



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
DRAPER ROOM, TOWN HALL 78 HOPEDALE ST. HOPEDALE, MA
February 14, 2024 5:00PM

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Eli Potty, at 502PM

Attendance: Eli Potty, George Lovewell, Justin Paulson, Stan Golenski, Sally Decelles, Mitch Ruscitti. Joining via zoom: Tim Watson

Minutes of January 10, 2024 meeting reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by George Lovewell, second by Justin Paulson. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence and updates

- a. Budget to date: Stan Golenski reported that the budget is in good shape at this time. No overspending is happening. OT is getting close due to storms. Salt expense is getting high, again due to storms. The salary budget is looking good.
Motion made by George Lovewell, second by Justin Paulson to accept the budget as delivered. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passed.

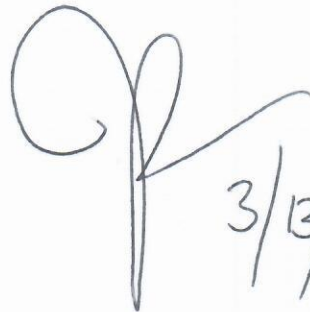
New Business

- a. MS4 Enterprise funds. An Enterprise account for funding State mandated projects needs to be established in the Town of Hopedale. The account will be funded by taxpayer contributions. The account will be managed by either the Town Administrator, Highway Department or Water Department. Because of this dual responsibility the town should establish a Department of Public Works to handle the Enterprise Account. The DPW would be managed by the Highway Superintendent and the Water Department Manager. Both stated they are comfortable with handling the extra work. A warrant will need to be presented to the residents at a town meeting. The Enterprise Account needs to be funded in the amount of 210K in FY25. The town can be fined up to 50K a day by the State of MA if steps are not taken to establish the Enterprise Account, which as stated earlier is to cover projects mandated by the state. Mitch has a Q&A document he will share for awareness. Weston and Sampson will consult with the Town on when and where to do the projects.
- b. Discussion on repairing Mendon Street (Route 16): Mendon Street/Rt 16 is in need of repair from Adin Street to the Mendon Town Line. Chapter 90 funds can be used for this project. State engineers and MA DOT will need to approve the project.

- c. Annual Report: Commissioners reviewed the Annual Report as delivered by Stan. Looks good. No vote needed. Report will be submitted to Town Administrators office for publishing in the Annual Town Report.
- d. Old Business (carried over from last meeting)
 - a. Adin Street – review of walk though on 2/12/24. Road Commissioners with Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator and consulting firm Tighe & Bond inspected the length of Adin Street from Hopedale Street to Mendon Street/Rte 16 to determine what part of the project the Highway Department can do to save the town money. The Highway Department and Tighe and Bond took notes on what they each can do. Stan Golenski and Mitch Ruscitti will get the notes organized.

Motion made by George Lovewell, second by Justin Paulson to adjourn at 553pm. Vote taken all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Decelles



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