



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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### **Finance Committee**

#### **October 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm, via Zoom**

##### **Attendees:**

###### *Present:*

E. Callahan, C. Hodgens, D. Madigan, P. Maloney, C. Strapponi

###### *Absent:*

D. Comastra, D. Piatt, K. Wilson

The Finance Committee meeting was opened at 7:04 pm by Chris Hodgens.

##### **Votes:**

1. The minutes of October 4, 2021 were presented. All voted in favor.
2. The Articles for Special Town Meeting to be held on October 16, 2021 were voted upon by the Committee. Detail of each vote follows:
  - i. Favorable
  - ii. Favorable
  - iii. Favorable C. Strapponi, E. Callahan, D. Madigan with P. Maloney and C. Hodgens unfavorable
  - iv. Favorable
  - v. Favorable
  - vi. Favorable
  - vii. Favorable
  - viii. Favorable
  - ix. Favorable
  - x. Favorable
  - xi. Favorable (motion to pass over)
  - xii. Favorable (motion to pass over)
  - xiii. Favorable (motion to pass over)
  - xiv. Favorable with amount edited from \$40,000 to \$23,000
  - xv. Favorable

##### **Events:**

1. The Committee voted on warrant articles (see above).
2. Diana Schindler clarified the request from the Library Trustees for the Director position and comparisons made to the Massachusetts Municipal Association open jobs listed on their

website. Area towns that also have a Director position open were paying markedly higher rates than Hopedale.

3. The estimated tax increase based on the articles for presentation to votes equals 5.27%.
4. Trash and Recycling will be discussed at a future meeting. The Board of Health and Select Board will review at their upcoming meeting October 25, 2021.

The Chair called the meeting to Adjournment at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth S. Callahan*

Recording Secretary  
Hopedale Finance Committee