



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Select Board
Meeting Agenda
HYBRID MEETING**

Draper Room
May 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.

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By Lisa M. Pedroli at 3:05 pm, May 09, 2024

This meeting will be held via HYBRID means¹ and will also be streamed live, click here:
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Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

A. Consent Items

1. Review/Approve meeting minutes: 4/24/23 and 5/10/23
2. Proclamation – Margaret “Peg” Veins to honor the occasion of her 100th birthday
3. Accept \$2,000 donation to the Council on Aging from Hopedale Friends of Elders Inc. (supplemental funding for Senior Center classes and programs)

B. Appointments and Resignations

1. Request for appointment to Conservation Commission: Michele LaReau-Alves
2. Request for Fire Department appointments:
 - i. David Shearns, Milford: Permanent Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic, effective 5/13/24
 - ii. Timothy Morse, Hopedale: Permanent Full-Time Firefighter/EMT, effective 5/20/24

C. New Business

1. Reschedule May 27 Select Board meeting (Memorial Day)
2. Sign Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) for purchase of fire truck (Treasurer/Collector)
3. Request for ARPA funds:
 - i. \$7,190 for fire alarm system for bath house
 - ii. \$600 for meter pit for South Cemetery hydrant

D. Old Business

1. Continued discussion regarding May 21, 2024 Annual Town Meeting

E. Administrator Updates

F. Public and Board Member Comments (votes will not be taken)

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

H. Correspondence and Select Board Informational Items (votes will not be taken)

I. Executive Session:

1. Move that the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the Town, and the Chair so declares, in matters captioned Grafton & Upton Railroad v. Edward Burt, Timothy Watson, John Doe and Jane Doe.

Please note the Select Board agenda may be subject to change and items not anticipated may be discussed and all listed agenda items may be subject to a vote.

¹ On July 16, 2022, Lt. Governor Polito, as Acting Governor, signed into law An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency. Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 authorized a further extension – until March 31, 2025 – of the remote meeting provisions established by the initial March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. Section (1) of the executive order allowing public access through adequate, alternative means is independent from Section (2), which allows members of the public body to participate remotely. The public body may conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in section (1) or (2) or both.