



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen

Meeting Agenda

March 22, 2020

Call to order 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89244196461?pwd=U3Y3aHB4N2hqa2xpbjQyN3VxYmxVQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4419 6461

Passcode: 139820

Pledge of Allegiance

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By Lisa M. Pedroli at 3:25 pm, Mar 18, 2021

A. Consent Items

1. Recognition of 100th Birthday Celebration of Dr. Vincent Arone (letter attached)
2. Approval of January 25, 2021 Regular Minutes
3. Approval of February 8, 2021 Regular Minutes

B. Appointments and Resignations

C. Public Hearing

7:00 PM – National Grid respectfully request permission to install new Intermediate Pole 34 Mendon ST for purpose of raising existing facilities for new Railroad Signal Gate.

In conformity with the requirements of Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed) you are hereby notified that a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled for **Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00PM**, via Zoom Meeting based upon the petition of MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY, to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, in the following public way or ways:

Mendon Street

To install new Intermediate Pole 34 Mendon St for purpose of raising existing facilities for new Railroad Signal Gate

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain pole and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked:

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Plan No. 28103831 Dated 01/25/2021

1. Vote to Open Public Hearing
2. Public Comment
3. Vote to Close Public Hearing

4. Board Decision and Roll Call Vote

D. New Business

1. Approve Contracts for Police Chief and Police Lieutenant (vote)

E. Old Business

1. Reduce Annual Election Hours, May 11, 2021, "COVID" election with reduced hours from 12:00-7:00pm; Readdress Special Town Meeting; Annual Town Meeting
2. GU RR Settlement Agreement Execution Updates:
 - A. Town Prevailed on Initial Motion re 10 Citizen Lawsuit
 - B. Legal Expenses; Reserve Fund Transfer
 - C. Presentation to Hopedale Foundation to Readdress Donation due April 21, 2021
 - D. Land Acquisition Closing per Settlement Agreement

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

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

1. Xfinity 2020 license fee payment 995 subscribers as of December 31, 2020. Xfinity notice dated March 9, 2021 – Copy of Comcast's policies and procedures, sample subscriber bill, work order and rate and channel line-up information.

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items:

1. Appoint Cable Advisory Committee members for renegotiation of Comcast Cable Contract
2. Joint Meeting with Finance Committee

I. Administrator Updates (In Packet)

J. Executive Session

1. To move into Executive Session, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) for item # (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel; **Purpose: Fire Chief;** and
2. For item # (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares, which he does. **Purpose: Collective Bargaining; All units.**

Roll Call Vote

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

Pursuant to Governor Baker's Order of March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law (OML), G.L. c30A §18, and the Governor's Order of March 15, 2020 imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Hopedale Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation.

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