attorney Peter Durning representing the Town of Hopedale, Becca Solomon on behalf of the Conservation Commission and Tim Watson on behalf of the Water and Sewer Commission. Each presented slide shows containing reports, comparisons and maps of the property in question. Board members and members of the public asked questions and offered comments. The Finance Committee Chair called for adjournment at 8:47pm and requested members to access a separate Zoom link to complete the process of designating favorable/unfavorable action on the remaining articles.

Called to order at 8:54pm

Present: E. Callahan, D. Comastra (7:05pm), C. Hodgens, D. Madigan, P. Maloney, I. Michelson (9:00pm), C. Strapponi, K. Wilson

Votes:

1. Article 5 – Favorable – All voted in favor.
The Select Board requested transfers of \$7,350 for purposes of settling the collective bargaining agreement for the clerical union.

2. Article 8 – Unfavorable – All voted in favor.
The Select Board requested authorization to purchase of Parcel A of 64 acres for \$878,960.
3. Article 9 – Unfavorable – All voted in favor.
The Select Board requested authorization to accept a gift of Parcel D of 20 acres.
4. Article 10 – Unfavorable – All voted in favor (I. Michelson joined; voted this article and all articles following).
Requested by petition to waive the option to purchase 130 acres of Chapter 61 land located at 364 West Street Hopedale.
5. Article 11 – Unfavorable – All voted in favor.
Requested by petition to waive the taking of 25 acres of wetlands at 364 West Street Hopedale.
6. Article 12 – Unfavorable – All voted in favor.
Requested by petition to accept a 20-acre parcel of land (Parcel D) at 363 West Street as a donation by the Grafton and Upton Railroad.

The Chair requested the Committee's presence at 11:00am on Saturday March 26, 2022 for Special Town Meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to Adjournment at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth S. Callahan

Recording Secretary
Hopedale Finance Committee