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| capital needs   | water Dept             | capital needs                                    | sewer dept             |
|---|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| test well drilling  | \$ 40,000.00           | Sewer main lining / replacement                  | \$ 1,500,000.00        |
| mill street assessment<br>due to PFAS                               | \$ 11,500.00           | roof WWTP  | \$ 120,000.00          |
| plant pilot study and report<br>due to PFAS                         | \$ 75,000.00           | windows WWTP                                     | \$ 90,000.00           |
| Scada and computer upgades<br>to include security and backup        | \$ 72,000.00           | sludge tank cover x2                             | \$ 28,000.00           |
| additional filter at treatment<br>plant with building modifications | \$ 742,000.00          | composit sampler installation                    | \$ 12,000.00           |
| fy 23 pickup truck  | \$ 60,000.00           | influent pump repair 1 of 3                      | \$ 13,500.00           |
| fy 25 servise truck   | \$ 98,000.00           | jet truck  | \$ 190,000.00          |
| water storage tank  | \$ 2,000,000.00        | grinder Influent                                 | \$ 50,000.00           |
|   |                        | grinder Greene st                                | \$ 35,000.00           |
|   |                        | scada upgrades and software                      | \$ 85,000.00           |
|   |                        | primary pump replacement x3                      | unknown                |
|   |                        | oil tankk removal and genertor<br>upgrade to gas | unknow                 |
| water main replacements<br>see attached 2012 pricing                | \$ 2,773,875.00        |  |                        |
|   | <b>\$ 5,872,375.00</b> |  | <b>\$ 2,123,500.00</b> |

# Enterprise

**FY2022**

Significant Expense Requests

| <u>Department</u>                | <u>Expense</u>                             | <u>Amount</u>  | <u>Justification</u>   |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| <b>New/Replacement Equipment</b> |  |                |  |
| Police                           | Cruiser (Chevy Tahoe)                      | 48,473         | Aging vehicles; no replacement in last 2 years                         |
| Police                           | Motorcycle (Harley Davidson)               | 20,850         | Existing motorcycle is 20 years old                                    |
| Police                           | Taser and holster                          | 16,000         | Existing tasers are 15 years old and cannot be serviced                |
| Police                           | Patrol Rifles (5)                          | 7,200          | Replacement for old equipment  |
| Police                           | Defensive weapons                          | 4,500          | Listed under Other Supplies  |
|                                  |  | <b>97,023</b>  |  |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | SCBA equipment                             | 366,000        | 38 units   |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | Turn-Out Gear (Coat/Pants/Boots/Helmets)   | 65,000         | 26 sets  |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | Vehicle (Chevy Tahoe)                      | 47,809         |  |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | Structural firefighting gear               | 13,790         | 15 sets of helmets, hoods, gloves, boots - replace expired equipment   |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | New firefighter / EMT gear                 | 12,800         | 4 sets   |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | Pagers (with programming kits)             | 9,000          | 15 units   |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | Wildland firefighting gear                 | 5,820          | 15 sets of coats, gloves, helmets, goggles - replace expired equipment |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | CCTV security system                       | 5,000          | Replacement of broken system   |
| Fire/Ambulance                   | Firefighting flashlights & accessories (5) | 2,100          | Replacement of broken equipment  |
|                                  |  | <b>527,319</b> |  |
| Highway                          | Leaf vacuum truck                          | 218,000        | Replacement of 36-year old equipment                                   |
| Highway                          | Small dump truck with plow                 | 72,000         | Replacement of 23-year old vehicle                                     |
|                                  |  | <b>290,000</b> |  |
| Schools                          | Van  | <b>12,500</b>  | Replacement of Van   |
| Town Hall                        | Computer Network Server                    | 7,500          | Server is from 2015 and no longer supported                            |
| Town Hall                        | Electronic Archiving                       | 35,000         | Bylaws need to be codified; Required permanent record retention        |
|                                  |  | <b>42,500</b>  |  |

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| <b>Total requested new/replacement equipment</b> | <b>969,342</b> |
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**Significant Repairs/Maintenance**

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|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| Police         | Furnace replacement   | Await estimate | No heat in a section of the building  |
| Fire/Ambulance | Vehicle tires   | 8,000          | 10 for Ladder 1; 4 for Brush 1  |
| Fire/Ambulance | SCBA cylinder hydrostatic testing                                 | 3,900          | Required testing  |
| Fire/Ambulance | SCBA air-pack flow testing  | 2,050          | Required testing  |
| Library        | Bancroft Memorial Library   | 100,000        | Continued Historic Restoration/Repairs  |
| Library        | Statute of Hope   | 25,000         | Repairs and Protection  |
| Parks          | Tree preservation / storm damage protection                       | 35,000         | 15 trees in Town Park playground area are in critical need of pruning for safety reasons  |
| Parks          | Repair and restoration of tennis courts                           | 50,000         | Cost may be higher; courts do not meet MIAA standards   |
| Town Hall      | Preliminary Engineering for Significant Repairs/Maint/Renovations | 100,000        | Building is not code or ADA compliant; constant failed heating, irregular cooling; building envelope deteriorating; conditions identified since 2013. |

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| <b>Total requested significant repairs/maintenance</b> | <b>323,950</b> |
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**Personnel**

|                  |  |                |  |
|------------------|--|----------------|--|
| <u>Add Staff</u> |  |                |  |
| School           | 1 FTE Teacher for ELL support                | ???            |  |
| School           | 0.1 BBC Team Chair                           | ???            |  |
| School           | Transition Bridge Adjustment Counselor       | ???            | Previously funded through a grant, but starting in FY22 will be funded from the operating budget |
|                  |  | <b>130,000</b> |  |
| School           | 0.5 FTE IT Help Desk Staff                   | 26,000         |  |
| School           | .25 FTE increase for Transportation Director | 9,309          | PT to FT   |
|                  |  | <b>165,309</b> | Total School   |
| Town             | Collective Bargaining Agreements Funding     | 46,000         | Estimated funding needed for five units  |
| Town             | 0.5 FTE Support Staff Planning & Projects    | 26,000         |  |

**72,000** Total Town



June 11, 2021

Lieutenant Berger  
Hopedale Fire Department  
40 Dutcher St.  
Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747  
United States

Dear Lieutenant Berger:

Congratulations. Your grant application for an FM Global fire prevention grant stood out among the hundreds we received, and we will be funding \$3000 to purchase two rugged tablets. We hope the additional funding will help to strengthen your efforts to ultimately, and more effectively prevent fire—the leading cause of property destruction worldwide.

Award checks and plaques will be mailed in July to your attention at the address above. Please feel free to use the attached news release that we've prepared for you to promote news media interest.

During the past 40 years, FM Global has awarded millions of dollars in funding to fire departments and related agencies worldwide. With a shared philosophy that the majority of property loss is preventable—not inevitable—we can make a difference in preventing the frequency and severity of fire...together.

Once again, congratulations on your recent fire prevention grant awarded by FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers.

If you have any questions regarding your award, please feel welcome to e-mail me.

Best wishes for continued success in your fire prevention endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Spaziani".

Michael Spaziani  
Assistant Vice President, Manager - Fire Service Programs

*CC: Ted Pisciotta - Boston Operations  
21-015 - Hopedale Fire Department*



# HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*Thomas M. Daige – Fire Chief*

*David J. McMorrow – Deputy Chief*



Hopedale Select Board  
Town Hall Office  
78 Hopedale Street  
Hopedale MA 01747

June 29, 2021

Re: Grant Acceptance

Mr. Chairman,

It is my pleasure to announce that the Hopedale Fire Department has been awarded a grant from FM Global in the amount of \$3,000.00. This grant money will be used to purchase two (2) Rugged Laptop computers that will be placed in the fire apparatus for the purpose of increasing firefighter safety by providing them knowledge of the type and size of the building, type of building occupancy as well as any needed pre-incident preplan information regarding hazards involving the address they are responding to.

Once again, I would like to thank Call Lieutenant Matthew Berger for submitting this on behalf of the Fire Department. The Town should expect to receive this money in July.

Respectfully,

Thomas Daige  
Fire Chief

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 22, 2020, 7PM

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

Present Chair Keyes, Selectman Arcudi, Town Administrator Schindler

Chair Keyes convened the meeting at 7:00PM, Chair Keyes and those attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Items

Recognition of 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Dr. Vincent Arone (letter attached)

Chair Keyes read the letter provided by Carole Mullen, COA Director. Chair Keyes thanked the Council on Aging for their hard work and being so active within Hopedale. Selectman Arcudi stated that he would like to give a proclamation from the Select Board and send it to Dr. Vincent Arone, like they have done in past years for birthdays. Chair Keyes and Selectman Arcudi wished Dr. Vincent Arone a happy birthday.

Approval of January 25, 2021 Regular Minutes

Approval of February 8, 2021 Regular Minutes

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 Regular Minutes and the February 8, 2021 Regular Minutes. Chair Keyes seconded the motion. Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

Appointments and Resignations

Public Hearing

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

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

**Mendon Street**

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

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

**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**Plan No. 28103831 Dated 01/25/2021**

Vote to Open Public Hearing

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to open the public hearing. Chair Keyes seconded the motion. Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

The public hearing opened at 7:05PM. Chair Keyes read the notice for the pole petition. Michael Parent with National Grid is present at this public hearing as a spokesperson.

Public Comment

Chair Keyes opened the hearing for public discussion. Selectman Arcudi asked Michael Parent for more clarification on the pole location because there was a similar pole petition in 2020. Michael Parent stated that this is a pole on Mendon Street that exists on the easter side. Michael Milanowski with the GU RR clarified that the

Heather DeRocher, an abutter to the pole and resident of Hopedale asked for clarification if the pole was going to be moved or if it will be taller. Michael Parent stated that it is a new pole that will be put in.

#### Vote to Close Public Hearing

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to close the public hearing. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

#### Board Decision and Roll Call Vote

Selectman Arcudi moved to install new Intermediate Pole 34 Mendon St for purpose of raising existing facilities for new Railroad Signal Gate. Chair Keyes seconded the motion. Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

#### New Business

##### Approve Contracts for Police Chief and Police Lieutenant (vote)

Town Administrator Schindler stated that the Select Board moved to roll the contract to FY22 and the Selectboard made some adjustments to what had been previously negotiated. Schindler stated that she clarified the discussions with the finance committee that the Chief of Police did not take a pay increase in FY21. Selectman Arcudi stated that the contracts try to make up for the no pay increase in the coming years. Schindler stated that the MOU's have been agreed and negotiated with the Board and will be made available to the public. Selectman Arcudi thanked the Chief of Police and Police Lieutenant and every town employee that did not take salary increases in FY21. Arcudi also stated that he wants to make sure that we take care of our public safety as best we can. He and Chair Keyes are very comfortable with what the new contracts hold for the Chief of Police and Police Lieutenant over the next 3-5 years. Chair Keyes echoed Selectman Arcudi's sentiments and thanked the Chief and Lieutenant again. Chief Giovannella thanked the Selectboard and the residents of Hopedale.

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve the Police Chief's contract as noted in the negotiations over the past months in executive session and to be provided to the finance committee. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve the Police Lieutenant's contract as noted in the negotiations over the past months in executive session and to be provided to the finance committee. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

#### Old Business

Reduce Annual Election Hours, May 11, 2021, "COVID" election with reduced hours from 12:00-7:00pm; Readdress Special Town Meeting; Annual Town Meeting

Town Administrator stated that these are the same hours as the previous election. The towns people responded positively to these hours during these trying times. Chair Keyes clarified that election day and the hours will be held in the Draper Gym.

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to reduce the election hours on May 11, 2021 from 12PM-7PM. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye



Town Administrator stated that the Special Town Meeting will take place before the Annual Town Meeting in May 2021. She clarified that the special town meeting is needed due to the deficit of legal bills in the town budget. Selectman Arcudi stated that the legal bills will continue to accrue through May 2021 with KP Law due to standard legal work that is not litigation related. Arcudi stated that Attorney Peter Durning and Environmental Partners have invoices that have not been paid as of yet. Town Administrator Schindler stated that currently, Attorney Durning and Environmental Partners are not aware of non-payment until May 2021. Town Administrator Schindler stated that at the projected overage for legal bills is currently \$100,000. Selectman Arcudi stated that this may become greater due to another litigation that will be taking place.

Administrator Schindler stated recommended that the annual town meeting be held on a Saturday, as opposed to Tuesday because of the abundance of warrant articles. Selectman Arcudi stated that he would defer to the Finance Committee regarding setting the date for town meeting. He recommends that they are prepared for town meeting. Arcudi stated that prior to setting a date, the Board should be aware of summer sports (taking place on Saturday) and that it is important to give the opportunity for all town residents to participate.

**GU RR Settlement Agreement Execution Updates: Town Prevailed on Initial Motion re 10 Citizen Lawsuit, Legal Expenses; Reserve Fund Transfer, Presentation to Hopedale Foundation to Readdress Donation due April 21, 2021, Land Acquisition Closing per Settlement Agreement**

Administrator Schindler stated that as of now, a hearing date regarding the appeal to the motion re 10 citizen lawsuits has not been set. Schindler stated that she received an email from Attorney Riley, KP Law stating that they have received papers from the plaintiffs for a single justice of the appeals court appeal. Attorney Riley stated that he will file an opposition by Thursday, March 25, 2021. Attorney Riley will provide more details once they arise. Town Administrator Schindler stated that the Hopedale Foundation has scheduled an April meeting and has asked the Town to provide the parameters of the agreement (land area and the amount of money). Chair Keyes asked Schindler to relay this information to Attorney Durning, Peter from Environmental Partners and Ed Burt, Hopedale Water Commissioner. The Hopedale Foundation has scheduled a meeting for the Trustees on April 29, 2021, to readdress the money that was offered/donated since the sale agreement/settlement has changed. Schindler stated that after speaking with Mike Milanowski, the land acquisition closing per settlement agreement date is expected to be delayed 30 days while the roll back tax amount and land survey is still being worked on.

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

Selectman Arcudi stated that he would like to have joint meetings with the Finance Committee regarding budgeting prior to town meeting.

Chair Keyes stated that he was contacted by boy scout Will Adamski to hold an interview. This is a requirement to earn his eagle scout badge. Chair Keyes looks forward to this interview and thanked Will Adamski for the opportunity.

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

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

Town Administrator Schindler stated the cable contract from Comcast is about to expire. Typically, there is a cable advisory committee to ascertain a contract or review the current contract. Hopedale does not have this committee formed as of yet. Schindler is going to work with Hopedale Cable who is the beneficiary of the money to carry out initiatives with cable access stations. The current contract is offering the Town 4% of the current franchise fees and \$40,000 in capital costs. Schindler stated that she will put the cable advisory committee on a future Selectboard agenda to discuss further.

#### Requests for Future Agenda Items:

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

Administrator Updates (In Packet)

Administrator Schindler provided an update regarding current Town projects i.e., Master Plan Committee updates, the MVP workshop sessions and listening sessions and the permitting guide for the DLT A application.

Executive Session

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to enter executive session per the items that Chair Keyes stated. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

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

Roll Call Vote

Chair Keyes dissolved the meeting at 8:44PM

*Submitted by:*

*Lindsay Mercier*  
*Lindsay Mercier, Executive Assistant*  
*Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_*

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2021

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

Present: Chair Keyes, Selectman Arcudi, Town Administrator Schindler

Chair Keyes convened the meeting at 7:00PM. Chair Keyes lead the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Items

Approval of February 22, 2021 Regular Minutes

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to approve the February 22, 2021 Regular Minutes. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

Appointments and Resignations: None

Public Hearing – Cancelled

Town Administrator Schindler stated that due to some permitting/inspection delays the public hearing for the Hopedale Pizza Market has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date once the permitting/inspections have been obtained. Chair Keyes expressed his excitement for future business in Hopedale and welcomed the applicants of the Hopedale Pizza Market.

7:15 PM – ABCC License Application – Hopedale Pizza Market Bar and Grill. This hearing has been cancelled. A new date will be scheduled and noticed. The Board of Selectman as the Local Licensing Authority of the Town of Hopedale: Application for a On-Premise Liquor License by NE Restaurant Group, Inc. DBA Hopedale Pizza Market Bar and Grill, Treasurer and Director, Mr. Mike Shah. Notice is hereby given under chapter 138 of the General Laws that Hopedale Pizza Market Bar and Grill, located at 1 Menfi Way, Hopedale, MA 01747 has petitioned the Hopedale Board of Selectmen for an on-premise license. A public hearing will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:15PM via Zoom. Chair Keyes, Selectman Arcudi, Hopedale Local Licensing Board/Selectmen

Vote to Open Public Hearing

Public Comment

Vote to Close Public Hearing

Board Decision and Roll Call Vote

New Business

FY22 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule (Vote)

Selectman Arcudi stated that in previous years the Board of Selectmen held one meeting in the months of July and August. Chair Keyes and Selectman Arcudi agreed to meet on July 12, 2021 and August 9, 2021. An extra meeting during the months of July and August can be added if necessary.

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to accept the FY22 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule, excluding the 26<sup>th</sup> of July and 23<sup>rd</sup> of August Meetings. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

PATH (Plant A Tree in Hopedale) Program – Per MGL c 44, s 53A, Vote to Create Gift Account

Town Administrator Schindler stated that Carole Mullen, COA Director, has proposed this program. The Tree Warden has expressed the necessity of trees being planted in Town. This is a gift fund where citizens can donate either trees or money towards the trees. Carole Mullen stated that this is a time-honored tradition to plant trees in honor of a loved one. There is also a need in Hopedale to plant new trees due to some trees being damaged/rotting and need to be removed. The trees would be planted in residential areas and sidewalk trees. Also, any trees replaced in the park or near the Little Red Shop. Chair Keyes and Selectman Arcudi feel that this is an excellent program and are excited to get the PATH program started. Tree Warden, Becca Solomon stated that she is very supportive of this program.

#### Open Meeting Law Guidance – Posting Revised Agendas

Town Administrator, Diana Schindler stated that the Town Clerk, Lisa Pedroli reached out to Town Counsel for guidance regarding this item and received guidance today. The Town Administrator Schindler and the Town Clerk will be reviewing the guidance. This item will be put on the next agenda to revisit with more clarification. Town Administrator Schindler notified the Board that there will be trainings provided by Town Counsel, regarding open meeting law, public records, and conflict of interest. She stated that once a date has been set for these trainings, she will notify the Boards, Committees and Departments. Selectman Arcudi stated that if there are revisions to be made to an agenda and individuals are added to the agenda, the individuals should be notified. If the individual is not able to make the meeting, then the agenda item where the individual is discussed should be moved to the next scheduled meeting. Selectman Arcudi stated that he wants to be as transparent as possible regarding meetings and items being discussed. Selectman Arcudi asked Town Administrator Schindler to make adding approved Board of Selectmen meeting minutes to the Town website a priority.

#### Initiate Zoning Bylaw Amendment per Chapter 40A, Sec 5 regarding Marijuana Cultivation (Vote) Present: Attorney Riley, KP Law and Steve Chaplin, Hopedale Planning Board

Attorney Riley stated that he received a call from a member of MACA. Attorney Riley stated that the use of marijuana cultivation business was not permitted where the property is. The issue is in 2018, a petition warrant article was made that retail cannabis was allowed but only in certain districts, adding commercial districts to this article was later added. The commercial table of uses does not include anything related to retail marijuana. All forms of commercial use not specifically mentioned above which would allow the Planning Board some discretion to approve something regarding anything that is not specifically listed is stated at “No” in the light industry district. Attorney Riley stated that the Town will have to amend the table of uses, which takes town meeting approval and Attorney General approval. Chair Keyes stated that his guidance would be to make that industrial area as “all encompassing” in the table of uses language. Attorney Riley stated that a requirement for this is that the Planning Board needs to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation prior to town meeting. Steve Chaplin stated that he strongly recommends that the bylaw be drafted by Town Counsel. Steve Chaplin asked that town counsel include a definition for cultivation when amending this bylaw. The town has a definition for retail and marijuana establishment but not cultivation. Chair Keyes and Selectman Arcudi thanked Steve Chaplin and Attorney Riley for working diligently on this item.

#### Old Business

Green Communities Designation Approval and Grant Award (See Attached Letters)

Town Administrator Schindler stated that for the past year the Town has been working on an energy reduction plan. Last year at town meeting, the town passed the energy stretch code. This along with some other policies that have been implemented have made the town eligible to become a green community. This past week the town was notified that it has been designated as a green community. There will be a formal announcement from the state notifying the town of this. From the designation grant, the town has been allocated \$135,000 and has projects on the energy reduction plan that will be funded through the grant. On a future agenda, the board will be provided with the implementation application regarding these projects. The energy reduction plan can be made public, this will provide the residents information on the projects, costs and cost savings. Short term projects include weatherization of the junior/senior school and memorial school and LED lighting conversion. Long term projects include other buildings that need to be addressed. Chair Keyes and Selectman Arcudi thanked all of those involved in this project.

#### Review Draft Letter to Hopedale Foundation regarding Land Acquisition as Requested

Town Administrator Schindler stated the meeting of the Hopedale Foundation is on April 29, 2021. Schindler informed the board the foundation wants to know what the parameters are of the sale; she will provide them with a copy of the settlement agreement and inform them that the town is now acquiring 64 acres the sum of (plus or minus) \$587,500 depending on the final acreage. The railroad has agreed to donate 25 acres of sensitive land (wetlands) at the annual town meeting. Selectman Arcudi and Chair Keyes thanked the Hopedale Foundation for their support and generosity they have provided thus far.

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to send a letter to Hopedale Foundation regarding Land Acquisition as Requested including any edits that may be made. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.  
Arcudi – Aye, Keyes – Aye

Postponed until May 10, 2021: Request to Accept Gift from Virginia A. Larkin and Richard D. Larkin (a 30-foot-wide paved access road into the Hopedale Parklands from the present end of the pavement on Overdale Parkway. Refer to Special Town Meeting, June 24, 1985, Article 7); *Ricardo Lima, Resident; Attorney Tom McLaughlin & Attorney Stephan Rodolakis (representing requesting parties); Katherine Klein, KP Law, Town Counsel*

Town Administrator Schindler confirmed that the title search is the main item that the board and attorneys are waiting to receive. This item is postponed until May 10, 2021. Chair Keyes stated that the public will be made aware of any information that they are able to share regarding this topic at their next meeting.

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

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

A resident inquired about if part of the agreement is to repair the dam. Currently, there is not a price allocated to the repair of the dam due to the permitting not being completed. Schindler stated that this item might be able to be paid via grant funding in the future. It is unknown what fiscal year this item will be funded by.

#### Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Selectman Arcudi asked to use the Selectmen meetings to update the residents regarding the Finance Committee's progress regarding budget items for the upcoming fiscal year and town meeting.

Chair Keyes asked Administrator Schindler to have Building Commissioner, Tim Aicardi to join the next Board of Selectmen meeting to introduce himself and to update the Board and residents regarding going-ons in the town.

Town Administrator Schindler requested a review the draft warrant and budget

Administrator Updates (In Packet)

Selectman Arcudi made a motion to move to Executive Session, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) for item # (3): To discuss strategy with respect to litigation that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares. Roll Call Vote  
Purpose: Notice of Docket Entry 2021-J-0111, Reilly, et als v. Town of Hopedale, et als, Attorney Brian Riley Present. Chair Keyes seconded the motion.

Roll Call Arcudi – Aye, Roll Call Keyes – Aye

Executive Session

Motion: To move into Executive Session, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) for item # (3): To discuss strategy with respect to litigation that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares. Roll Call Vote  
Purpose: Notice of Docket Entry 2021-J-0111, Reilly, et als v. Town of Hopedale, et als, Attorney Brian Riley Present

Chair Keyes dissolved the meeting at 8:15PM

*Submitted by:*

*Lindsay Mercier*

*Lindsay Mercier, Executive Assistant*

*Adopted:* \_\_\_\_\_



# HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*Thomas M. Daige – Fire Chief*

*David J. McMorrow – Deputy Chief*



Hopedale Select Board  
Town Hall Office  
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Hopedale MA 01747

June 28, 2021

Re: Promotion of Call Firefighter Candidates Shearns & Richard

Mr. Chairman,

I am happy to announce that Call Firefighter Candidates David Shearns and Jenny Richard have successfully completed their required training at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy – Call/Volunteer training program in Stow and will graduate Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>.

With this accomplishment, I recommend that the Board promote Call Firefighter Candidates David Shearns and Jenny Richard to the position of Call Firefighter effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Respectfully,

Thomas Daige  
Fire Chief



## HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Chief of Police**  
*Mark A. Giovanella*

July 1, 2021

Select board  
Town of Hopedale  
Hopedale, MA 01747

Dear Board Members,

Due to the open patrol officer vacancy, interviews for a full time police officer were conducted on June 17, 2021. As a result of those interviews, I respectfully request the board appoint Ryan Costello to the position of Full Time Police Officer for the Town of Hopedale.

Ryan is currently enrolled in the Fitchburg State University Police Program. The Police Program is the only model of its kind in the country. They partner with, and are authorized by, the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) to combine higher education and police training into a "4+1" educational design. Ryan will graduate the full time academy in September of 2021.

If you have, any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



*Mark A. Giovanella*  
Chief of Police