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By Lisa M. Pedrolini at 1:26 pm, Dec 22, 2021

**Select Board
Meeting Agenda
REMOTE MEETING ONLY
December 27, 2021
7:00 pm**

On June 16, 2021, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency.¹ This meeting will be held via REMOTE means only.

If you wish to speak, please reserve comments until the Public Comment section of the meeting. If you are using video, you may either raise your hand to be acknowledged by the Chair or use the "Raise Your Hand" button. Please wait to speak until you are acknowledged by Chair. If participants cannot conduct themselves in accordance with these guidelines, they will be removed from meeting.

Also Streamed Live, click here: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/hopedale_ma

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81873864755?pwd=NU1IU1Y2dXJXNnBqU0hGRm5RODU0QT09>

Meeting ID: 818 7386 4755

Passcode: 746557

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:00 PM Joint Meeting with Library Trustees

- Accept Resignation of Nancy K. Verdolino from the Library Trustees
- Address Request for Appointment of Marie Riddell to the Library Trustees, to fill the remainder of term.

A. Consent Items

1. Approval of December 13, 2021 Regular Minutes

B. Appointments and Resignations

1. Accept Resignation of Firefighter and EMS Coordinator/SAFE Coordinator Brian Kelley from the Hopedale Fire Department, effective January 1, 2022
2. Accept Resignation of Suzanne MacNeil from the Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee, effective immediately

C. New Business

1. Accept the Legislative FY22 Local Earmark of \$25,000 from the General Appropriations Act granted to the Hopedale Fire Department for the Purchase of Personal and Life-Saving Equipment (list of equipment identified in Grant Scope)

D. Old Business

1. COVID-19 Operations Update

2. Update Litigation re: Reilly, et als. v. Town of Hopedale, Grafton & Upton Railroad, and One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, et als., Worcester Superior Court, C.A. No. 2185CV00238D
3. Joint Meeting with Board of Health to Address Animal Control Officer/Program, Tabled until 1/10/22

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

F. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items (votes will not be taken)

1. FY22 Rural and Small Town Development Fund Grant Program Materials
2. 75 Plain St – Opposition Letters from Residents
3. Xfinity – Programming Advisory, on December 22, 2021 ACC Network will be added to the Expanded Basic, Sports & News, and Xfinity Latino Starter levels of service in your community.
4. P/R Warrant 22-13 \$850,555.57
5. A/P Warrant 22-13 \$360,149.57

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items:

1. Joint Meeting with Conservation Commission re Select Board option to exercise the "Town's Right of First Refusal" concerning the West St, Date TBD

H. Administrator Updates

<https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/home/webforms/hopedale-town-projects-initiatives>

I. Executive Session:

In accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) (Purpose #3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares, which he does. (Collective Bargaining; DLR Case No. JLM-21-8830, Hopedale Fire/EMS, Call Fire and Clerical, Attorney Tim Zessin present).

Please note the Select Board agenda may be subject to change and items not anticipated maybe discussed.

ⁱ This Act includes an extension, until April 1, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of his 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.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures>