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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**Board of Selectmen
December 21, 2020**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86791458864?pwd=QjUyNTBBZUYvU2l5aGV3R1RUV0N1Zz09>

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Pledge of Allegiance

A. Consent Items

1. Approval of November 23, 2020 Regular Minutes
2. Approval of November 30, 2020 Regular Minutes
3. Approval of the Amended October 13, 2020 Regular Minutes
4. Approval of the Amended October 20, 2020 Regular Minutes
5. Approval of the Amended October 30, 2020 Regular Minutes
6. Accepting the \$50 Donation to the Bancroft Library from Linda Norton. (Letter Attached)
7. Hopedale Girl Scouts, Drive-By Cookie Booths at the High School to take place on Saturday, weather permitting, from January 15- March 10, 2021 from 10 am-1 pm. Practices will be COVID compliant. Health Agent has approved with stipulations, attached.

B. Appointments and Resignations

1. Appointment of Call Fire Candidate, Alex Carchio (Letter Attached)
2. Appointment of Call Fire Candidate, Jennifer Richard (Letter Attached)
3. Resignation of Brian R. Keyes from the Field Ad Hoc Committee, effective November 25, 2020
4. Resignation of Cody Carneiro from the Hopedale Police Department effective November 23, 2020

C. New Business*

1. 2020 Annual ABCC License Renewals; Sign ABCC Retail Liquor License Renewal Application Form (Vote)
2. Sign ABCC 2020 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form (Vote)
3. Acknowledge Open Meeting Law Complaint and Response (Vote)

D. Old Business

1. Town Hall COVID Update: Town Hall closed to the public effective December 14, 2020; Departments are available by appointment only.
2. Green Communities Designation; Energy Reduction Plan Presentation & Adoption (Vote), *Mimi Kaplan, Associate Planner, CMRPC*
3. Accept Donation to the Town of Hopedale from an Anonymous Donor with following conditions:
 - a. For paying all fees, related to litigation, incurred to secure the 364 West Street Land Purchase as voted at Special Town Meeting on October 24, 2020, without limit.
 - b. All legal fees for Special Counsel incurred through December 10, 2020 will be paid within two weeks of presentment of invoice.
 - c. Quarterly payments to be direct deposited into Town revenue account in advance based on previous three-month average (if purpose remains consistent).

d. To be revisited by Board of Selectmen quarterly. (Vote)

4. Green River Cannabis: Request to Address Community Host Agreement issued by the Town of Hopedale, *Constant Poholek, Owner*
 - a. A request to transfer the Host Agreement to another address in the Town of Hopedale. The Special permit was not granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for 54 Mellen Street on December 9, 2020, and we are currently awaiting the transcript of the meeting and contemplating an appeal regarding the adverse decision by the Board.
 - b. It is in the best the interest of the Green River Cannabis Company Inc. and the Town of Hopedale to transfer said Host Agreement to another location in Town, selected by the Green River Cannabis Company Inc. appropriately zoned, that would be more suitable for the Company and residents within the Town of Hopedale.
5. Statement from Town Counsel re: Resignation of Christine Burke
6. Right of First Refusal, 364 West Street, *Attorney Peter F. Durning, Special Counsel*

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

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

1. Donation of two (2) wreaths from the Evergreen Center
2. Welcoming Glenda Hazard as the new Board of Selectmen

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items:

H. Administrator Updates (In Packet)

I. Executive Session

Motion: To move into Executive Session, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) for item # (3): To discuss strategy with respect to litigation that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares. Roll Call Vote

Purpose: Litigation strategy re: Town v. Jon Delli Priscoli, Trustee, et als, Attorney Durning present.

**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.

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