

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Saturday, October 16, 2021

11:00 AM

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on the lawn of the Community House located at 43 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747, on October 16, 2021, at 11:00 am, or on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 11:00 am, if event is postponed and notice provided; then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from current year expense funds, the sums of monies below to pay the prior year bills remaining from FY21, or take any other action related thereto.

\$139.56 Town of Hopedale W&S (from Little Red Shop)
\$200.00 Town of Mendon (from Ambulance)
\$158.13 Sprint (from Ambulance)
\$510.14 Stryker (from Ambulance)

9/10ths Vote Required

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to **transfer** the sum of \$10,000 from COA Expenses to COA Salaries/Wages to adjust the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or **transfer from available funds sums of money** to adjust the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget as outlined below, or take any other action related thereto.

2/3rds Vote Required

Department/Account	Purpose	Amount Requested
Treasurer/Collector-Salaries/Wages	To Fund Contract with T/C	\$15,000
Planning Board-Salaries/Wages	To Fund Administrative Support	\$10,000
Health Officer Expenses	To Fund Contracts with Salmon VNA & Septic Inspections	\$5,000
Library Salaries/Wages	To Fund Director Contract	\$7,000
	Total	\$37,000

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization, sums of money as follows to fund equipment and capital purchases, or take any other related action thereto.

2/3rds Vote Required.

Department	Items(s)	Amount Requested
Fire/EMS	SCBA (5% AFG Grant Match)	\$15,350
Fire/EMS	CCTV security system	\$5,000
Fire/EMS	Misc. Fire Dept. Equipment	\$43,755
Police	5 Patrol Rifles	\$7,200
School	School Van	\$30,000
Tree Warden	Tree preservation/storm damage protection	\$35,000
Town Administration	Computer Network Server	\$7,500
	Total	\$143,805

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, **borrow**, or transfer from available funds, \$290,000, to fund the purchase of a Leaf-Vac machine and a small dump truck with plow for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds Vote Required.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money (\$16,552) to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Public Safety Dispatchers MCOP Local 164 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money (\$31,350) to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Highway Water and Sewer on behalf of the Public Employees Local Union 272 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money (\$9,450) to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Clerical Staff on behalf of the Public Employees Local Union 272 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a

collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the _____ (name of union) _____ covering the period of July 1, ____ through June 30, _____, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the _____ (name of union) _____ covering the period of July 1, ____ through June 30, _____, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent and/or temporary easements, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining ways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Mendon Street Intersection Project and for any and all purposes incidental or related thereto, in, on and under certain parcels of land located on or near Mendon Street (Route 16) and Hopedale Street and approximately shown on plans entitled "Hopedale - Mendon Street (Rte. 16) at Hopedale Street Easement Plan," prepared by BSC Group, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels; (b) transfer the care, custody, and control of a portion or portions of the Town-owned property or properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Select Board for public way and utility purposes and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to the foregoing purposes, and, if applicable, authorize the Select Board to submit petitions to the General Court to allow the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise; (c) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; and, further (d) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes, or take any other action related thereto.

2/3rds Vote Required.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, **borrow**, or transfer from available funds, \$200,000 to fund the Water Sourcing Project of the Water Department on behalf of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds Vote Required.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Conservation Commission to transfer a parcel of land, located at 187 Freedom Street, containing 3.75 acres, more or less, currently held for the purposes of conservation and open space, said parcel identified as Assessor's Map 9, Lot 103, described as Parcel 8 in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 15009, Page 353, to the Select Board, for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, in the form set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill,

unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, and to authorize the Select Board to approve such amendments, or take any other action related thereto.

2/3rds Vote Required.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form:

An Act Authorizing the Town of Hopedale to transfer a parcel of land currently held by the Conservation Commission for conservation and open space purposes to the Select Board for a water tank.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the authority of the town of Hopedale conservation commission to transfer a parcel of land held for the purposes of conservation and open space to the Select Board for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Hopedale may transfer from the conservation commission a parcel of land, containing 3.75 acres, more or less, currently held for the purposes of conservation and open space, said parcel identified as assessor's map 9, lot 103, described as Parcel 8 in a deed recorded with the Worcester south district registry of deeds in book 15009, page 353, to the Select Board, for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, subject to the requirements of sections 2 through 5 and to such additional terms and conditions consistent with this act as the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, may prescribe. Prior to finalizing the transaction herein, the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may make minor modifications to the bill in order to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 2. To mitigate impacts to public lands protected for natural resources, the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may, in her discretion, require the town of Hopedale to compensate the commonwealth for the interests in land described in section 1 through the dedication of other land for conservation and open space purposes and/or the transfer of funds, the value of such compensation, if any, to be determined by the commissioner. Any funds shall be deposited in a fund dedicated to conservation of land in the town of Hopedale.

SECTION 3. The commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may commission an independent appraisal of the value of the parcel of land described in section 1, which shall be prepared in accordance with the usual and customary professional appraisal practices by a qualified appraiser. Consideration for the grant of the above-described property interests may be the value of the property interests, or some lesser consideration, including nominal consideration, as determined by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in her discretion.

SECTION 4. The town of Hopedale shall assume any and all costs associated with engineering, surveys, appraisals, deed preparation and other expenses deemed necessary by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance to execute the transfer authorized by this act.

SECTION 5. No instrument executed pursuant to this act shall be valid unless it provides that the parcel of land shall be used solely for the purposes described in section 1.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty-ninth day of September 2021.

HOPEDALE SELECT BOARD

Brian R. Keyes, Chair

Louis J. Arcudi III

Glenda A. Hazard

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Police Station, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable

Date

Funding Sources:

From FY22 Budget: **\$1,007.83**

Raise & Appropriate: **\$40,000**

Stabilization: **\$268,157**

G/F Borrowing: **\$290,000**

W/S Borrowing: **\$200,000**

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STM - Financial Articles	FY22			G/F	W/S	Notes
	Current Budget	R&A	Stabilization	Borrowing	Borrowing	
Prior Year Bills - Misc	1007.83					
Adjustments to FY22 Budget			37,000			
Capital/Equipment			143,805			
Capital/Equipment				290,000		Can use \$70,000 from Chapter 90 \$
Project - Water Sourcing					200,000	
Project - MassWorks (Appraisal & ROWS)		40,000				Can use Chapter 90 \$
Settle Collective Bargaining Agreements			71,613			
TOTALS	1007.83	40,000	252,418	290,000	200,000	