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Select Board

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Select Board

Meeting Agenda

HYBRID MEETING

Draper Room

February 12, 2024

6:30 p.m.

This meeting will be held via HYBRID means¹ and will also be streamed live, click here:
https://townhallstreams.com/towns/hopedale_ma

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87145575031?pwd=eHBzbWFwODhSWUtUandGZmIrWDZqQT09>

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Public Comments – The Hopedale Select Board encourages citizens to attend its meetings and welcomes their views on pertinent subjects. Anyone may comment for up to three minutes during the Public Comment portion of the agenda regarding an issue that is not on the agenda. However, given that no public notice of the topic has been provided, the Select Board will not engage in discussion. The Select Board will give your issue appropriate consideration. Anyone may also comment during any agenda item for up to three minutes.

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

A. Consent Items

- a. Accept \$50.00 donation from Donna Dupre to the Council on Aging, in memory of her aunt Diane Fraizer (former Council member)
- b. Acknowledgement and thank you to the Sacred Heart Church of Hopedale and the Worcester Diocese for their contributions to the Council on Aging fuel assistance program.
- c. Acknowledgement and thank you to the Hopedale Foundation for their \$1,000 donation to the Bancroft Memorial Library
- d. Review/Approve meeting minutes: 5/22/23 and 6/26/23
- e. Sign Warrant for Presidential Preference Primaries

B. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Accept resignation of Ryan White, Career Firefighter/Paramedic, effective January 29, 2024

C. New Business

- a. ****Vote to terminate lease with Beyond Full effective February 15, 2024 if insurance coverage is not renewed prior to that date****
- b. Discussion re: expanding ambulance service
- c. Acceptance of \$11,182.92 Firefighter Safety and Equipment Grant
- d. Discussion with Parks Commission regarding Town Park retaining wall design solutions
- e. Discussion regarding MS4 (Stormwater Management) unfunded mandate and proposed creation of Enterprise Fund
- f. Discussion regarding Conservation Commission membership

- g. Vote regarding “Lost Revenue” (pursuant to the Interim Final Rule regarding ARPA funds, dated September 20, 2023)
- h. Hopedale Junior/Senior High School project updates
 - i. Roof replacement
 - ii. Generator
- i. Hopedale Pond Bath House project update

D. Old Business

- a. Discussion of best practices related to Highway, Water & Sewer operations, and continued collaborative efforts.

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:

J. Appointments & Resignations

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.