

THE HOPEDALE FOUNDATION

**P.O. Box 123
Hopedale, MA 01747-0123**

March 7, 2023

**Town of Hopedale
Board of Selectmen
78 Hopedale Street
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747**

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of The Hopedale Foundation met recently to revisit a vote taken on July 21, 2022 to grant \$38,500 for the purpose of hiring an engineering and environmental firm to conduct an assessment of Hopedale Pond to determine a proper course of action to restore the Pond's ecological, environmental, and recreational value.

The Trustees had been advised that the funds for that project were no longer required. However, the Trustees understand that the \$38,500 could be used instead for the engineering and design costs for the Rustic Bridge.

After discussion, the Trustees passed the following:

Voted: To reallocate the \$38,500 vote on July 21, 2022 to conduct an assessment of Hopedale Pond and to use the \$38,500 to help offset engineering and design costs for the Rustic Bridge.

Respectfully,



**Michael A. Diorio
Administrator**

**Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022, 6:15PM**

Present: Chair Hazard, Selectman Keyes, Selectman Stock, Town Administrator Schindler

Call to order 6:15 p.m.

Chair Hazard called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Old Business

Consider and Vote on Proposed Order of Taking for Land at 364 West Street Pursuant to Article 1 of the July 11, 2022 Special Town Meeting. Attorney Mina Makarious

Chair Hazard explained to the public that the Select Board is to vote on this every month until the Judge has made a decision. Hazard clarified that this is not a new action but retaking of an action the Select Board has taken before.

Selectman Stock moved to execute the proposed order of taking for land at 364 West Street pursuant to Article 1 of the July 11, 2022 Special Town Meeting. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Selectman Keyes stated that he wants to remain consistent with this item, noting that he does not agree with the path that the Town has taken. Keyes stated that the Town has continued to exhaust resources and energy on something that he does not feel is going to end with a victory for the Town. Keyes stated that, regarding the legal fees for special counsel, the Town has paid an invoice of approximately \$122,000 resulting in an outstanding balance of approximately \$65,000. The Town had placed a \$9,000 deposit for the appraisal; the appraisal cost is \$24,000. Keyes noted that these expenditures total roughly \$200,000; these payments have been made through donors, who are incredibly generous and looking out for the welfare of Hopedale. However, Keyes feels that the \$200,000 could have been donated towards something tangible to the Town instead of pouring money into litigation that is not netting the Town successes. Keyes speculated that this litigation will most likely take on a federal presence which Keyes does not feel the Town will win. Chair Hazard thanked the donors for their generosity and feels that the results of this litigation will be to the benefit of the Town. Chair Hazard stated that preserving the land in question is important to the Town and the residents. Chair Hazard stated that as of now, all expenses have been funded by the donors.

Selectman Keyes stated that there have been no donations made toward the land purchase cost of \$3.9 million. Chair Hazard responded that the Town Administrator is going to reach out to donors regarding this. Chair Hazard reiterated that the residents, at Town Meeting, voted for this.

Selectman Stock moved to execute the proposed order of taking for land at 364 West Street pursuant to Article 1 of the July 11, 2022 Special Town Meeting. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Selectman Stock – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Nay, Chair Hazard – Aye 2:1, Passed

Selectman Stock motioned to adjourn the regular meeting. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Selectman Stock – Aye, Selectman Keyes – Aye, Chair Hazard – Aye

Chair Hazard dissolved the meeting at 6:25PM.

**Submitted:
Lindsay Peterman**

Board Adopted:

Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022, 6:30PM

Present: Chair Hazard, Selectman Keyes, Selectman Stock, Town Administrator Schindler

Chair Hazard called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Consent Items

Accept Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2022

Chair Hazard stated that she was not present for the joint meeting portion of the August 24, 2022 meeting, only the regular Select Board portion of the meeting. Accordingly, she suggested that there should be two motions regarding these minutes - one to approve the Select Board portion of the meeting minutes and one to approve the joint meeting minutes.

Selectman Stock motioned to approve the August 24, 2022, regular Select Board meeting minutes. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Selectman Stock motioned to approve the portion of the August 24, 2022 minutes regarding the joint meeting with the Planning Board. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Abstain

Accept Donation of \$2,000 to be used by COA for Instructors Fees for Programming at Senior Center

Selectman Stock motioned to accept the donation of \$2,000 to be used by the Council on Aging for Instructors Fees for Programming at Senior Center. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Appointments & Resignations

Appoint Martha White: Interim Executive Assistant, effective 10/12/2022

Town Administrator Schindler stated that Martha White was a Town Administrator for over a decade. Schindler stated that she will be taking the Interim Executive Assistant position instead of the Town planner position. White is looking for a part-time position. Schindler stated that she is looking for a temporary position for 30-60 days until a full-time Executive Assistant can be secured by the Town Administrator. Schindler stated that White has agreed to come to the office 3 days a week totaling 18 hours of work. Selectman Stock stated White has a phenomenal work history and it would be beneficial to the Town.

Selectman Stock motioned to appoint Martha White as the Interim Executive Assistant. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Appoint Joseph Knight, Call Firefighter Candidate, effective 10/3/2022

Chief Daige stated that Joseph Knight has his EMT certification and is finishing paramedic school. The Select Board stated that this is an excellent addition to the Town of Hopedale.

Selectman Stock motioned to appoint Joseph Knight as a Call Firefighter Candidate effective October 3, 2022. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Appoint Tiana Lasorsa, Call firefighter Candidate, 10/3/2022

Chief Daige stated that Tiana Lasorsa currently works as an EMT with the Brewster EMS and has been a Dispatcher in Framingham, MA. The Select Board stated this is appointment is also an excellent addition to the Town of Hopedale.

Selectman Stock motioned to appoint Tianna Lasorsa as a Call Firefighter Candidate effective October 3, 2022. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Accept Resignation of Patrick Maloney from Finance Committee. Submitted 10/8/2022

Chair Hazard read the resignation letter from Patrick Maloney to the Chair of the Finance Committee. Selectman Stock and Selectman Keyes thanked Patrick Maloney for this time serving the committee.

Selectman Stock motioned to accept the resignation of Patrick Maloney from the Finance Committee. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

New Business

Review and Sign Election Warrant for 2022 State Election, as provided by Town Clerk

Chair Hazard stated that this was posted on the Town website if residents would like to review.

Selectman Stock motioned to approve and sign the Election Warrant for the 2022 State Election. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Open Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 14, 2022; to be closed October 20, 2022;
Review Draft of Warrant

Town Administrator Schindler stated she provided the first draft of the Special Town Meeting Warrant in tonight's meeting packet. Schindler stated that she will be meeting with Department Heads to review the draft warrant. Schindler reviewed the warrant articles with the Select Board including zoning changes, expense items, and two citizen petitions. Chair Hazard stated that the Town is anticipating 12 warrant articles, but additional articles may be added prior to the close date of October 20, 2022.

Selectman Stock motioned to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 14, 2022, to be closed on October 20, 2022. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Old Business

Review Appraisal for 364 West Street. Attorney David Mackey

Attorney Mackey provided information pertaining to the appraisal of 364 West Street. Mackey stated that the necessary steps have been taken such that the Select Board could file the order of taking at any time. The Railroad, in Federal Court, moved to obtain an injunction against the Town for the order of taking. The Court granted the injunction, indicating that it needs a substantial amount of time to review the paperwork provided by the Town and the Railroad. The Judge ordered the Town to hold on filing the order of taking and ordered the Railroad to stop development while the Judge is working on the matter. Mackey is anticipating that within the next month or two the Town will receive the decision from the Judge regarding the Railroad's motion to enjoin the taking. Mackey stated that the Town has also filed to dismiss the Railroad's complaint; this is also pending before the Judge. Mackey anticipates that the Judge will rule to dismiss the lawsuit and the Railroad's motion to enjoin the taking. Mackey stated that one of the arguments the Town has made is that the proper venue to challenge both the validity of the taking and the amount of money the Railroad received in exchange for the taking is in State Court. This is a Chapter 79 proceeding, Mackey explained that if the Railroad wants to challenge the taking or the amount of the money, the Railroad could file an action under Chapter 79 in State Court. Selectman Keyes asked Mackey if he would suggest moving forward with challenging the appraisal. Keyes continued that the appraised value of \$4.4 million is higher than the Town anticipated, and the Town has only appropriated \$3.9 million. Chair Hazard shared that when the appraisal came in at \$4.4 million, she reached out to two donors who had previously indicated that they would assist with the purchase – the Hopedale Foundation and an anonymous donor – and they indicated they would donate \$1.2 million toward the land purchase, noting that the Foundation's donation would be made in increments. Selectman Keyes expressed concerns that the \$4.4 million is due the day of the taking, not to be paid in increments; Mackey clarified that the Town will have 60 days to pay the Railroad following the taking. Selectman Keyes suggested adding a warrant article to request additional Town funds. Selectman Keyes noted that he has questions regarding the appraisal such as it does not mention the rail line on the property, and asked that Attorney Mackey review the appraisal with the Select Board at a future meeting;

Mackey noted that this would be a discussion for executive session because it could pertain to litigation strategy.

Address ARPA Requests/Priorities for Allocating Spending

Town Administrator Schindler stated the Finance Committee has begun to put together a priority list for use of the ARPA funds. Schindler stated that the Finance Committee was not in favor of using the monies to fund Fire Department personnel or other ongoing expenses for which ARPA funds would not be available in future years. Selectman Keyes stated that the Fire Chief recently told the Select Board that he needs additional funds for staffing. Selectman Keyes stated that he does not understand or agree with the Finance Committee's stance on aiding the Fire Department. Chair Hazard stated that she would like to have the Fire Chief clarify what is needed and what the steps are to hire someone under civil service. Schindler highlighted some items requested by the School Department, noting some would not just be beneficial for the Schools but the Town as well. Schindler stated that the School Department requested funds for work in the auditorium, which also can be used as an emergency shelter for the Town. Schindler stated that a vote does not need to be made tonight.

Finalize Town Planner Position and Request Transfer of Reserve Funds

Chair Hazard stated that there have been no edits to the current job description. Selectman Stock stated that he has no qualms with the job description. Stock asked what the process is after approving the job description. Town Administrator Schindler proposed that once the Select Board approved the full-time position and salary of \$75,000, the Town Administrator would submit a reserve fund transfer request to the Finance Committee, with a copy of the final job description. Schindler stated that if the Finance Committee votes yes, she will request that the Accountant make the transfer. If the Accountant does not feel comfortable making the transfer, Schindler stated that it would then be put on a Town Meeting warrant. The Select Board felt it would be best to just put it on a Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Keyes stated that he does not feel this needs to be a full-time position as there is not much development going on, noting that he does agree with the job description. Chair Hazard stated that she feels this is a full-time position because this job is not just a Town Planner, there is a lot of administrative work that also must be fulfilled to comply with local and state laws and regulations.

Selectman Stock motioned to accept the job description for the Town Planner. Selectman Keyes seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Keyes – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Select Board Response to Rosenfeld Concrete Motion for Declaratory Judgment

Chair Hazard provided a brief update regarding this item, noting that the developer has asked the Court to clarify who has jurisdiction over the wetlands issues on site, and the Board is waiting to for the Judge to rule on this issue.

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

Selectman Stock shared concerns with the Select Board regarding rising energy costs and the effect on residents. Stock reminded residents to change the batteries in their fire alarms and CO2 detectors, especially if they are using wood or pellet stoves to combat the expensive energy costs this season. Administrator Schindler suggested that the Town look into municipal aggregation. Through this program the Town bids for a town-wide energy contract for all residents; residents can opt out if they choose but better energy prices usually result from this bidding process. Schindler stated that she would investigate this and put it on a future agenda.

Selectman Keyes noted that two occurrences at tonight's meeting were inappropriate, one involving a fellow Board member and one involving a resident.

Chair Hazard acknowledged that Board members have heard from some residents regarding the code of conduct, noting that the code was well-intended but is not easily enforceable. Hazard feels that the Select Board should revisit the details of the code of conduct including enforcement and consequences. Chair Hazard suggested a code of conduct for town employees regarding posting on social media. Selectman Keyes disagreed, stating that posting on social media is a constitutional right of free speech. Chair Hazard stated that there is a line that should be drawn that is reasonable without restricting freedom of speech. Chair Hazard asked to put a social media policy discussion on a future agenda, Chair Keyes left the meeting during this discussion.

Correspondence and Select Board Informational Items (votes will not be taken)

- Check Presentation, Hopedale Pond, October 12, 6:00 pm
- Flu Shot Clinics, Oct 13 and Oct 27, 4-6 pm, Hopedale High School
- Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 10, 2022
- Benefit for Toys for Tots, Sponsored by the US Marines, Saturday, November 26th, 2022, 10:00 am-1:00 pm; Roadside Collection for Spare Change, Rt. 16, Main St., and the Cumberland Farms Store.
- A/P Warrant #23-07, \$752,301.92, 10/6/2022
- P/R Warrant #23-07, \$820,637.72, 10/6/2022
- Letter from MA DEP regarding Hopedale Water Department, Permit Application WS22C

Requests for Future Agenda Items

- Review Master Planning Materials, Draft Chapters, Land Use, Housing, Economic Development, Historic/Cultural Resources, & Draft Open Space Plan, 10/24/22
- Appoint Members of Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
- OPEB Presentation with Parker Elmore, TBD
- Request to Review Code of Conduct
- Review and Sign Host Community Agreement from Lifted Genetics; Tier I Cultivation for Recreational Use at 5 Condon Way (HCA incomplete - moved to 10/24/22)*

Administrator Updates (In Packet) Hopedale/Mendon Street Intersection Project Update

Executive Session:

Selectman Stock motioned to enter into executive session, pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3), for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body as declared by the chair. DPW Unit. Not to return to open session. Chair Hazard seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Hazard – Aye, Keyes – Absent

Motion Passed 2-0

Chair Hazard dissolved the regular meeting at 8:58PM

Submitted By: Lindsay Peterman

Board Adopted:

**Special Meeting
Board of Selectmen
January 21, 2021
7:30 am**

Present: Chair Keyes, Selectman Arcudi, Selectwoman Hazard

Chair Keyes called the meeting to order at 7:31AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call Meeting to Order in Open Session

This meeting is exclusively for the purpose of mediation and will be held virtually through REBA Dispute Resolution, Inc. The Board will not be returning to open session.

Move into Executive Session

Motion: G.L. c. 30A, § 21 with respect to participation in mediations, c. 30A, § 21(a): 9. To meet or confer with a mediator, as defined in section 23C of chapter 233, with respect to any litigation or decision on any public business within its jurisdiction involving another party, group or entity, provided that: (i) any decision to participate in mediation shall be made in an open session and the parties, issues involved and purpose of the mediation shall be disclosed; and (ii) no action shall be taken by any public body with respect to those issues which are the subject of the mediation without deliberation and approval for such action at an open session.

REBA Dispute Resolution Mediation: Town of Hopedale v. Priscoli, et al; Land Court Docket No. 20 MISC 000467 (DRR) with Judge Leon J. LOMBARDI (retired) as mediator.

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to move to executive session. Selectman Hazard seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Hazard – Aye, Keyes – Aye

Close Executive Session

Dissolve Meeting

Chair Keyes dissolved the open meeting at 7:34AM

Minutes approved by Select Board:



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Thomas M. Daige - Fire Chief

David J. McMorrow - Deputy Chief



**Select Board
Town Hall Office
78 Hopedale Street
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February 28, 2023

Re: Promotion of Call Firefighter Candidate Alec Kaminski-Miller to Call Firefighter

Madam Chair,

I am pleased to put forth Call Firefighter Candidate Alec Kaminski-Miller's name for promotion to Call Firefighter effective February 27th, 2023. Alec has been a member of our department for 8 months and has recently completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Program which meets the standards set-forth to become a paid member of the department. I recommend the board promote Alec Kaminski-Miller to the position of Call Firefighter effective February 27th, 2023.

Respectfully,



**Thomas Daige
Fire Chief**



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February 28, 2023

Re: Resignation of Call Firefighter Candidate Tiana Lasorsa

Madam Chair,

Please see the attached letter of resignation from Call Firefighter Candidate Tiana Lasorsa effective immediately (2/27/2023).

Respectfully,

Thomas Daige
Fire Chief



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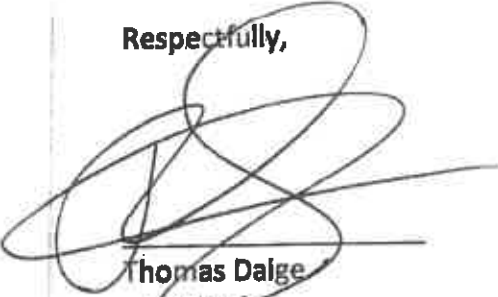
February 28th, 2023

Re: Promotion of Call Firefighter Candidate Andre Aurellano to Call Firefighter

Madam Chair,

I am pleased to put forth Call Firefighter Candidate Andre Aurellano for promotion to the position of Call Firefighter effective February 27th, 2023. Andre has been a member of our department for 8 months and has recently completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Program which meets the standards set-forth to become a paid member of the Call Fire Department. I recommend the Select Board promote Andre Aurellano to the position of Call Firefighter effective February 27th, 2023.

Respectfully,


Thomas Dalge
Fire Chief

Hopedale Booster Club 5K Road Race Saturday May 20, 2023 – Select Board

March 30, 2023

Glenda Hazard
Brian Keyes
Bernard Stock
cc. Jeff Nutting, Martha White

Dear Board Members,

The Hopedale Booster Club is pleased to announce our 13th Annual Hopedale Blue Raider 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Hopedale Jr-Sr High School.

The proceeds raised from this event have been used to positively impact the lives of hundreds of Hopedale students and athletes. A large portion of the funds raised from this race go directly to the Hopedale High School Athletic Department to purchase new team uniforms and other costs not covered by athletic fees. A portion of the proceeds also go to the Boosters Club which helps Boosters provide fan buses to varsity sporting events, purchase cross country tents and stopwatches, provide impact testing, contribute to After-Prom and Homecoming events, and purchase equipment such as soccer benches, batting cages, and softball backstop fencing. In addition, the Booster Club provides annual scholarships for graduating seniors and contributes to help defray class yearbook costs.

This is the Boosters' largest fundraising event, which makes this event so important to continuing the donations to the Athletic Department and the student body. The race will be held on Saturday, starting at 10:00 and there will be a variety of raffle prizes to be won. We again request the Selectmen endorsement of this important fundraising event.

All aspects of the race such as insurance, etc. will be handled the same as it has been in previous years and coordinated between the Boosters and the Hopedale Athletic Department. Our race last year was quite a success thanks to the tremendous support from all areas of the community. We had 166 runners participating in last year's race.

We hope you will support our efforts to continue this event.

Sincerely,

Jess Allen
Hopedale Booster Club
Race Director
508-494-1454



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Brian R. Keyes
Bernard J. Stock

Town Administrator
Jeff Nutting
Interim Town Administrator

The Hopedale Select Board hereby gives public notice of its intention to call

2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ON

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

IN THE

HOPEDALE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

All articles requested for inclusion in the warrant for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting must be received in the Office of the Select Board, Hopedale Town Hall, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747 by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023. The Select Board encourages petitioners and others submitting articles to provide such materials electronically to mwhite@hopedale-ma.gov by such date and time; if submitting through this format, petitioners are advised to request a "read receipt" to verify proper and timely receipt by Select Board's Office. The Select Board further encourages that articles be submitted in narrative format only, and that maps and other supplementary material not be included as part of the warrant article.

Glenda A. Hazard, Chair
Hopedale Select Board

Martha White

From: Hopedale Park Commission
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 11:37 AM
To: Martha White
Subject: March Meeting

Good morning Martha,

The Park Commission would like to be on the agenda for the March Select Board meeting. They have been discussing a Town Park Renovation project and would like to present to the Select Board. The board acknowledges based on last night's summit that the town has decisions to make financially, but they would like to pursue the project.

Let me know if you need any more information from me.

Thank you!

Kristen Ledone

Sent from my iPhone



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Town Administrator
Jeff Nutting
Interim Town Administrator

March 9, 2023

TO: Select Board

FROM: Jeff Nutting, Interim Town Administrator

RE: Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for the Clerical Union

We are pleased to advise the Select Board that we have reached agreement with the Clerical Union for wage increases of 2.5% for FY 24 and FY 25. The Memorandum of Agreement is attached.

Your approval of this Agreement is requested.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
 between the
TOWN OF HOPEDALE
 and the
HOEDALE CLERICAL STAFF
 on behalf of
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' LOCAL UNION 272
 of the
MASSACHUSETTS LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL
 of the
PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS LOCAL 164A

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopedale (“Town”) and the Public Employees’ Local Union 272 (“Union”), are parties to a collective bargaining agreement for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025 (“CBA”);

WHEREAS, Article XXVI (Wages) of the parties’ CBA obligates the parties to open the contract mid-term for the sole purpose of negotiating employee wages for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025;

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated in good faith over employee wages for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the terms of their current CBA as follows, with the remainder of the contract to remain unchanged.

1. ARTICLE XXVI (WAGES)

Add the following:

“Effective July 1, 2023, employee shall be placed into one of the following 7-step wage scales, reflecting a 2.5% COLA in FY24 and a 2.5% COLA in FY25:

Step	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
FY24	24.26	24.99	25.74	26.51	27.30	28.12	28.97
Annual	47,307	48,726	50,188	51,694	53,244	54,842	56,487
FY25	24.87	25.61	26.38	27.04	27.85	28.69	29.55
Annual	48,490	49,944	51,443	52,729	54,311	55,940	57,618

2. ARTICLE XXXIV (CELL PHONE STIPEND)

Delete article in its entirety. Employees will no longer be required to carry cell phones, and the stipend shall be wrapped into base pay for all employees who had received the stipend prior to July 1, 2023.

The parties hereunto sign and seal this agreement and a duplicate thereof:

FOR THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SELECT BOARD

Glenda A. Hazard, Chair

Brian R. Keyes

Bernard J. Stock

Date

FOR THE UNION, Local 272



Sandra Holland, President



Renee Polechronis, Vice President

Attest: Lisa Pedroli, Town Clerk

SEAL



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March 9, 2023

TO: Select Board

FROM: Jeff Nutting, Interim Town Administrator

RE: Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for the Highway, Water and Sewer Union

We are pleased to advise the Select Board that we have reached agreement with the Highway, Water and Sewer Union for wage increases of 3% for FY 24 and FY 25. The Memorandum of Agreement is attached.

Your approval of this Agreement is requested.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
 between the
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 and the
HOPEDALE HIGHWAY, WATER AND SEWER/CLERICAL STAFF
 on behalf of
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' LOCAL UNION 272
 of the
MASSACHUSETTS LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL
 of the
LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, AFL-CIO

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopedale ("Town") and the Hopedale Highway, Water and Sewer/Clerical Staff of the Public Employees' Local Union 272 of the Massachusetts Laborers' District Council of the Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO ("Union"), are parties to a collective bargaining agreement for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025 ("CBA");

WHEREAS, Article XXVIII (Wages) of the parties' CBA obligates the parties to open the contract mid-term for the sole purpose of negotiating employee wages for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025;

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated in good faith over employee wages for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the terms of their current CBA as follows, with the remainder of the contract to remain unchanged.

1. ARTICLE XXVIII (WAGES)

Effective July 1, 2022 – 4.25% increase

Effective July 1, 2023 – 3% increase, reflected in the following wage scale:

Grade	Step						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	24.25	25.22	26.23	27.28	28.37	29.50	30.68
2	25.22	26.23	27.28	28.37	29.50	30.68	31.91
3	26.23	27.28	28.37	29.50	30.68	31.91	33.19
4	27.28	28.37	29.50	30.68	31.91	33.19	34.52
5	28.37	29.50	30.68	31.91	33.19	34.52	35.90
6	29.50	30.68	31.91	33.19	34.52	35.90	37.33

Effective July 1, 2024 – 3% increase, reflected in the following wage scale:

Grade	Step						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	24.98	25.98	27.02	28.10	29.22	30.39	31.60
2	25.98	27.02	28.10	29.22	30.39	31.60	32.87
3	27.02	28.10	29.22	30.39	31.60	32.87	34.18
4	28.10	29.22	30.39	31.60	32.87	34.18	35.55
5	29.22	30.39	31.60	32.87	34.18	35.55	36.97
6	30.39	31.60	32.87	34.18	35.55	36.97	38.45

The parties hereunto sign and seal this agreement and a duplicate thereof:

FOR THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE,
By its Select Board

Glenda Hazard, Chair

Brian Keyes, Member

Bernard Stock, Member

Date: _____

FOR THE UNION



Date: 3/8/2025



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Select Board
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Town Administrator
Jeff Nutting
Interim Town Administrator

To: Select Board
From: Martha White, Interim Executive Assistant
Re: Spindleville Dam
CC: Jeff Nutting, Interim Town Administrator
Chris Nadeau, Highway Superintendent
Date: March 8, 2023

As noted in my February 22, 2023 memo to the Select Board, we have been ordered to conduct a Dam Safety Phase I Inspection of the Spindleville Dam. We have received the attached proposal from Tighe & Bond to conduct this work; their cost for the Phase I Inspection would be \$6,100.

Tighe & Bond's proposal also includes an option to prepare an Emergency Action Plan; the cost of this additional work would be \$6,400. As explained in the proposal, 2017 amendments to the state Dam Safety Regulations required owners of dams classified as "Significant Hazard Potential" (which is the classification for the Spindleville Dam) to submit an EAP to the Office of Dam Safety and the MA Emergency Management Agency by December 31, 2019. An EAP for the Spindleville Dam has never been prepared.

Coincidentally, we received a letter last week from the Department of Conservation and Recreation ordering that the Town prepare an EAP – see attached.

Accordingly, we recommend that the Select Board authorize the full scope of work in Tighe & Bond's proposal, for a total cost of \$12,500. The proposed funding source is ARPA Funds. A spreadsheet showing available ARPA funds is attached.

Thank you for your consideration.



February 13, 2023

First Class Mail
Certified Mail No. 7017 0190 0000 9701 6930
Return Receipt Requested

Town of Hopedale
Board of Selectmen
PO Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747

Subject: Order to Conduct a Dam Safety Phase I Inspection

Dam Name: Spindleville Pond Dam
Location of Dam: Hopedale
National ID No.: MA00936
Hazard Potential: Significant

Dear Dam Owner:

As provided for in GL c.253, section 46 and 302 CMR 10.07, all dams classified as "Significant Hazard Potential" are required to undergo an inspection every five (5) years by a professional engineer at the owner's expense. As the owner of a dam classified "Significant Hazard Potential" you are subject to this requirement. Our records indicate that the most recent Phase I Inspection Report for this dam was completed on November 10, 2017.

Therefore, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Dam Safety ("ODS") is issuing the following order:

Conduct Dam Safety Phase I Inspection

This order is to notify you that as owner of the above-referenced dam, you are required to complete a Phase I Inspection no later than May 31, 2023. You are hereby **ORDERED** to have the above-referenced dam inspected by a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer and submit a completed inspection report to the ODS at the Department of Conservation and Recreation within 30 days of the date of inspection. The Phase I Inspection Report must be received by ODS no later than June 30, 2023.

For dams determined to be in Poor or Unsafe condition and also required to have Follow-up inspections completed, a Phase I Inspection, being more comprehensive than a Follow-up inspection, will satisfy a Poor or Unsafe condition Follow-up inspection requirement for that dam for one cycle. The next Poor or Unsafe condition Follow-up inspection would therefore be due six (6) or three (3) months, respectively, from the date of the Phase I inspection. If this is unclear, please contact our office for clarification.

Please note that our office has revised the required form and inspection template. Please ensure that when you submit your Phase I Inspection Report that you are using the correct documents. For your use and that of your professional engineer, the revised inspection guidelines and the inspection form required to be completed and filed with the ODS can be found at and downloaded from our website: www.mass.gov/office-of-dam-safety.

If you have an up-to-date Phase I inspection report on file, please forward a copy of the report to the ODS within 21 days of receipt of this order for review.

Failure to comply with these Orders will subject you to fines of up to \$5,000.00 per violation, with each day of violation being subject to a \$5,000.00 fine.

It is the obligation of the dam owner to contact and notify all applicable local, state and federal permitting agencies prior to conducting any work at a dam including manipulation of water levels. Additionally, any dam owner planning to conduct any material alterations or repairs to a dam it is their obligation to file with the Office of Dam Safety a Chapter 253 Dam Safety Permit Application

Should you have any questions regarding this Order, please feel free to contact the ODS as follows:

- 1 Write to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Dam Safety, 180 Beaman Street, West Boylston, MA 01583,
- 2 Contact the office by email at dam.safety@mass.gov, or
- 3 Call 617-620-8583.

Sincerely,



William C. Salomaa, Director
Office of Dam Safety



February 28, 2023

Town of Hopedale
Board of Selectmen
PO Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747

**Subject: Reminder to Perform Annual Emergency Action Plan (EAP)
Review and Update per 302 CMR 10.11**

Dear Dam Owner.

You are receiving this notice because you are listed as the owner of at least one dam located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts classified as either High Hazard Potential or Significant Hazard Potential. This message is a reminder from the Department of Conservation (DCR), Office of Dam Safety (ODS) that per 302 CMR 10.11, all dams classified as High Hazard Potential or Significant Hazard Potential shall have an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) submitted to the DCR Commissioner and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. In addition, EAPs shall be submitted to all other applicable local Emergency Management Directors. All EAPs shall be updated annually and their format shall be in accordance with guidelines established by ODS which will be posted and updated on the ODS website at the following link:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/emergency-action-plans>.

Please be advised that submitted copies of both the updated hard copy and electronic copy must be complete. It is no longer acceptable to submit only updated pages. This change is required in order to eliminate discrepancies that have arisen between distributed copies.

If you have a recently updated EAP or are in the process of reviewing and updating your EAP, please forward final electronic submittals to Edward.M.Connor@mass.gov and final hard copy submittals to the following address: Office of Dam Safety, Attn: EAP Coordinator, 180 Beaman St, West Boylston, MA 01583. If you have previously submitted an EAP and have not yet received feedback from our office, we appreciate your patience as we process submittals in the order in which they were received.

You are reminded that it is the obligation of the dam owner to contact and notify all applicable local, state and federal permitting agencies prior to conducting any work at a dam including manipulation of water levels. Additionally, it is the obligation of any dam owner planning to conduct any material alterations or repairs to a dam to file with the ODS a Chapter 253 Dam Safety Permit Application. The Permit Application template is also available on our website.

Please note, nothing in this notice releases the owner from the requirements of any prior Dam Safety Order issued for this dam.



If you have questions specific to the EAP requirement, please contact Ed Connor by phone at 774-261-0207 or by email at the above provided email address. For general dam safety inquiries, please contact our office by phone at 617-620-8583 or by email at dam.safety@mass.gov. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Salomaa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

William C. Salomaa, Director
Office of Dam Safety

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March 1, 2023

Mr. Jeff Nutting, Interim Town Administrator
Interim Executive Assistant
Town Administrator's Office
78 Hopedale Street
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747

**Re: Phase I Inspection/Evaluation and Emergency Action Plan Proposal
Spindleville Pond Dam (MA00936) - Hopedale, MA**

Dear Mr. Nutting:

Tighe & Bond is pleased to submit this proposal to provide engineering services for a Phase I Inspection/Evaluation and preparation of an Emergency Action Plan ("EAP") for Spindleville Pond Dam in Hopedale, Massachusetts. We have previous dam experience in Hopedale at the Hopedale Pond Dam where we prepared a Water Level Control Alternatives Evaluation in February 2022.

The previous Phase I Inspection/Evaluation Report for Spindleville Pond Dam was performed on November 10, 2017. Since the dam is classified as a Significant hazard structure, a Phase I Inspection is required every five years in accordance with Massachusetts Dam Safety regulations and is therefore overdue for inspection. We understand that the Town received a Dam Safety Order, dated February 13, 2023, from the Department of Conservation and Recreation ("DCR") Office of Dam Safety ("ODS") to perform a Phase I Inspection by May 31, 2023 and submit the report to ODS by June 30, 2023.

In addition, when the Dam Safety Regulations of 302 CMR 10.00 were revised in 2017, following amendments to General Laws Part I-Title II, Chapter 21, Section 65 (b), a requirement was added for owners of Significant Hazard Potential dams to prepare EAPs. The DCR ODS began enforcing these rules in December of 2018 by issuing Dam Safety Orders for every Significant Hazard dam in the Commonwealth. The orders required all Significant Hazard dam owners to submit EAPs to ODS and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency ("MEMA") by December 31, 2019. All EAPs are subject to approval by the DCR Commissioner. We have included preparation of an EAP in the event one has not been prepared for Spindleville Pond Dam.

Scope of Services

Task 1: Phase I Inspection/Evaluation

Tighe & Bond proposes the following services to prepare the 2023 Phase I report:

Review of Existing Information - Tighe & Bond will review the previous reports that we have on file for this dam to prepare for the upcoming inspection.

Visual Inspection - A visual inspection of the exposed and above water portions of the structure, including the dam, spillway, abutments, gate facilities and outlet control works will be performed by an experienced licensed engineer. The inspection will be a visual observation that will focus on identifying apparent deficiencies. Observed conditions of concern will be documented in writing and with photographs, when possible.



Stability - The apparent stability of the dam will be visually assessed based on observations of the dam embankment, structures, and appurtenances looking for signs indicative of conditions associated with potential instability.

Report - The Phase I Inspection report will be prepared in the Phase I format required by the DCR ODS. The report will provide general information regarding the dam, watershed, and downstream areas, observations made during our inspection, and recommendations to address observed deficiencies, if any. The report will include color photographs taken during the inspection, an inspection checklist listing observed conditions, and figures depicting the dam location, downstream areas, and watershed limits.

We will submit a draft Phase I Inspection report to you in PDF format for review and comment. We will incorporate one round of comments from you, prepare final deliverables, and submit the report to ODS on your behalf. Final deliverables will include one hard copy and an electronic copy of the report for your use and one hard copy and an electronic copy submitted directly to ODS.

Task 2 – Emergency Action Plan

Review of Existing Information - Tighe & Bond will review the available data and incorporate the information into inundation mapping and EAP development.

Inundation Mapping - Inundation mapping will be prepared for the dam using a simplified approach as identified in Section 10.11 of the Dam Safety Regulations. DSS-Wise Lite GIS Toolset will be used to develop the mapping. DSS-WISE Lite GIS Toolset is a simplified 2D model that is supported by FEMA. The breach analysis will use a reservoir level at the top of the dam during a sunny day failure. No hydrologic analysis is included. The mapping will include peak breach flow, timing of the peak flood wave, and flood depths at critical locations downstream. The DSS WISE Lite GIS method required by ODS is intended to provide a useful approximation of inundation areas.

Preparation of EAP - Tighe & Bond will prepare an EAP utilizing the template provided by ODS for Significant Hazard dams. We will contact and discuss the EAP, equipment availability, and response procedures with you and the local Emergency Management Director ("EMD") so that local procedures or considerations can be included in the EAP. The contact information for responsible parties will also be included in the EAP. We assume that dam breach analysis will show that impacts are limited to the Town of Hopedale.

A draft of the EAP in PDF format will be prepared and submitted to you for review. We will incorporate one round of comments into the final EAP. Four hard copies in 3-ring binders and one electronic copy will be submitted to you for local distribution [one copy each to the Police Department, the Fire Department, EMD, and for your files]. One hard copy in a 3-ring binder and one electronic copy each will be sent directly to ODS and MEMA, and Tighe & Bond will retain one copy. The files used for generating the inundation mapping will also be provided with the electronic copy.

Schedule

We are prepared to initiate the services described herein upon receipt of an acceptance of this proposal. Assuming we receive an executed agreement by April 1, 2023, we will perform the inspection by May 31, 2023 and submit a draft report to the Town by the Phase I report to DCR by June 14, 2023. Assuming we receive comments from the Town by June 23, 2023, we will submit the final report to ODS by June 30, 2023. For the EAP, we will submit a draft to the Town by June 30, 2023.

Fee

Tighe & Bond will perform these services for a lump sum fee of \$12,500, Invoiced monthly based on percentage complete. In the event that the scope of work is increased for any reason, the lump sum fee to complete the work shall be mutually revised by written amendment. Our attached Terms and Conditions is part of this letter agreement. The included schedule and fees are based on the above scope of work and assumptions. The schedule includes reasonable allowances for review and approval times by applicable parties. This schedule may need to be adjusted as the project progresses, allowing for changes in scope, character or size of the project requested by you, or for delays or other causes beyond our reasonable control.

For information purposes, the below summary provides the anticipated break out of the project. The summary is presented to give the Town a better understanding of how the project budget was developed. Invoices will be submitted based on the total project fee and not individual line item budgets.

Task	Estimated Fee
Task 1 – Phase I Inspection/Evaluation	\$6,100
Task 2 – Emergency Action Plan	\$6,400
Total	\$12,500


We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal and look forward to continuing to provide engineering services to Town of Hopedale. Please contact Steve Sroka at 413-572-3232 or smsroka@tighebond.com should you have any questions regarding our proposal.

Very truly yours,

TIGHE & BOND, INC.



Steven M. Sroka, PE
Senior Engineer



David A. Murphy, PE
Vice President

Copy: Dan Roop

Acceptance

On behalf of the Town of Hopedale, the scope, fee, and the attached terms and conditions are hereby accepted.

Authorized Signature

Date

Enclosures: Terms and Conditions



ORDER OF TAKING

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopedale, a municipal corporation, *acting by and through its Select Board*, with an address of 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747 (the "Town") hereby certifies that the Town did vote to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee interest in the land known as a portion of 364 West Street, Hopedale, Worcester County, Massachusetts, containing 130.18 acres, more or less, which is classified as Forest Land under Chapter 61 of the General Laws, and shown on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Plan") as "Map 2, Block 5, One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, Chapter 61 Forest Land Parcel-130.18 Acres" (the "Property"), which Property excludes the areas shown on the Plan as "Railroad Right of Way" and "Map 2, Block 5, One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, Excluded Wetlands – 25.06 Acres";

WHEREAS, the Select Board has deemed that public necessity and convenience require that it should take charge of and take by eminent domain a fee interest in the Property to maintain and preserve the Property and the forest, water, air, and other natural resources thereon for the use of the public and for conservation and recreation purposes to be managed under the control of the Hopedale Parks Commission;

WHEREAS, the taking was authorized by a two-thirds vote at the 2022 Special Town Meeting held on July 11, 2022, pursuant to Article 1, a certified copy of which vote is recorded herewith; and

WHEREAS, the Property is currently owned by Michael R. Milanoski and Jon Delli Priscoli, Trustees of the One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, u/d/t dated September 16, 1981 and recorded in the Worcester South County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 7322, Page 177, by virtue of a deed recorded with the Registry on June 11, 2021 in Book 65363, Page 65.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Select Board of the Town of Hopedale, acting herein under the authority conferred on us by Chapters 40 and 79 of the General Laws, do hereby adopt this Order of Taking to take, on behalf of the Town, a fee simple interest in all of the Property.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that included in this taking and without limiting the provisions of the foregoing, said taking includes all trees, bushes, vegetation, roadway improvements and all structures located thereon, including but not limited to structures for the collection of storm drainage and sewerage, but not including wires, cables, poles, towers, pipes, conduits and other appurtenances for the conveyance of gas, electricity, cable television or telephone communication located in or upon the Property, and not including railroad tracks or appurtenant loading structures currently in place on the Property.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that no betterments are to be assessed under this Taking.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 79, as amended, an award of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00) is made.

AND FURTHER ORDERED that a representative of the Town shall record this Order of Taking in the Registry within thirty (30) days from its final passage, shall notify the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes in the Town of Hopedale of this taking in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 79, and shall cause notice of the taking to be given to all persons entitled thereto and do all things necessary for the validity of this Order of Taking.

[Signatures to appear on next page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Select Board, have executed this Order of Taking this 13th day of March, 2023.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SELECT BOARD

Glenda A. Hazard, Chair

Brian R. Keyes

Bernard J. Stock

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF WORCESTER

On this 14th day of March, 2023, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared _____

_____, members of the Select Board for the Town of Hopedale, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was personal knowledge, to be the persons whose names are signed on the preceding or attached document and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:



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Interim Town Administrator

March 9, 2023

To: Select Board
From: Jeff Nutting, Interim Town Administrator
Re: FY24 Budget Discussion

As a follow up to the March 6th Financial Summit at the Junior-Senior High School I am requesting the Select Board vote to establish an override amount and the percent or amount of funds to be cut from the Town and School FY24 budget requests.

The handout last week (copy attached) provided a suggestion as to how the deficit might be split as well as how much to ask for an override. However, as the Chief Elected Officials of the community, these are Select Board decisions.

The Board needs to lead the way through these difficult times so we can provide a unified plan to the voters in May.

We have consulted with the Election Division of the Secretary of State's Office; their email which outlines three scenarios is attached. I initially recommended that an election for the override be scheduled after Town Meeting, and envisioned that such election would take place sometime in late May. However, we now understand that the Board would need to wait for the outcome of the Town Meeting to call for the election, thus that election could not be held until the last week of June. This is impractical given that the fiscal year starts July 1.

Therefore, I now recommend that the Override be placed on the May 9 Annual Town Election ballot.

I am happy to answer any questions.

C: Department Heads
Boards and Committees

March 6, 2023 Financial Summit #2

FY 24 Budget	FY 24 LEVEL	FY 24 REQUEST	RECOM
Total Requests	\$28,986,419	\$29,608,921	\$29,323,928
Estimated Revenues	\$27,057,777	\$27,057,777	\$27,057,777
Difference	(\$1,928,642)	(\$2,551,144)	(\$2,266,151)

FY 24 BUDGET	FY 24 Level	FY 24 Request	FY 24 Discuss
100 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,353,253	\$1,409,253	\$1,378,253
200 - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$3,679,867	\$3,969,037	\$3,950,537
300 - EDUCATION	\$14,995,866	\$15,284,979	\$15,065,866
400 - PUBLIC WORKS	\$1,171,603	\$1,177,902	\$1,190,502
500 - HUMAN SERVICES	\$932,921	\$947,541	\$948,161
600 - CULTURE/RECREATION	\$404,404	\$404,404	\$412,104
700 - DEBT AND INTEREST	\$345,123	\$345,123	\$345,123
800 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$1,383,382	\$1,383,382	\$1,383,382
900 - UNCLASSIFIED	\$4,720,000	\$4,720,000	\$4,720,000

\$1,025,000 BVT Estimated

Total \$28,986,419 \$29,877,842 \$29,615,028

School	Estimated NSS	Max Reduction
Town Budget	\$13,970,866	\$12,684,561
Town - less 700,800,900, BVT	\$7,473,505	\$1,286,305
Net Town budgets	\$6,517,048	
Deficit	\$20,487,914	
	(\$1,928,642)	

School Cuts about 2/3	\$1,275,000
Town Cuts about 1/3	\$653,000
Sample	
Override Amount	Estimated Annual increase to average tax bill
\$1,000,000	\$415
\$1,250,000	\$522
\$1,500,000	\$830

Override Fails	SCHOOL CUTS	\$ Restored Schools Override	SCHOOL NET CUTS	TOWN CUTS	\$ Restored Town Override	TOWN NET CUTS
Override Passes - \$1,000,000	\$1,275,000	\$670,000	\$605,000	\$653,000	\$330,000	\$323,000
Override Passes - \$1,250,000	\$1,275,000	\$837,500	\$437,500	\$653,000	\$412,500	\$240,500
Override Passes - \$1,500,000	\$1,275,000	\$1,005,000	\$270,000	\$653,000	\$495,000	\$158,000

1 Update on current draft budget (V2) (posted on our website)

2 Process to be used – Suggestion.

- A. Prepare a balanced budget based on the project deficit using project revenues and expenses.
- B. Allocate between schools and town the percent/ amount to be cut.
- C. Request the Select Board consider an override of \$1,250,000.
- D. Review budgets and provide a recommendation to the SB by the last week in March.
- E. Hold the next summit the first week in April to present recommendations.
- F. Vote a balanced budget and a Contingent budget at the ATM.
- G. Hold an election for the override on May 23 (without Vote by Mail)

If the override passes the Contingent budget is adopted. If it fails, the balance budget goes into effect.

3 Discussion on suggested plan



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

Department of Environmental Protection

Central Regional Office • 8 New Bond Street, Worcester MA 01606 • 508-792-7650

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Rebecca L. Tepper
Secretary

Gary Moran
Acting Commissioner

February 27, 2023

Town of Hopedale
Attn: Jeff Nutting,
Interim Town Administrator
78 Hopedale Street
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747

Re: PWS Town: Hopedale
PWS Name: Hopedale Water Department
PWS ID #: 2138000 - COM;
Program: System Modification WS32
Action: **Approved**
MassDEP Trans. # 22-WS32-0007-APP

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY
jnutting@hopedale-ma.gov

Dear Mr. Nutting:

The Central Regional Office of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP"), Drinking Water Program (DWP) is in receipt of the WS32 permit application for the construction of a new, 0.92-Million Gallon (MG) finished water storage tank in the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts. The Freedom Street Tank project will include all appurtenances and a new segment of water main to connect the tank to the distribution system. The permit application was filed by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., on behalf of the Town of Hopedale and was received by MassDEP on December 20, 2022. Additional information was received by MassDEP via email on February 2 and February 9, 2023.

Project Background and Description

The Hopedale Water Department (Hopedale) is a community Public Water System (PWS) that serves residents in the Town of Hopedale and Mendon, Massachusetts. Water is obtained from six ground water sources and treated at one water treatment plant (WTP). Finished water is stored in one 0.85-MG water storage tank, the Williams Street Tank. Hopedale has one booster pump station and maintains hard-piped interconnections with the Mendon Water Department (PWSID 2179000) and the Milford Water Department (PWSID 2158000). The Mendon Water Department is fully consecutive to Hopedale.

The purpose of the WS32 application is to construct a new finished water storage tank on Town-owned land to improve redundancy and storage in the Hopedale distribution system. The project shall proceed as outlined in the application and supplemental information. The new tank, named the

Freedom Street Tank, will be an above-ground, glass-lined bolted steel atmospheric storage tank capable of holding 0.92 MG. The 42-foot diameter tank will have an overflow elevation 89-feet above the bottom of the tank. The overflow will terminate between one and two feet above the ground level, with the opening protected by 24-mesh non-corrodible screening and discharging over a drain. The drain will direct water downgrade to a riprap detention basin. An enclosed, locking, combined sampling and pressure station will be installed adjacent to the tank. The sample station will have a smooth tap for collecting samples, pumps and accessories necessary to manually drain the station, and a vent tube for winterization. A pressure transducer and transmitter will relay tank levels via radio antenna to the Hopedale SCADA system at the WTP. The tank will have one combined inlet/outlet line with an active mixing system.

The mixing system will be able to converge all water temperatures within the tank to within one degree Celsius at least once every 24 hours. Power for the tank mixer will enter the tank through a dedicated, watertight roof penetration covered by a gasketed, watertight junction box, adjacent to the tank hatch. The mixing system will include a chlorine boosting system to disinfect the tank in an emergency. Chemical feed tubing for the chlorine boosting system will be installed as part of this project. The accessible end will terminate inside the tank at the hatch and the tubing will be left empty when not in use. The mixing system model will be a Medora GridBee GS-9, GridBee GS-12, a PAX PWM400, or an equivalent system. The specific model will be determined prior to installation.

The tank roof access ladder will have a safety cage and will terminate 12-feet above finished grade with a lockable bottom cover. The ladder cage will open at the roof of the tank to a non-slip platform. Handrails will extend seven feet to either side of the ladder. The aluminum tank access hatch will have a four-inch-tall curb. The hatch cover will have a downward overlap of two inches with a locking hasp and intrusion alarm contacts. The tank vent will be protected with four-mesh and 24-mesh non-corrodible screening. A cable tray will be installed adjacent to the tank ladder cage for communications and mixer wiring and a radio antenna will be installed on the tank roof. The tank control panel will have an uninterruptible power supply capable of powering the tank controls for a minimum of 15 minutes. There will be no other backup power and no connection for a generator.

A paved accessway and drive will be installed around the tank. A 400-foot section of 12-inch PVCO water main will be installed, connecting the tank's inlet/outlet pipe to the water main along Crockett Circle. A tracer tape with a wire will be laid with the main and a flushing hydrant will be installed near the access drive entrance.

Permit Review and Approval

MassDEP has reviewed the permit application and supporting documentation, and hereby issues the permit/approval. This permit does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. Pursuant to MassDEP's authority under 310 CMR 22.04(7) to require that each supplier of water operate and maintain its system in a manner that ensures the delivery of safe drinking water to consumers, this permit is made subject to the conditions set forth below.

General Permit Conditions

1. Compliance with MassDEP Approvals – The Supplier of Water shall conduct activities in accordance with the approved plans, reports, and other submissions, except as may be modified by the conditions set forth in this approval. No material changes in the design or activities described in the approved documents shall be performed without prior written MassDEP approval.
2. Compliance with Other Approvals – The activities at this Public Water System shall be performed in compliance with all other applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. This approval does not relieve the owner or operator of this Public Water System from complying with all other applicable local, state and federal requirements, licenses and permits.
3. Duty to Mitigate – The Supplier of Water shall remedy and shall act to prevent all potential and actual adverse impacts to public health or the environment resulting from noncompliance with the terms or conditions of this approval.
4. Duty to Provide Information – The Supplier of Water shall furnish to MassDEP, within a reasonable time, any information MassDEP may request, and which is deemed by MassDEP to be relevant in determining compliance with permits, regulations, guidelines and policies.

Specific Permit Conditions

1. Freedom Street Tank Sample Collection – A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlining how to collect representative samples shall be posted in a visible location by the tank sample tap. Documentation shall be submitted to MassDEP prior to request of activation approval.
2. Backup Power – MassDEP recommends the Supplier of Water install a prepared electrical connection for backup power for the new tank.
3. Overflow Screening – The tank overflow screen shall be secured to the overflow in a manner that does not compromise the screening by creating additional, larger holes or in a manner that prevents the screen from being easily removed and replaced.
4. Water Quality Sampling – Following installation, the water main shall be pressure tested and disinfected in accordance with AWWA Standards, and sampled for total coliform bacteria. The tank shall be filled with water, disinfected, and sampled for coliform bacteria and VOCs from the dedicated tank sample tap. Sample results shall be submitted to MassDEP, using MassDEP forms, prior to requesting activation approval of the tank and water main.

5. Emergency Response Plan – Upon completion of all upgrades, the Supplier of Water shall revise their Emergency Response Plan to include all new system components. A revised Emergency Response Plan checklist shall be submitted to MassDEP prior to request of activation approval.
6. Operation and Maintenance Manual – The Supplier of Water shall submit to MassDEP an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual for the operation of the new tank, the tank mixer, and all new controls equipment prior to request of activation approval. The Supplier of Water shall keep a copy of the O&M manual readily available on-site.
7. Construction Certification - The Supplier of Water shall submit to MassDEP, prior to the final inspection of the new storage tank, a copy of the Massachusetts Professional Engineer's certification letter/report that the construction of the storage tank was completed in compliance with the approved WS32 permit and the MassDEP's regulations, guidelines and policies. The Engineer's report shall also include final set of As-Built plans.
8. Final Inspection – MassDEP must be notified upon completion of this project, so that MassDEP personnel may conduct the final inspection of the new storage tank. Please allow at least ten (10) working days for MassDEP personnel to conduct the final inspection. MassDEP's written approval must be obtained prior to placing the new storage tank in service.

Thank you, and if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Kate Conoby of the Drinking Water Program at (857) 321-0118 or at Kathryn.Conoby@mass.gov.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Bostwick
Section Chief
Drinking Water Program

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February 22, 2023

Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk
Town of Hopedale
78 Hopedale Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

**Re: Hopedale Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2022 -- Case # 10807
Warrant Articles # 10 and 14 (Zoning)**

Dear Ms. Pedroli:

Article 10 - We approve Article 10, and the related map amendment, from the November 14, 2022 Hopedale Special Town Meeting. We will return the approved maps to you by regular mail.

Article 14 - The Attorney General's deadline for a decision on Article 14 is extended for an additional 45 days under the authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32. The agreement with Town Counsel for a 45-day extension is attached. We will issue our decision on Article 14 on or before April 14, 2023.

Note: Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) **general** by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) **zoning** by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

Very truly yours,

ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Nicole B. Caprioli

By: Nicole B. Caprioli
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cc: Town Counsel Brian Riley



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February 17, 2023

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Boston, MA 02110

**Re: Extension of 90-day review period of Article 14
Hopedale Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2022
Case # 10807**

Dear Attorney Riley:

Pursuant to the requirements of G.L. c. 40, § 32, the Attorney General and Town Counsel are authorized to extend the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review of town by-laws for not more than an additional 90 days. This letter serves to satisfy the requirements of G.L. c. 40, § 32. In light of our need for time to further discuss the proposed by-law's consistency with state law, we hereby jointly agree to extend the Attorney General's review period of Article 14 for an additional 45 days. Our decision on Article 14 will now be due on **April 14, 2023**.

Please sign this letter to reflect your agreement and return the signed letter to us. We will then file the letter with the Town Clerk, with a copy to you. Thank you for your accommodation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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February 17, 2023
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February 16, 2023

Selectboard
Town Hall
PO Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747

Dear Selectboard:

The transportation staff of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is beginning to plan our 2023 Traffic Count Program activities. This program provides valuable information which is used in ongoing regional and statewide transportation planning. As such, CMRPC will be conducting traffic counts in your community this year. The attached list of count locations are planned to be completed on weekdays sometime between April and November. After the count season has concluded, the resulting count information will be provided to you.

An opportunity is also provided for your community to request three additional traffic counts, beyond those listed. If you are requesting additional counts, please provide a specific location on the roadway where the counter should be placed and return the enclosed form by **April 1st**. Also enclosed for your use is an historic summary of all traffic counts conducted in your community that are included in CMRPC's database. The summary indicates the location and date of all previously conducted counts, to allow the community to make full use of existing traffic volume data.

If you know of any weekday events or activities going on in your community when counts should not be done, please let me know. Additionally, if you have any questions or require more information, please contact me at your convenience at (508) 459-3340 or by email at awriggins@cmrpc.org. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Adam Wriggins
Assistant Transportation Planner

Traffic Counts Planned within the Town of Hopedale

HOPEDALE	Dutcher Street at Milford Town Line
HOPEDALE	Dutcher Street south of Freedom Street
HOPEDALE	Freedom Street east of Dutcher Street
HOPEDALE	Route 140 at Mendon Town Line
HOPEDALE	Route 140 at Upton Town Line

Requested Count Locations:

(Please list the specific location of all requested counts, for examples "Rte. 122/Pleasant St., West of Grove St.", "Main St., East of Prospect St.")

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Note - I have advised several dept. heads and boards of the counts that are planned and the opportunity to request additional locations.

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March 2, 2023

RE: Authorization Allowing Virtual Web-Based Community Outreach Meeting

Dear Green River Cannabis Company Inc.:

This letter hereby authorizes the Green River Cannabis Company Inc. to conduct a Virtual Web-Based Community Outreach Meeting on Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for a proposed Marijuana establishment to be located at 150 Hartford Avenue Unit C, Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747.

This meeting shall be held in accordance with the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's Administrative Order Allowing Virtual Web-Based Community Meetings and the applicable requirements set forth in M.G.L. Ch. 94G and 935 CMR.

For those wishing to attend and participate in this virtual meeting, the Zoom link is below.

Sincerely,


Jeff Nutting
Interim Town Administrator

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81463853510?pwd=bEZadm9xR0hzNzYvS0owVVp1Snd4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 814 6385 3510

Passcode: 450934

M.G.L. c. 94G, M.G.L. c. 94I

935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.105, 500.110, and 500.140 and

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The Cannabis Control Commission (“Commission”), acting through its Executive Director, amends its Administrative Order No. 2 (“Final Administrative Order”) in response to the end of Governor Charles D. Baker’s Declaration of a **State of Emergency** to Respond to COVID-19 issued on March 10, 2020 (“Emergency Order”), and in accordance with M.G.L. 94I, M.G.L. c. 94G, and the applicable medical- and adult-use regulations, 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.00 and 501.000. Notwithstanding the rescission of Governor Baker’s Emergency Order on June 15, 2021, the Commission, through this Final Administrative Order, is extending license applicants’ use of virtual Community Outreach Meetings for a limited period of time.

Entities that conduct a Community Outreach Meeting in accordance with Administrative Order No. 2 as amended shall be deemed compliant for the purposes of applying for licensure. Under this extension, applicants may host virtual meetings already scheduled and until the date this amended Final Administrative Order expires in order to provide for the public health, safety, and welfare of consumers and patients who are unable to attend in-person gatherings.

The Commission, acting through its Executive Director, hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Applicants may hold a Community Outreach Meeting via virtual, web-based means. The technology, including public interaction capabilities, shall be tested at least once prior to the date of the meeting.
2. The applicant shall follow all accessibility requirements, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) Accessibility Guidelines. This shall include, but is not limited to, closed captioning. The applicant may wish to liaise with the host community’s ADA coordinator.
- ⇒ 3. The applicant shall obtain approval in writing from the Contracting Authority or Authorized Representative of the host community for a virtual Community Outreach Meeting.
4. The applicant shall ensure full notice of the meeting in accordance with 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 101(1)(a)9. or 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 501.101(1)(a)9.

5. The applicant shall provide in the notice instructions for how to join and participate in the meeting. In addition to English, the applicant may choose to provide instructions in any additional language common to the host community.
6. The applicant shall accept questions submitted in advance, which the applicant shall respond to during the meeting. The applicant shall detail how to submit questions in the notice.
7. The applicant shall post on a publicly accessible website all meeting materials at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
8. The applicant shall enable communication that allows for engagement, questions, and other interaction between the applicant and residents of the host community.
9. The applicant shall designate a meeting moderator who shall not be associated with the applicant but may be associated with the host community. The moderator shall allow any meeting participant to offer questions or comments and allow for follow-up questions.
10. The applicant shall submit to the Commission as an attachment to their license application the number of participants attending the meeting.
11. The applicant shall submit to the Commission a recording of the meeting as an attachment to their license application.
12. The applicant shall submit a recording of the meeting to the host community in a form or manner conducive for replay on local cable access or other broadcast means at the host community's discretion.
13. Except for holding an in-person meeting, the applicant shall comply with all other requirements of 935 Code Mass. Regs. §101(1)(a)9. or 935 Code Mass. Regs. § 501.101(1)(a)9. and Guidance for Applicants on Community Outreach.

Administrative Order No. 2 as amended shall take effect on September 1, 2021, at 12:00 A.M.

Administrative Order No. 2 as amended shall remain in effect until April 1, 2022, or the date the Commission rescinds or amends this order, whichever occurs first. The

Commission may amend or modify this Final Administrative Order as applicable to one applicant, a group of applicants, or all Commission applicants.

Applicants must comply with all terms of this Final Administrative Order and may not pursue further exemption under 935 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 500.850 and/or 501.850: *Waivers* from the requirements described in this amended Final Administrative Order. Failure to comply with the above conditions may result in disciplinary action against the applicant, including but not limited to, denial of licensure.

Nothing herein should be construed as precluding or limiting the Commission's authority to take additional administrative action to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Questions about this order may be directed in writing to the above address, by phone (774-415-0200) Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., or by email at Commission@CCCMass.com.

Signed this 30th day of August 2021.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission

Shawn Collins

Executive Director