

Resignation Letter

Chief Giovannella,

I regret to inform you that I am resigning from my position as Patrolman for the Hopedale Police Department on January 29, 2021. I have genuinely enjoyed working for you and the Hopedale Police Department but at this point I have to do what is best for myself and my family. The department that I have been hired by is located in a part of the state that is better for my family. In addition to location I will be receiving a higher paid salary and a better education incentive which was the main reason I have decided to leave the department. You have been an outstanding leader and I will truly miss the comradery between all of the guys here at HPD. I have formed many great relationships with everyone and it will not come easy to move on from this department. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of such a great team and helping me become the Police Officer I am today.

Respectfully Submitted,


Richard Bekerian

From: hopedalecoa@comcast.net
To: [Lindsay Mercier](#)
Subject: FW: MWRTA Advisory Board
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:14:13 AM

I am requesting reappointment to the MWRTA Advisory Board for the town of Hopedale. We are just beginning to explore transportation solutions for seniors and our town. I would like the opportunity to continue this important work.

Please see the information enclosed.

Thanks,

Carole Mullen

From: Linda Murtagh <Linda@mwрта.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:02 AM
To: hopedalecoa@comcast.net
Subject: MWRTA Advisory Board

Hi Carole,

I have been trying to reach the Board of Selectmen to send confirmation of your selection as designee to the MWRTA Advisory Board.

If you could please try to contact the Board on our behalf (or the Town Administrator) I would appreciate it.

Thanks,

Linda

Good Morning,

As of 11.6.2020, we have not received a confirmation of Hopedale's MWRTA Advisory Board designee.

Below the body of the letter sent to your town early this summer.

Please send a letter by mail or email appointing the Board of Selectmen's choice of designee.

Thank you,

Linda

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 161B, Sections 3 & 5, each Chief Elected Executive Official of a city or town who are members of the Authority, is that municipality's representative to the Authority's Advisory Board. The Chief Elected Executive may, in writing, appoint a designee to act for her/him on the Advisory Board during their tenure.

Given that the majority of municipal elections in the MetroWest region are conducted in the spring, and that most of the boards of selectmen are then re-organized where the Chairperson is likely to change, the MWRTA asks that each member community re-certify with the name and contact information of its representative to the Authority, in writing, as soon as a Chairperson is selected. The Federal Transit Administration under Title VI, encourages participation by minorities on Boards such as this.

We understand that during the current COVID-19 pandemic, town elections have been postponed to a later date. Therefore, we are asking that all Chief Elected Officials confirm the current Advisory Board Designee. In the event town elections and reorganizations occur, if any designee selections change, a new confirmation letter will need to be sent to the MWRTA, either by email or regular mail, before the new designee will be able to vote on behalf of their community.

Statutorily, Advisory Board members have four major duties; hire an administrator, approve an overall budget, set fares, and finally, to advocate for their respective municipalities by working with the administrator, and his staff, to improve public transportation options in their communities. The Designee will also act as the conduit for their municipal officials and citizens, to the Authority.

The Authority expects to meet at least on a quarterly basis, but may have a periodic meeting, when a vote need to be taken. As the public transportation system grows and develops, the relationship between the Advisory Board members themselves has proven to be beneficial as a regional tool to begin initiatives in other important areas of municipal concern, such as planning, resource sharing, and inter-municipality transit connections. If I can provide assistance, or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.



Linda Murtagh
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MetroWest Regional Transit Authority
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COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Adopted _____

Vision and Purpose:

Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety and accessibility for all users of our roadway, trails, and transit systems including, but not limited to, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, emergency and freight and commercial vehicles and for people of all ages and abilities

Complete Streets principles contribute toward the safety, health, economic viability, and quality of life in a community by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout the community. The purpose of Hopedale's Complete Streets Policy, therefore, is to accommodate all road users by creating a road network that meets the needs of individuals utilizing a variety of transportation modes. It is the intent of the Town of Hopedale to formalize the plan, design, operation and maintenance of streets so that they are safe for all users of all ages and abilities as a matter of routine.

This policy directs decision-makers to consistently plan, design, and construct transportation corridors that will accommodate all anticipated users.

Core Commitment:

The Town of Hopedale recognizes that users of various modes of transportation, including, but not limited to, pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, emergency responders and freight haulers are legitimate users and deserve safe facilities. "All Users" includes users of all ages and abilities.

The Town further recognizes that all roadway projects whether new, maintenance, or reconstruction are potential opportunities to apply Complete Streets design principles. Therefore, the Town will, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated street network of facilities for All Users.

Where feasible, Complete Streets design recommendations shall be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects. This includes transportation infrastructure and street design projects requiring funding or approval by the Town of Hopedale, as well as projects funded by the state and federal government, such as Chapter 90 funds, Town improvement grants, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), MassWorks Infrastructure Program, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), capital funds from the Town and other state and federal funds for street and infrastructure design. Private developments and related street design components or corresponding street-related components shall adhere to and comply with the Town of Hopedale's Complete Streets principles. In addition, to the extent practical, state-owned roadways will comply with the Complete Streets resolution, including the design, construction, and maintenance of such roadways within town boundaries.

The Town will apply Complete Streets principles for routine roadway maintenance and repair projects where feasible.

Exceptions:

Other transportation infrastructure projects, including but not limited to reconstruction, roadway reconfigurations, or subdivisions, transportation infrastructure may be excluded, upon approval by the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee, where documentation and data indicate that:

1. Cost or impacts of accommodation is excessively disproportionate to the need, probable use or probable future use.

2. Facilities where specific uses are prohibited by law. An effort will be made in these cases for accommodations elsewhere.
3. Other Town policies, regulations, or requirements contradict or preclude implementation of Complete Streets principles.
4. Site conditions render implementation infeasible.

Best Practices:

The Town of Hopedale Complete Street policy will focus on developing a connected, integrated network that serves all users of roads and pedestrian ways. Complete Streets will be integrated into policies, planning, and design of all types of public and private projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of transportation facilities on streets and redevelopment projects.

Implementation of the Town of Hopedale Complete Streets Policy will be carried out cooperatively within all departments in the Town of Hopedale with multi-jurisdictional cooperation, to the greatest extent possible, with state, regional, and federal agencies. The Town will encourage the use of Complete Streets principles among private developers.

Complete Street principles include the development and implementation of projects in a context-sensitive manner in which project implementation is sensitive to the community's physical, economic, and social setting. The context-sensitive approach to process and design includes a range of goals by giving significant consideration to stakeholder and community values. It includes goals related to livability with greater participation of those affected in order to gain consensus. The overall goal of this approach is to preserve and enhance scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources while improving or maintaining safety, mobility and infrastructure condition.

The Town of Hopedale recognizes that Complete Streets may be achieved through single elements incorporated into a particular project or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time.

The latest design guidance, standards and recommendations available will be used in the implementation of Complete Streets including:

Policy References:

1. Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT) Project Development & Design Guide (latest edition);
2. Mass DOT Separated Bike Lane Planning & Design Guide (latest edition);
3. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), A Policy on The Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (latest edition);
4. United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway's Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Design Controls;
5. Architectural Access Board (AAB) 521 CMR Rules and Regulations;
5. Documents and plans created for Town of Hopedale, such as Master Land Use Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, and any bicycle and pedestrian network plans contained within other town plans or studies;
6. Other resources may be consulted.

Implementation:

The Town will make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, will approach all transportation projects and programs as opportunities to improve streets and the transportation network for all users, and shall work in coordination with other departments, agencies and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.

The Town will review and either revise or develop proposed revisions to all appropriate planning documents (master plan, open space and recreation plan, etc.) zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedure, rules, regulations, guidelines, program, and templates to integrate Complete Streets principles in all street projects on streets. The Road Commissioners, with support of Highway Superintendent, will be responsible for implementing and managing this initiative.

The Town will maintain a comprehensive inventory of pedestrian and bicycle facility infrastructure that will prioritize projects to eliminate gaps in the sidewalk and bikeway network and provide opportunities for expansion and extensions.

The Town will reevaluate Capital Improvement Projects prioritization to encourage implementation of Complete Streets implementation.

The Town will make its best effort, as resources allow, to train pertinent town staff and decision-makers on the content of Complete Streets principles and best practices for implementing policy through workshops and other appropriate means.

The Town will utilize inter-department coordination to promote the most responsible and efficient use of resources for activities within the public way and will make a best faith effort to coordinate with adjacent municipalities to ensure a seamless network of facilities for all users of the roadway.

The Town will seek out appropriate sources of funding and grants for implementation of Complete Streets policies.

The success and improvement opportunities regarding Complete Streets implementation will be evaluated annually by the Town Administrator, in conjunction with Highway Superintendent, Schools, Council on Aging, the ADA Coordinator, and other relevant officials, the findings of which shall be reported to the Selectboard and to the Town, through its Annual Town Report. Performance measures shall consider number of staff with CS training, infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to, total miles of bicycle accommodations; linear feet of sidewalk added; # of crosswalks/curb ramps upgraded/improved and made ADA complaint; closures of any gaps in pedestrian/bicycle network; and upgrades to transit facilities. Other factors such as public transit ridership and increased public participation in bicycle/pedestrian systems will also be considered.

This policy is hereby adopted by the Hopedale Board of Selectmen.

Brian R. Keyes, Chair

Louis J. Arcudi III, Member

Glenda Hazard, Member



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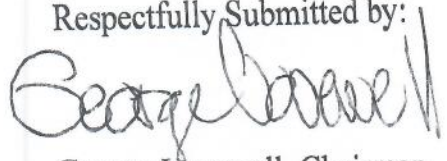
Recorded Minutes
September 16, 2020
Called to order at 5:01PM

- **5:02 Minutes from 8/12/2020**
Motioned by Eli Potty
Seconded by George Lovewell
Unanimously carried
- **5:06 Correspondences/Budgets**
Completed roadside/sidewalk repairs, refurbished town park bleachers, tree trimming, patching roads, parkland repairs and mowing, repairs to trucks and sander.
Discussed Stormwater issue with Diana Schindler. Discussed year 2.
- **5:12 New Business**
Continuation of discussion pertaining to MS4 Stormwater.
- **5:19 Complete Streets Program**
Voted unanimously to adopt the Complete Streets Program.
- **5:24 Grant**
Discussed planning grant (MVP) from state related to climate change.
- **5:29 Current Projects**
Harshaw Paving Co to begin paving project on Anthony Rd. (09/24/20)
- **5:30 Report of Board Members**
Gas Company to disconnect old mains on Freedom/Dutcher Street or hold off until next year?

Assigned Positions as follows:
Chairman: George Lovewell
Clerk: Larry Embree
Inspector: Eli Potty

- **5:47 Meeting adjourned**
Voted unanimously by both

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Lovewell", written in dark ink.

George Lovewell, Chairman

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE
BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE
TALENT BANK FORM**

Local Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents serving the Town of Hopedale. A Talent Bank has been established to compile a list of interested citizens, willing to serve on a voluntary basis on boards, commissions and committees. Some groups meet often, others require less time, and still others are busy only at specific times of the year. Occasionally, there are requirements for ad hoc committees or sub-committees appointed to work on specific projects. Experience indicates that the two most appropriate qualities for successful service are an open mind and exercise of common sense.

If you are interested in serving, please list the position(s) you wish to be considered for:

Board, Commission or Committee applying for:

Financial Committee Planning Board

Please return completed forms to:

Town Administrator's Office – Hopedale Town Hall 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747

The Town Hall mailing address is: P.O. Box 7, Hopedale MA, 01747

Please Note:

- The Board of Selectmen may fill vacancies until next election.
- It is recommended that you attend a few meetings of the committee or board you are contemplating joining to help determine your interest.
- The board/committee will be asked for their recommendation on each applicant appointment.

Name: Kaplan Hasanoglu

Are you a registered voter? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Address: 18 Lake St.

How long have you lived in Hopedale? Since 5/1/20

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 508 361 7107

E-Mail: Kaplan.hasanoglu@gmail.com

How would you like to be contacted? email

Occupation: Philosophy Professor

Please list any potential conflicts of interest, e.g. membership in an organization or your

business: n/a

Education and Experience: PhD in philosophy, The Univ. of Iowa, 2011

How many times during the last year have you attended a meeting of the Board/Committee to which you are requesting appointment? 3

Have you ever had business before the Board/Committee to which you are requesting an appointment?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes what type of business? _____

Special interests and skills: _____

Activities, e.g. Government/Civic & Community/Charitable & Educational: _____

Reasons for wanting to serve: Get more involved in Hopedale

Government

The completion of this form in no way assures appointment. Citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a particular capacity will fill all board, commission or committee vacancies.

Applicant's Signature [Signature] Date 12/10/21