

May 13, 2022

Town of Hopedale

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Board of Selectmen

Ms. Diana Schindler
Town Administrator
Hopedale Town Hall
78 Hopedale Street
Hopedale, MA 01747Re: Notice of Rate Increases

Dear Ms. Schindler:

I am writing on behalf of the Firm's Management Committee to notify you of an upcoming rate change. We, like you, must address increasing operational costs due to the current economic climate, inflation and wage pressure and the need to attract and retain talent.

Effective July 1, 2022, the hourly rate for legal services will be \$220. Additionally, be informed that we will be charging higher rates for certain complex issues requiring a significant investment of time and specialized expertise, and for which specific appropriations are often made, as well as for those services that are often paid by an entity other than the Town. These "Specialty Legal Services" rates reflect the high demand for such services and the intensity of the work required to provide the same:

- comprehensive permit matters, including hearings, and similar matters paid for by third parties such as host community agreement negotiations and the like, and including any administrative or court appeals (\$360/hour if fees are not paid by municipality; or \$330/hour if paid by the municipality);
- comprehensive general or zoning bylaw revision or review and comprehensive form of government charter or special act adoption or amendment (\$300);
- cable television licensing (\$300); and
- bond counsel work (fees calculated based upon "standard" factors in the field).

As always, paralegal services will be billed at one-half the quoted attorney rate and we will continue to pass through to you disbursements and other costs incurred by the Firm on your behalf.

We are confident that the rates we have developed provide the Town with tremendous value reflective of our commitment to public sector work and our vast experience with the many legal issues faced by cities and towns.



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Finally, this is to notify you that since Covid began, we have not passed along any in-house copying charges and only limited postage charges. In FY 2023, we will continue this practice and will not pass through any charges for in-house copying and postage.

The Firm very much appreciates and values our relationship with the Town. Please call or e-mail me at your convenience with any further questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren F. Goldberg".

Lauren F. Goldberg

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May 6, 2022

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Town of Hopedale
78 Hopedale Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. Accordingly, please note the following change to the Xfinity channel lineup provided in your community:

- *On August 8, 2022, due to changes in business costs, AMC+ On Demand will increase from \$6.99 to \$8.99 per month.*

Customers are receiving notice of this information in their bill.

Additionally, once again, we wanted to share the emergency/trouble reporting procedure in the event a **municipal building** experiences problems with downed cable drops, signal transport issues with I-NET or Video Return Lines, Public, Education and Government (PEG) Access channels or to have our technical or construction staff on-site during an emergency.

MUNICIPAL - EMERGENCY/TROUBLE REPORTING PROCEDURES

*(Please note the XOC telephone number listed below **IS NOT** for public dissemination)*

STEP 1 Call **1-877-359-1821** (24/7 – XOC)

STEP 2 Select **Option # 1** - Municipalities, Utilities, Police & Fire

STEP 3 Prompted for Reason for call:

Option # 1 - Down Wires (will be prompted to enter zip code)

Option # 2 – Pole hits, pole transfers or all other Municipal Issues

STEP 4 Speak with Rep. and **obtain job reference #**

The above steps will put you in touch with our Excellence Operations Center (XOC), 24-hours a day, and seven days a week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at Catherine_Maloney@comcast.com should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Maloney

Catherine Maloney, Sr. Manager
Government Affairs

From: [Ryan White](#)
To: [Diana Schindler](#)
Cc: [Tommy Beder](#); [Chief Daige](#); [Lindsay Peterman](#)
Subject: Memorial Day 2022
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 4:37:48 AM

Good Morning Diana,

Below is an itinerary with notes for the 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony. I have posted online that you will add this to the April 25th Selectboard/Town Meeting, so that our volunteers and residents who wish to attend will continue to be informed. If there is anything you would like to add, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Tom and I will keep you posted with any updates.

Memorial Day

0700 – Set up chairs, tables, podium at Village Cemetery

0730 – Residents begin to arrive along parade route.

0745 – Load Veterans, Gold Star Families in POVs, align parade marchers and Town Vehicles.

0800 – Parade begins at Hopedale Highschool.

0830 – Parade ends at Village Cemetery.

0835 – Ceremony begins.

0840 – Greetings of the Day, welcoming statements.

0845 – Invocation

0850 – National Anthem

0855 – Reading of the Hopedale's Fallen Servicemembers.

0905 – Guest Speaker (TBD)

0920 – Final Statements

0930 – Taps and Honor Guard

0935 – Benediction

0940 – Dismissal

0945 – Breakdown of chairs, tables, etc.

Parade Route

Start: Hopedale Jr./Sr. Highschool

Head North on Dutcher St., Turn Left onto Freedom St., Continue onto Bancroft Park and Hope St.

Finish: Hopedale Village Cemetery

Notes

-Invite sent to Ryan Fattman's office, no reply as of today.

-Town Hall ordering wreaths for Village Cemetery, to be laid at headstones the weekend of Memorial Day (Coordination with Cemetery Staff?)

-Hopedale Council on Aging and Atria Draper Place willing to shuttle their residents and other residents who have difficulty walking, to the parade route and to the cemetery.

-Order of March TBD, we would like to include all Town departments to include the Town Hall, Fire Dept, Police Dept, Water and Sewer Dept.'s, Highway/DPW, HS Bands, local Veterans and volunteers driving other local Veterans and Families.