



# HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*Thomas M. Daige - Fire Chief*

*David J. McMorrow - Deputy Chief*



Select Board  
Town Hall Office  
78 Hopedale Street  
Hopedale MA 01747

November 29, 2022

Re: Donation Acceptance

Madam Chair,

\$250

I request that the Board accept the donation of ~~\$200.00~~ \$250 from Mr. Edward McGrath of Freedom Street Hopedale.

Back in August the Fire Department responded to his address for a medical emergency in which we needed a towel for drying purposes, and since the hospital had stopped issuing EMS services linen (sheets and towels) years ago we needed to use a lot of bandaging supplies to accomplish this task. Mr. McGrath generously has given the Fire Department a donation to purchase the necessary equipment to accomplish this task in the future.

Respectfully,

Thomas Daige  
Fire Chief

## Martha White

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**From:** Tim Pettepit <timpettepit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 2:23 PM  
**To:** Martha White  
**Cc:** Chris Nadeau  
**Subject:** Re: Donation Of Lights

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi Martha,

Great to hear! I actually have not purchased them yet as I was waiting to see if the town was interested. We would be purchasing them new for the town. That said, I will be buying them on Amazon so they can be here in a day or two.

Does the town want my assistance in putting them up or are they going to tackle it on their own? My plan was to buy a strand for the 4 or so poles that are by the Police Department, Town Hall, and Post office and wrap them up as far as they go. They come with a little solar panel that could just be tucked into the wrapping so they are exposed to the sun during the day.

Either way I can drop them off, I am a 2 min walk from town hall!

On Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 11:33 AM Martha White <[mwhite@hopedale-ma.gov](mailto:mwhite@hopedale-ma.gov)> wrote:

Hi Tim

I spoke to the Highway Superintendent and we are grateful for your offer. Thank you so much. Would you be able to drop the lights off at Town Hall or do you need someone to pick them up?

Thanks again

Martha

**From:** Diana Schindler <[DSchindler@hopedale-ma.gov](mailto:DSchindler@hopedale-ma.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2022 12:22 PM  
**To:** Tim Pettepit <[timpettepit@gmail.com](mailto:timpettepit@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Martha White <[mwhite@hopedale-ma.gov](mailto:mwhite@hopedale-ma.gov)>; Chris Nadeau <[cnadeau@hopedale-ma.gov](mailto:cnadeau@hopedale-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation Of Lights

Hi Tim,

This is a lovely idea. As today is my last workday in Hopedale, I'm including Martha White, the Town's interim assistant and Chris Nadeau, our Highway Superintendent, as he may be able to assist as well.

The Select Board is meeting on Monday – Martha, could you ask if they would accept the lights as a donation and then work with Tim to get them installed?

Thanks again!

Best,

*Diana*

Diana M. Schindler  
Town Administrator

Town of Hopedale

78 Hopedale St.

Hopedale, MA 01747

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**From:** Tim Pettepit <[timpettepit@gmail.com](mailto:timpettepit@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2022 11:57 AM  
**To:** Diana Schindler <[DSchindler@hopedale-ma.gov](mailto:DSchindler@hopedale-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** Donation Of Lights

Hi Diana,

My name is Tim and my wife Alyssa and I own a home on Dutcher St near the center of town with our two little boys. I received your contact info from Mike Renyolds (Park Commissioner)...he said you would be the best person to contact for this idea.

Our family wanted to offer to donate some solar-powered white Christmas lights that could go around some telephone posts by the town hall, or perhaps on the metal railing in front of it. Just an idea to add some additional holiday cheer to our already festive town. We got this idea after seeing some people volunteer to put new flowers in the post office a while ago. If approved, I would be happy to set them up, as well as remove them and store them in the off-season.

Of course, if this isn't approved or the town is not interested, that is ok too. We just love our community and thought we would just reach out wth this idea when it popped into our head.

Best,

Tim

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Kind Regards,

Tim Pettepit

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Kind Regards,  
Tim Pettepit

## **Martha White**

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**From:** Martha White  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:41 PM  
**To:** Stephanie L'Etalien; Cheryl Hanly; Lisa Pedroli; Jeff Nutting; Chief Daige; Deputy Chief McMorrow  
**Cc:** Glenda Hazard; Bernie Stock; Brian Keyes  
**Subject:** Presentation of holiday wreath by Evergreen Center

Hi everyone

It's my understanding that this is an annual event – the presentation of a holiday wreath by children and staff from the Evergreen Center. They'll be here tomorrow between 2:00 – 2:30. Please let your staff know. It would be nice if there were several of us to greet them.

Chief and/or Deputy – I understand that you bring a ladder truck to install the wreath, is this right?

Thanks everyone

Martha



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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**Select Board**  
Glenda A. Hazard, Chair  
Brian R. Keyes  
Bernard J. Stock

**Town Administrator**  
Jeffrey Nutting  
Interim Town Administrator

December 8, 2022

TO: Select Board

FROM: Martha White, Interim Executive Assistant

RE: 2023 Licensing

CC: Jeff Nutting, Interim Town Administrator

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The following summarizes the status of business license applications. I've confirmed that none of the businesses recommended for approval owe taxes to the Town or the State, and that they don't owe fees to the Town.

For Board members' information, while the licensing requirements vary somewhat depending on the license type, generally the following (and often additional) information is required, as applicable:

- Evidence of compliance with the MA Department of Unemployment Assistance
- Evidence of compliance with the MA Department of Revenue
- Evidence of Worker's Compensation Insurance
- 24-Hour Emergency contact information

Some businesses also require inspection by the Fire and/or Building Department.

**COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSES**

The following have fulfilled all requirements and thus it is recommended that the Select Board approve their license for 2023:

Hong Kong House, 150A Hartford Avenue  
Beyond Full, 76 Hopedale Street  
Hopedale Country Club, 90 Mill Street  
Maria's Pizza, 156 Hartford Avenue  
Hopedale Pizza Market Bar & Grill, 1 Menfi Way

I am still awaiting information from the following businesses; accordingly they are NOT recommended for approval at the Select Board's December 12 meeting. I am continuing to work with these businesses and hope to recommend favorable action at the Board's December 27 meeting:

Cumberland Farms, 115 Mendon Street  
Christiano Pizza, 60 Hopedale Street  
Hopedale Donuts, Inc., d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 144 Hartford Avenue

**CLASS II (USED CAR SALES) LICENSES**

The following have fulfilled all requirements and thus it is recommended that the Select Board approve their license for 2023:

Off Lease Auto Sales, Inc., 236 South Main Street  
Lord & Son Auto Body & Paint, 13 Elmwood Avenue  
Millford Auto Sales, Inc., 17 Airport Road  
A & S Detailing and Auto Sales, 244 South Main Street  
Duest Motors, 5 Charlesview Road

I am still awaiting information from the following businesses; accordingly they are NOT recommended for approval at the Select Board's December 12 meeting. I am continuing to work with these businesses and hope to recommend favorable action at the Board's December 27 meeting:

D.C. Bates Equipment Co., Inc., 10 Airport Road  
Patriots Custom Auto, Inc., 6 Airport Road

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES (ON-PREMISES)**

The following has fulfilled all requirements and thus it is recommended that the Select Board approve their license for 2023:

Hopedale Country Club, Inc., 90 Mill Street  
Hopedale Pizza Market Bar & Grill, 1 Menfi Way

These are the only two applicants in this category so there is no further follow up needed regarding On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage Licenses.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES (OFF-PREMISES)**

The following has fulfilled all requirements and thus it is recommended that the Select Board approve their license for 2023:

Hopedale Package Store, 130 Mendon Street

I am still awaiting information from the following business; accordingly they are NOT recommended for approval at the Select Board's December 12 meeting. I am continuing to work with this business and hope to recommend favorable action at the Board's December 27 meeting:

Brothers Liquor, 404 South Main Street



**HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**The TOWN OF HOPEDALE,  
Massachusetts and  
Green River Cannabis Company, Inc.**

This Host Community Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2022 by and between Green River Cannabis Company, Inc., a Massachusetts Corporation company with a principal office address of 30 Washington Street, Attleboro, Massachusetts ("The Operator" or "Establishment") and the Town of Hopedale, a Massachusetts municipal corporation with a principal address of 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747 ("Town").

WHEREAS the Operator wishes to locate an approximately 1,500 square foot +/- Retail Marijuana Establishment at the property located at 150 Hartford Avenue, Unit C, Assessors Map 24 Lot 45-1 within the Town (the "Premises" or the "Facility"), pursuant to G. L. c. 940 (the "Act") and 935 CMR 500: Adult Use of Marijuana, pursuant to a license issued by the Cannabis Control Commission ("CCC") and such approvals as issued by the Town in accordance with its Zoning Bylaw and other applicable local regulations; and

WHEREAS Operator seeks to be further licensed as a Retail Marijuana Establishment pursuant to G.L. c.94G and 935 CMR 500.00 et seq., and to sell or otherwise transfer products to Marijuana Establishments and to consumers as authorized by license; and

WHEREAS, the Operator anticipates that the Town will incur additional expenses and impacts on the Town's road and other infrastructure systems, law enforcement, fire protection services, permitting and consulting services and public health, as well as unforeseen impacts, both quantifiable and unquantifiable on the Town; and

WHEREAS the Operator intends to provide certain benefits to the Town in the event that it receives the requisite License(s) from the CCC to operate the Facility and receives all required local permits and approvals from the Town; and

WHEREAS Operator desires to provide community impact fee payments to the Town pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94 G, § 3(d), and any successor statutes and regulations, in order to address any costs imposed upon the Town by the Establishment's operations in the Town; and

WHEREAS the Town supports Operator's intention to operate a Retail Marijuana Establishment and Marijuana Product Manufacturer License for sale of adult-use marijuana in the Town; and

WHEREAS the Parties intend by this Agreement to satisfy the provisions of M.G.L. - 94G, §3(d), as established by the Act, applicable to the operation of an adult use Retail Marijuana Establishment and a Marijuana Product Manufacturer in the Town; and

WHEREAS the Parties agree that the above Recitals are true and accurate and that they are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth above, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Operator and the Town agree as follows:

1. **Community Impact Fee:** The Town anticipates that, as a result of the Operator's operation of the Retail Marijuana Establishment (hereinafter "Marijuana Establishment"), the Town will incur additional expense and impacts upon its road system, law enforcement, inspectional services, permitting services, administrative services, public health services and education in addition to potential additional unforeseen impacts upon the Town. Accordingly, in order to mitigate the direct and indirect financial impact upon the Town and use of Town resources, the Operator agrees to pay a community impact fee to the Town, in the amounts and under the terms provided herein:

**A. Community Impact Fee**

1. Operator shall make quarterly payments to the Town in an amount equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the gross revenue from the Marijuana Establishment's annual cannabis or marijuana product sales ("Community Impact Payment"). At such time as said payments amount to a total of \$35,000.00 (regardless of which quarter and calendar year that occurs) ("Community Impact Fund Cap"), the Establishment shall be excused from making further Community Impact Payments under this subsection during the Term of this Agreement, except as provided for in subsection A.2 below.
2. In the event that a specific cost incurred by the Town is identified as caused by or related to the Operator's Establishment, which causes the amount held by the Town to drop below the Community Impact Fund Cap, the Establishment agrees to resume making Community Impact Payments as set forth in subsection A.1 above until the Establishment's total payments replenish and equal the Community Impact Fund Cap.
3. The Town may use the above referenced payments as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion, but shall make a good faith effort to allocate said payments for road and other infrastructure systems, law enforcement, fire protection services, inspectional services, public health and addiction services and permitting and consulting services, as well as unforeseen impacts upon the Town.
4. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94G, §3(d), a "community impact fee shall be reasonably related to the costs imposed upon the municipality by the operation of the marijuana establishment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties hereby acknowledge the difficulty in computing

actual Town costs and agree that impacts may result in municipal budgetary increases that cannot be separately identified or precisely quantified, but, however, the Town shall use commercially reasonable efforts to confirm that the payments due under this Agreement are reasonably related to Town costs due to the operation of the Establishment.

**B. Additional Costs, Payments and Reimbursements**

1. **Permit and Connection Fees:** The Operator hereby acknowledges and agrees to pay the usual and customary building permit and other permit application fees, sewer and water connection fees, and all other local charges and fees generally applicable to other commercial developments in the Town.
  2. **Facility Consulting Fees and Costs:** The Operator shall reimburse the Town for any and all reasonable and customary consulting costs and fees, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees related to any land use applications concerning the Facility, negotiation of this and any other related agreements, and any review concerning the Facility, including planning, engineering, and any related reasonable disbursements at standard rates charged by the above-referenced consultants in relation to the Facility. Provided, however, that any upfront payments for such fees and costs shall be deducted from the Community Impact Fee payment.
  3. **Late Payment Penalty:** The Operator acknowledges that time is of the essence with respect to their timely payment of all funds required under this Agreement. In the event the Operator fails to make a timely payment as set forth above, the Town will provide the Operator with written notice of delinquency. Any payments that are not fully made within fifteen (15) business days of the date written notice of delinquency has been received by the Operator will be subject to a late payment penalty equal to five percent (5%) of such required payments.
2. **Term and Termination:** Except as expressly provided herein, this Agreement shall take effect on the day written above, subject to the contingencies noted herein for the Operator's necessary state and local permits, licenses and approvals. This agreement shall continue in effect for so long as the Facility operates as a Marijuana Establishment within the Town, with the exception of the Community Impact Fee, which shall be subject to the statutory limitations of G.L.c.94G, §3(d), and as such, expire in September of 2024.

In the event the Operator has not secured any Final License from the CCC and all necessary local permits from the Town with regard to the proposed retail operation and commenced said operation at the Facility within one (1) year from the Effective Date of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement regarding the Retail Marijuana Establishment shall continue to apply, and the Operator shall be required to negotiate a new Agreement in order to accurately apply to operations at the Facility

within the Town unless the Select Board, in its discretion, agrees to an additional extension of time, for good cause, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, which shall include the time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal of the special permit or other legal proceeding.

3. **Local Taxes:** At all times during the Term of this Agreement, property, both real and personal, owned or operated by Operator shall be treated as taxable, and all applicable real estate and personal property taxes for that property shall be paid either directly by the Operator or by its landlord, and neither the Operator nor its landlord shall object or otherwise challenge the taxability of such property and shall not seek a non-profit exemption from paying such taxes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) if real or personal property owned, leased or operated by the Operator is determined to be non-taxable or partially non-taxable, or (ii) if the value of such property is abated with the effect of reducing or eliminating the tax which would otherwise be paid if assessed at a fair cash value as defined in G.L. c. 59, §38, or (iii) if the Operator is determined to be entitled or subject to exemption with the effect of reducing or eliminating the tax which would otherwise be due if not so exempted, then the Operator shall pay to the Town an amount which when added to the taxes, if any, paid on such property, shall be equal to the taxes which would have been payable on such property at fair cash value and at the otherwise applicable tax rate, if there had been no abatement or exemption; this payment shall be in addition to the payment made by the Operator under Section 1 of this Agreement.

4. **Applicability of Host Agreement:** The provisions of this Host Agreement apply only to the Operator's use of the facility to operate a Marijuana Establishment in accordance with 935 CMR 500.000 as licensed by the CCC.
5. **Security:** Operator shall maintain security at the Facility at least in accordance with a security plan presented to the Town and approved by the CCC. Additionally, the Operator shall at all times comply with Massachusetts law and local law regarding the security of the Facility. Operator shall coordinate with the Hopedale Police Department in the development and implementation of security measures, as required pursuant to applicable regulations and otherwise, including determining the placement of exterior security cameras. Operator will maintain a cooperative relationship with the Hopedale Police Department, including but not limited to, periodic meetings to review operational concerns and communication to Hopedale Police Department of any suspicious activities on the site.

Operator shall promptly report the discovery of the following to the Hopedale Police Department immediately: diversion of marijuana, unusual discrepancies identified during inventory, theft, loss and any criminal activity; unusual discrepancy in weight or inventory during transportation; any vehicle accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable incidents that occur during transport; any suspicious act involving the sale, cultivation, distribution, processing, or production of marijuana by any person; unauthorized destruction of marijuana; any loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to marijuana or marijuana establishment agents; an alarm activation or other event that requires response

by public safety personnel, failure of any security alarm system due to loss of electrical power or mechanical malfunction that is expected to last longer than eight hours, and any other breach of security.

The Operator shall implement a comprehensive diversion prevention plan to prevent diversion of marijuana and marijuana products into the illicit market and to minors, such plan to be in place prior to the commencement of operations at the Facility. The Operator shall present the diversion plan to the Police Department for its review and feedback and, to the extent required by the Police Department, work collaboratively to implement any suggested changes, amendments or modifications to address local concerns.

The Operator agrees and acknowledges that annual inspections of the Facility by the Town's Police Department, Town's Fire Department, Building Department and Board of Health shall be a condition of continued operation in Town and agrees to cooperate with the Town's Police Department, Town's Fire Department and Board of Health in providing access for scheduled and unscheduled inspections of the Facility.

6. **Local Hiring:** To the extent permissible by law, Operator commits to hiring local, qualified employees. In addition to the direct hiring, Operator will work in a good faith, legal, and non-discriminatory manner to hire local vendors, suppliers, contractors and builders from the Town area whenever otherwise comparable local vendors are available.
7. **Improvements to Property:** Operator shall make capital improvements to the property such that the property will match the look and feel of the Town, and be of construction standards at least at the quality of other nearby businesses and construction standards per state and local Building Code requirements.
8. **Registration and Approvals Required:** The obligations of Operator and the Town recited herein are specifically contingent upon the obtaining a final license for the operation of a Retail and Product Manufacturing Marijuana Establishment from the CCC to operate in Town, and all necessary local permits and approvals.
9. **Cooperation:** The Town agrees to submit to the CCC the required certifications required to support a License Application, but makes no representation or promise that it will act on any other license or permit request, including, but not limited to any zoning application submitted for the Facility, in any particular way other than by the Town's normal and regular course of conduct and in accordance with its rules and regulations and any statutory guidelines governing them.

This Agreement does not affect, limit, or control the authority of Town boards, commissions, and departments to carry out their respective powers and duties to decide upon and to issue, or deny applicable permits and other approvals under the statutes and regulations of the Commonwealth, the General and Zoning Bylaws of the Town, or applicable regulations of those boards, commissions, and departments or to enforce said statutes, Bylaws, and regulations. The Town, by entering into this Agreement, is

not thereby required or obligated to issue such permits and approvals as may be necessary for the Facility to operate in the Town, or to refrain from enforcement action against the Operator and/or its Facility for violation of the terms of said permits and approvals or said statutes, Bylaws, and regulations.

10. **Compliance and Indemnification:** The Operator shall comply with all laws, regulations and orders applicable to the operation of a Retail Marijuana Establishment, such provisions being incorporated herein by reference, and shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses, permits, and approval required for the operation of a Retail Marijuana Establishment.

The Operator shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Town harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions, causes of actions, defenses, proceedings and/or costs and expenses including attorney's fees, brought against the Town, their agents, departments, officials, employees, insurers and/or successors, by any third party arising from or relating to the development of the Facility to the extent caused by or contributed to by the Operator, but specifically excluding such matters caused by the negligence of the Town, its agents, departments, officials, employees, insurers and/or successors. Such indemnification shall include, but shall not be limited to, all reasonable fees and reasonable costs of attorneys and other reasonable consultant fees and all fees and costs (including but not limited to attorneys and consultant fees and costs) shall be at charged at regular and customary municipal rates, of the Town's choosing incurred in defending such claims, actions, proceedings or demands. The Operator agrees, within thirty (30) days of written notice by the Town, to reimburse the Town for any and all costs and fees incurred in defending itself with respect to any such claim, action, proceeding or demand. As a condition of indemnification pursuant to this Section, the Town shall: (a) notify the Operator within a reasonable period of time of any matter concerning which the Town may seek indemnification hereunder; (b) at the request of the Operator give the Operator control over the investigation, defense and/or settlement of such matter; and (c) cooperate to the greatest possible extent in such investigation, defense and/or settlement.

11. **Retention of Regulatory Authority:** By entering into this Agreement, Town does not waive any enforcement rights or regulatory authority it currently holds over any business in Town.

12. **Notices:** Any and all notices, or other communications required or permitted under this Agreement, shall be in writing and also by email. Any and all written notices, consents, demands, requests, approvals or other communications required or permitted under this Agreement, shall delivered by hand or mailed postage prepaid, return receipt requested, by registered or certified mail or by other reputable delivery service, and shall be deemed given when so delivered by hand, if so mailed, when deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, or, if sent by private overnight or other delivery service, when deposited with such delivery service.

**To Town:**

**Town of Hopedale**  
Town Administrator  
78 Hopedale Street  
Hopedale, MA 01747

**Copy To: Town  
Counsel**

Brian W. Riley,  
KP-Law, PC  
101 Arch Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston,  
MA 02110

**To Operator:**

**Green River Cannabis  
Company, Inc.**  
30 Washington Street  
Attleboro, MA 02703

**Copy To:**

Constant S. Poholek Jr.  
Law Associates  
30 Washington Street  
Attleboro, MA 02703

13. **Severability:** If any term or condition of this Agreement or any application thereof shall to any extent be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by the court of competent jurisdiction, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed affected thereby unless the Town would be substantially or materially prejudiced. Further, the Operator agrees that it will not challenge, in any jurisdiction, the enforceability of any provision included in this Agreement; and to the extent the validity of this Agreement is challenged by the Operator in a court of competent jurisdiction, the Operator shall pay for all reasonable fees and costs incurred by the Town in enforcing this Agreement.
14. **Successors/Assigns:** This Agreement is binding upon the parties hereto, their successors, assigns and legal representatives. The Operator shall not assign, sublet, or otherwise transfer its rights nor delegate its obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent from the Town and shall not assign any of the monies payable under this Agreement, except by and with the written consent of the Town and shall not assign or obligate any of the monies payable under this Agreement, except by and with the written consent of the Town.

Events deemed an assignment include, without limitation: (i) Company's final and adjudicated bankruptcy whether voluntary or involuntary; (ii) the Company's takeover or merger by or with any other entity; (iii) the Company's outright sale of assets and equity, majority stock sale to another organization or entity for which the Company does not maintain a controlling equity interest; (iv) or any other change in ownership or status of the Company; (v) any assignment for the benefit of creditors; and/or (vi) any other assignment not approved in advance in writing by the Town. Prior to any sale or transfer

of a controlling interest in the Company, the Company shall obtain the consent of the Town, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

15. **Governing Law:** This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
16. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement, including all documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the entire integrated agreement between the parties with respect to the matters described. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations and representations, either written or oral, and it shall not be modified or amended except by a written document executed by the parties hereto.
17. **Confidentiality:** Operator may provide to the Town, certain financial information, investment materials, products, plan, documents, details or company history, know-how, trade secrets, and other nonpublic information related to Operator, its affiliates and operations (collectively, the "Confidential Information"). Town (inclusive of its employees, agents, representatives or any other of its affiliated persons) shall not, at any time during the term of this Agreement or at any time, thereafter, disclose to any person or entity, any Confidential Information, except as may be required by court order or law. Operator shall mark each plan, page, or transmission with the word "Confidential".
18. **Modifications:** Modifications to this Agreement may only be effective if made in writing and signed by both parties.
19. **Headings:** The article, section, and paragraph headings in this Agreement are for convenience only, are not part of the Agreement and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
20. **Counterparts:** This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any party hereto may execute this Agreement by signing one or more counterparts.
21. **No Joint Venture**

The Parties hereto agree that nothing contained in this Agreement, or any other documents executed in connection herewith is intended or shall be construed to establish the Town and the Operator and any other successor, affiliate or corporate entity as joint ventures or partners.
22. **Nullity**

This Agreement shall be null and void in the event that the Operator does not locate a Retail Marijuana Establishment in the Town or relocates the Facility out of the Town. Further, in the case of any relocation out of the Town, the Company agrees that an adjustment of Annual Community Impact Fee due to the Town hereunder shall be calculated based upon the period of occupation of the Facility within the Town, but in no event shall the Town be responsible for the return of any funds provided to it by the Company.



**23. Third Parties**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the Town or the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

For the Town of Hopedale Select Board      For Green River Cannabis Company Inc

**By:**

**By:**

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Glenda A. Hazard, Chair

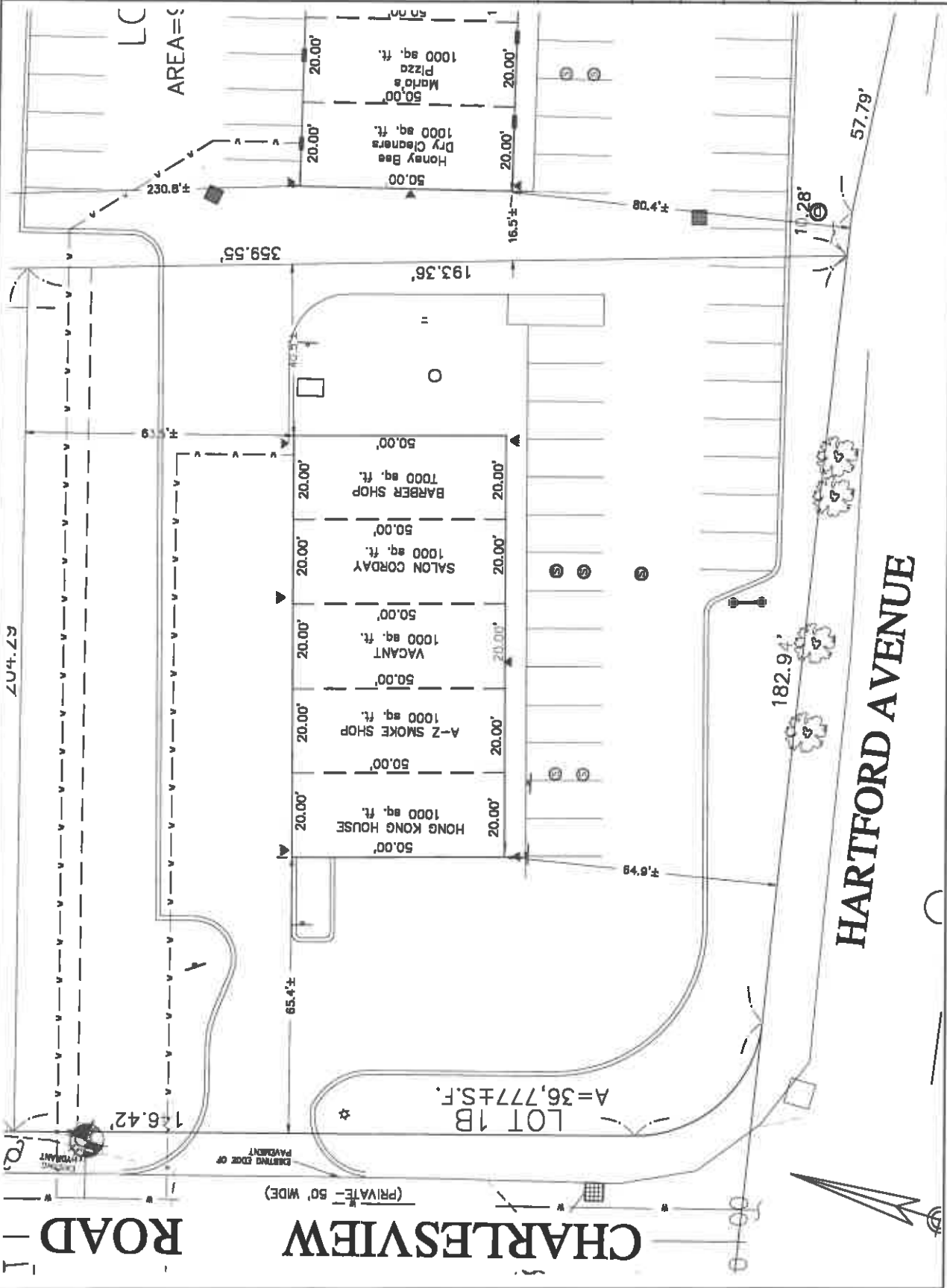
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Constant S. Poholek,  
President

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Brian R. Keyes

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Bernard J. Stock

# 150 Harford Ave. Hopedale, MA





NOTES:  
 1. THE AREA OF THIS PLAN IS TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING. THE AREA NOT SHOWN IS TO BE REMOVED. THE EXISTING CONDITIONS ARE TO BE MAINTAINED.  
 2. AMENDMENT MAP 26 LOT 49-1  
 3. ZONE C - COMMERCIAL.

OWNER:  
 HARTFORD AVENUE PROPERTIES LLC  
 PO BOX 444  
 MENDON, MA 01756

PREPARED FOR:  
 HARTFORD AVENUE PROPERTIES LLC  
 PO BOX 444  
 MENDON, MA 01756

150 HARTFORD AVENUE

BUILDING PERMIT  
 PLAN OF LAND  
 HOPEDALE, MA

SCALE: 20 FEET TO AN INCH  
 DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2021

The Meehan Group



**Intrusion**

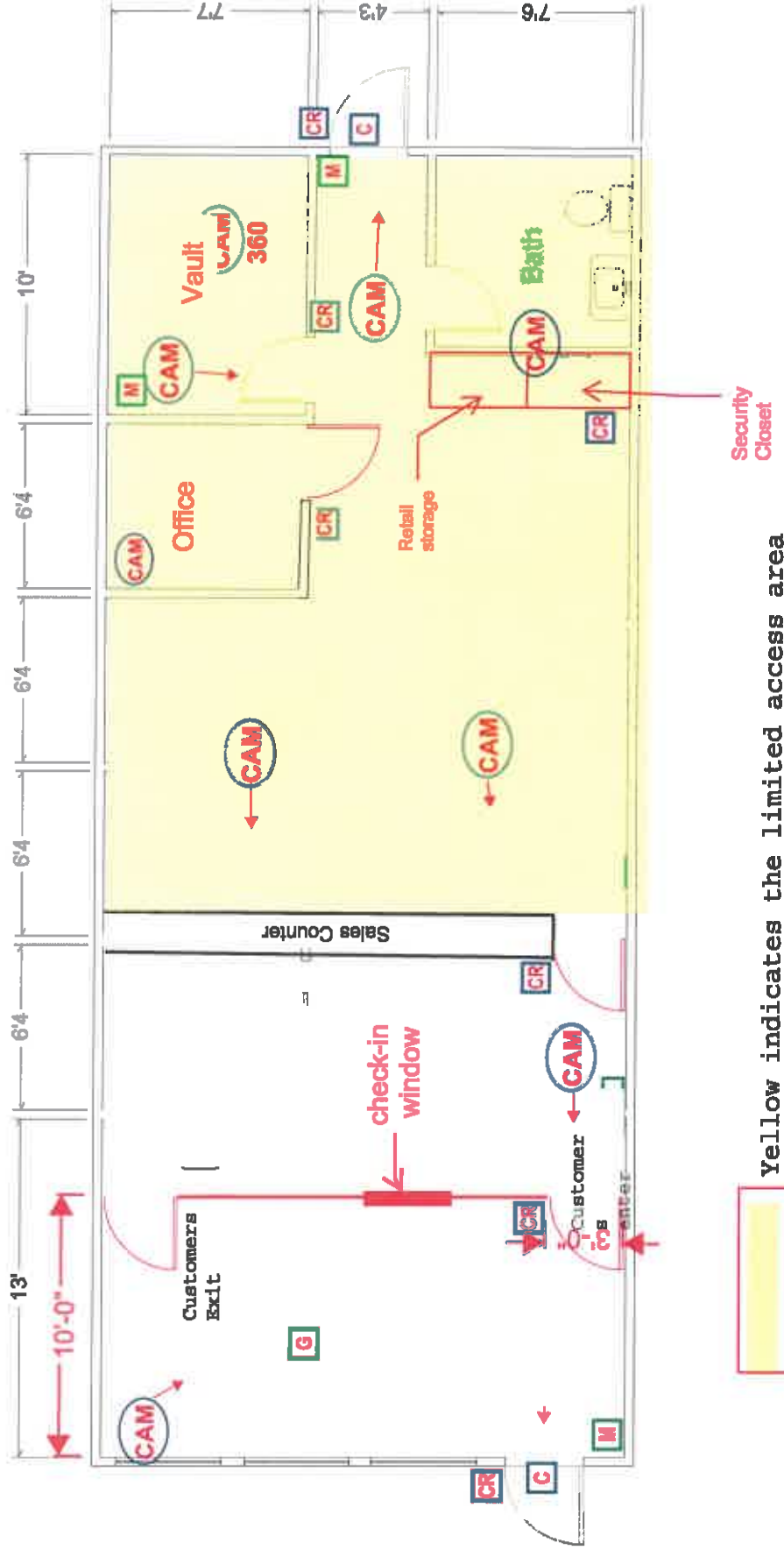
Description	Quantity	Unit
Door Contact	2	Count
Glass Break Det.	1	Count
Motion Det.	5	Count
Sec. Keypad	1	Count

**CCTV**

Description	Quantity	Unit
Camera Dome 360	1	Count
Camera Dome	10	Count
Network Video Recorder	1	Count

**Card Access**

Description	Quantity	Unit
Access Control Panel	1	Count
Card Reader	8	Count



Yellow indicates the limited access area

<p><b>Green River Cannabis Co.</b>  <b>Retail Dispensary</b>  <b>150 Hartford Ave</b>  <b>Unit C</b></p>		<p><b>Security Plan</b></p> <p>New England Safety Systems                  745 County St.                  Taunton, Ma 02780                  (508) 880-2545</p>	
<p>Date: 9/17/22</p>		<p>By: John Brennan Lic.#17356A</p>	
<p>Notes</p>			
<p><b>N.E.S.S.</b>                  NEW ENGLAND SAFETY SYSTEMS                  - PROTECTING YOUR HOME &amp; BUSINESS -</p>			



THE KNOX STORE

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## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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**Select Board**  
Glenda A. Hazard, Chair  
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Bernard J. Stock

**Town Administrator**  
Jeff Nutting  
Interim Town Administrator

December 8, 2022

To: Select Board

From: Jeff Nutting, Interim Town Administrator

Subject- Recruitment and Compensation of the Next Town Administrator

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Thanks for the opportunity to serve as the Interim Town Administrator. The entire town staff has been great to work with. The Town should be proud of their service to the community.

I would like to suggest the Board consider hiring a firm to assist in the recruitment of the next Town Administrator. A recruitment firm has the time, expertise, potential pool of candidates, and will actively search for candidates, do background checks and provide you with the best finalists for you to interview.

The cost is \$10,000 +/- . The funding is available through ARPA. The current ARPA balance is \$149,000. You might consider hiring Community Paradigm since they did the last recruitment and have knowledge of the community.

The compensation of the last Town Administrator was well below the market rate for communities our size. Starting pay ranges are in the \$130,000 to \$140,000 range. This leaves a gap of \$20,000 -\$30,000.

The board needs to decide what compensation level they wish to support prior to starting the recruitment process.

I recommend the Board establish a compensation range for the next Town Administrator. Depending on when the person arrives you will need to supplement the FY 23 budget via the reserve fund, APRA, or a Special Town Meeting.

I am happy to answer any questions you have.

Hopedale ARPA Funding 12/7/2022

Item/Project	Department	Committed	FY22	FY23
Non-Entitlement Community Allocation		\$311,441.28		\$311,441.28
Non-functional County Redistribution Amount		\$577,956		\$577,956
		\$889,397.27		\$889,397.27
<b>Total:</b>			<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>32,445</b>
Water Sourcing	Water	200,000.00		-
Water Tank	Water	165,000.00		32,445
COVID Tests	Police	122.34	122.34	-
COVID Test Kits for Distribution	Town	4,408.00	4408	-
COA Pandemic-related services	COA	3,800.00	1456	-
Hopedale Pond/Dam/Culverts (Match)	Parks/Con Com	200,000.00	0	0
Emergency Tree Work - Town Trees	Tree Warden	17,500.00	0	15,275
		\$ 590,830.34	205,986.34	

Lucas Auto Pulse	Fire	15,000		
2024 Freightliner 108SD Plow Truck	Highway	279,757		
Statue of Hope	Library	25,000		
Town Park Renovations & Cost Determinations	Parks	17,500		
Cruiser (Chevy Tahoe)	Police	56,770		
JSHS Boiler	Schools	100,000		71,500
Security System/Cameras	Town Hall	5,000		4,940
Fuel Dispensing Equipment Upgrade	Various Depts	19,000		
Generators @ Schools (for sheltering)	Town	400,000		
<b>Total:</b>		918,027		

MS4 Stormwater Permitting	Town	120,000		
<b>Total Allocated</b>		\$ 1,628,856.84		
<b>Balance Available:</b>		\$149,938.16		

Recommended by Fin Com at FY23 ATM

\$35,000	Tree Work	Funded \$17,500
\$150,000	Stormwater Mgmt	Funded \$120,000

December 7, 2022

Hopedale Select Board  
78 Hopedale Street  
Hopedale, MA 01747

Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to present this proposal for Executive Recruiting Services to the Town of Hopedale and for the opportunity to discuss your search for a new Town Administrator and the services that Community Paradigm can provide you in that effort.

Community Paradigm Associates, LLC is a Massachusetts-based consultancy that was established in 2014 as a multi-dimensional organization focusing on governmental, nonprofit, and community concerns through a variety of services. However, our primary service is focused upon executive recruiting of municipal managers for towns here in Massachusetts. A more detailed description of Community Paradigm in the Firm Profile which is attached to this letter.

Obviously, it is essential that your search and selection process result in an individual that has the skills, experience, and management approach to assist the Town in addressing its challenges and opportunities. To that end I believe the use of a consultant can be beneficial in helping the Town achieve this goal, particularly in the currently tight market of qualified candidates.

We believe that we can bring four specific qualifications to the task of helping Hopedale find its next Town Administrator:

- First, we know the skills and characteristics of a municipal manager in carrying out his/her responsibilities. Members of the Community Paradigm team have performed in the role of municipal manager for decades.
- Second, through years of activity in the business of municipal management and through our recent experience in providing municipal recruitments we have built a proprietary database with hundreds of potential candidates, particularly here in Massachusetts and throughout New England. We utilize an approach of active recruitment, not simply advertising a position and waiting for responses. Active recruitment and current knowledge of candidates is absolutely crucial in this very competitive market for municipal managers.
- Third, the approach that we have always used in recruitments includes active engagement of the stakeholders of the community in the process. We believe this approach produces the best possible selections as well as crucial support during the all-important first few months in the position.

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COMMUNITY PARADIGM  
ASSOCIATES

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- And fourth, now in our ninth year of operation, we have become **the most active** municipal manager recruitment firm in the Commonwealth. We believe that distinction is the result of the customized, dedicated service that we provide to our municipal clients.

During our years of operation, we have completed 87 municipal manager/municipal administrator searches, with four additional searches to be completed over the next few months. We are very familiar with Hopedale having assisted with the search for your most recent Administrator as well as several area communities including Uxbridge, Holliston, Grafton, Millbury and Oxford. In addition to these municipal manager searches, we have also completed numerous department head recruitments and executive positions within several regional, non-profit, and quasi state agencies. We certainly encourage the Town to review the recruitments that we have performed for all our clients as we are confident that they will respond positively and enthusiastically to the results of our work and the hands-on process that we have managed and provided.

We have prepared several Attachments that provide information about Community Paradigm and our services.

- A. A description of a scope of services which outlines our standard approach in working with communities to fill a Town Administrator position with a typical process timeline.
- B. A price quotation for described services with options based upon the levels of service sought by the Town.
- C. A sample Position Statement that is used to market the position to potential candidates, and as a basis of criteria by which to assess candidates. We also find the development of this document to be a useful exercise for our client communities as they strategically consider the qualities sought in a new Town Administrator.
- D. A Firm Profile that provides more information about Community Paradigm, our services, our team members and our clients.

We look forward to the opportunity to learn more about Hopedale's current needs as it seeks a new Town Administrator, to discuss the benefits of utilizing Community Paradigm as it proceeds with a search, and to review ideas about the approach that could be utilized to best achieve the Town's goal of a successful search.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or need for additional information. Thank you in advance for your interest.

Sincerely,



Bernard Lynch  
Principal

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE**  
**EXECUTIVE RECRUITING APPROACH**

**December 7, 2022**



**COMMUNITY PARADIGM ASSOCIATES, LLC**

## **Approach and Plan for Performing Services**

It is a challenging period in municipal management recruitment with a growing number of retiring managers producing increased demand, with fewer individuals entering the profession and many individuals opting to remain in secure positions. The result can be smaller candidate pools for municipalities seeking to fill these important positions within local government. Community Paradigm, as the consultant, has been successful in its many searches over the past seven-plus years in building strong fields for the municipal clients that it has served.

It has also become a period in which greater citizen involvement in the selection process is desired and required. Such involvement helps to ensure community support for the individual selected. Community Paradigm has facilitated community forums in nearly ninety municipal manager searches we have conducted and has organized, guided, and facilitated communities in reviewing and interviewing candidates, and complying with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

The recruitment and selection process require an understanding and knowledge of the candidate pool, aggressive outreach that includes efforts towards increased candidate diversity, robust community engagement, and a nimble and creative approach to finding candidates for the Town. The approach that would be utilized as described herein, along with the experience and knowledge of Community Paradigm (the consultant), will work in finding the best Town Administrator for Hopedale.

### **Preparation**

#### **1. Initial Consultation with the Select Board**

It is most important to have a clear understanding from the Select Board on the experience, skills, management style, and personal attributes the Board wishes the next Town Administrator to possess. The Consultant would interact with the Select Board as a body and as individual members at the outset of the process to obtain this information. These initial interactions would also be used to discuss and prepare a search plan that includes recruitment strategies, contractual provisions including compensation and conditions of employment, and a project timetable.

#### **2. Stakeholder Information**

It is valuable to gather the perspectives of Department Heads and other key town officials that will have regular interaction with the Town Administrator. The specific information sought through meetings and discussions with stakeholders is understanding the organizational framework, the primary issues facing the Town and those specific attributes that would be sought in choosing the next Town Administrator. The consultant would also use this period to gather and review key Town documents and materials, to gain a fuller understanding of the community, the governmental organization, local processes, and issues of concern.

#### **3. Preparation of Position Statement/Recruiting Brochure**

The information gathered from the Select Board, Department Heads, and other town officials would be utilized to complete the development of a Position Statement that would serve as a recruiting brochure to provide potential candidates a full understanding of the Town and its current issues, the statutory responsibilities of the Town Administrator position, and the expectations of the Board and other members of the community. The Select Board will be asked to endorse or amend this Statement, and to discuss and decide parameters of a compensation and benefits package. A sample Position Profile is included within the proposal documents

#### **4. Advertisements and Active Recruitment of Candidates**

Ultimately, the success of selecting a new Town Administrator for Hopedale is ensuring the largest and most diverse possible pool of qualified candidates. Certainly, one manner of gaining applicants is advertising the position through various publications and organizations. The Consultant will make recommendations on the most effective locations to advertise but at a minimum would include the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) publications.

However, the most important activity in recruiting is conducting targeted outreach to prospective, qualified candidates that match the desired candidate profile. This activity is imperative as many qualified candidates, for various reasons, do not respond to advertisements. In highly visible positions, such as Town Administrators, there is some concern about premature public disclosure of candidates, which could impact existing positions. A consultant-initiated contact can ease such concerns and expand the pool of candidates.

The Consultant will conduct outreach by utilizing our "Community Paradigm Database" developed in part by our professional network through the MMMA and ICMA, a professional academic network through the region's MPA programs, and a recruiting network built up over the ninety-plus searches of the past seven years.

### **Review of Applicants**

#### **5. Receipt of Résumés and Initial Review of Résumés**

The Consultant will process applications and résumés to maintain confidentiality of each inquiry and application. This will ensure the greatest number of qualified candidates. Any résumés sent to the Town should be forwarded to the Consultant. The Consultant will acknowledge all résumés submitted by candidates.

#### **6. Screening Process: Review of Résumés and Assessment**

The Consultant will review all résumés to determine those which meet the Town's criteria as set forth in the parameters voted by the Select Board within the Position Statement. Following telephone interviews, preliminary background checks, and utilization of assessment tools as deemed appropriate, a confidential assessment of an anticipated 8-12 qualified candidates will be prepared presenting experience, education, and other notable information.

#### **7. Selection of Semi-Finalists**

Based upon the described Screening Process a panel of municipal professionals will be utilized to determine 6-8 semi-finalist candidates to be interviewed. Such selection will be based upon submitted materials, Screening Process generated information, and any specific knowledge of candidates by members of the panel members.

### **Selection of Finalists**

#### **8. Semi-Finalist Interviews**

The Consultant will utilize the panel of municipal professionals to interview the 6-8 candidates identified as the strongest through the Screening Process described within Steps 6 and 7. At the completion of the interviews, the Committee will determine which 3-4 candidates should be forwarded to the Select Board as finalists. These finalists will NOT be ranked in any way as it can bias the process.

## **9. Reference and Background Review**

The Consultant will obtain written authorization from each of the finalists acknowledging a desire to continue through the process and allowing for the Consultant to contact the finalists' provided professional references and to conduct a background review, including iCORI, and education and employment verification. This process protects the finalists' confidentiality and the Town from any charge of violation of privacy. This process occurs ahead of final interviews.

## **10. Referral of Finalists**

Upon completion of the Reference and Background review, the Consultant will meet with the Select Board to publicly announce the Finalists and provide a report prepared by the Consultant that includes a short description of the candidates, a summary of reference information with specific information about candidate experience and work style (projects, initiatives, etc.) and copies of submitted materials including cover letters and résumés.

## **Select Board Selection**

### **11. Finalist Interviews and Selection**

The Consultant will assist the Select Board with the interview process, including preparation, interview questions, assessments, scheduling of interviews, etc. At the conclusion of Select Board interviews, the Board will make a choice for the next Hopedale Town Administrator. The Consultant will help with organizing the process of making that decision. Any vote to offer the position of Town Administrator to an individual should be "conditioned" upon any additional background checks deemed necessary and the successful negotiation of a contract.

### **12. Contract Negotiation**

The consultant will extend an offer of employment to the selected candidate and assist as needed with the negotiation of an employment contract as required by the Town to reach a mutually beneficial agreement.

The Consultant will manage communication with all applicants that are not selected to notify them of their status.





# **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

## **SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH TOWN ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITING AND HIRING**

### **PRICING**

The fee for services\* (Steps 1-12) described within the Community Paradigm Associates proposal dated December 7, 2022 is **\$9,200.00**.

The addition of a Screening Committee to the process will be an additional fee of \$750.00. Fees for other services are negotiable based upon exact parameters of services and subject to the agreement of both parties.

\*The stated fees do not include expenses related to the search (advertisements, unusual printing and copying, etc.), which will be paid directly by the Town, or as a reimbursement to the consultant with appropriate documentation. It is estimated that advertising costs will total approximately \$300.00.

**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

Property: 364 West Street, Hopedale, MA



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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE  
SELECT BOARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Glenda A. Hazard, Chair

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Brian R. Keyes

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bernard J. Stock

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF WORCESTER

On this 21st day of November, 2022, 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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*General Court*  
*State House, Boston, MA 02133-1054*

November 25, 2022

Secretary Bethany Card  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Secretary Card,

We are writing to request input from your office relative to an Article 97 question arising in the town of Hopedale.

Property located at 27 Overdale Parkway has frontage and, we believe, ownership rights on real estate that is currently seen as a pathway to the parklands in the town of Hopedale. The issue is whether this particular pathway is protected through Article 97.

We are attaching a timeline of the status of this land that has been compiled by a constituent resident and dates back to the origin of the landowner deed in 1916 for your reference.

Based on this timeline, and the included reference links, we are looking to EEA for guidance as to what additional information may be required, including but not limited to the need for a possible judicial decision by the court system, for a determination as to whether this land is considered protected through Article 97.

Given the status of the pathway in question, if it is considered park land, legislative authorization for a disposition or change of use would be necessary, and if not, we believe it would be considered a local issue.

Therefore, the clarification of this Article 97 status would be immensely helpful to the determination of the process moving forward for this particular land which exists over an unpaved portion of the parkway.

Any guidance or assistance that your office could provide would be certainly much appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If there is any further information that we can provide, please just let us know.

Sincerely,

Ryan Fattman  
*State Senator*  
Worcester & Norfolk District

Brian Murray  
*State Representative*  
10<sup>th</sup> Worcester District

Cc: Town Administrator, Jeff Nutting; Select Board Chair Glenda Hazard



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December 1, 2022

Nhat H. Le  
Chief Operating Officer  
MA Office of Business Development (MOBD)  
136 Blackstone Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02109

Dear Ms. Le:

We are writing again on behalf of the Town of Hopedale to express support for the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce's (BVCC) application for funding through the REDO grant program. We work closely with the BVCC to assist and facilitate programs that grow economic development, attract new business development, create workforce training programs and enhance school-to-career connections throughout our community.

The proposed REDO grant funding will be invaluable in developing new programs as well as strengthening those already in place. This is part of an overall collaborative effort throughout Blackstone Valley to stimulate growth and vitality in our communities.

BVCC's work is instrumental in assisting small businesses that support the very fabric of our village center and downtown, work that is so necessary at a time when significant economic opportunities still exist. Notably, the Draper Mill was recently demolished, and we are working towards a redevelopment plan for this now-vacant 30-acre site located in the Town's Historic Village Center. This presents an unprecedented opportunity for small, local businesses to develop, grow or expand in the imminent future. The BVCC continues to be a critical resource to the towns, connecting businesses to resources and convening towns, other regional and state agencies who can assist in the successful development of positive economic growth throughout the Blackstone Valley region.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We appreciate your support for these critical efforts.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Nutting  
Interim Town Administrator

cc: Select Board



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Brian Murray  
State Representative  
State House  
24 Beacon Street  
Room 136  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Murray,

On behalf of the Hopedale Select Board please find attached a certified copy of the Town Meeting vote to request special legislation to remove all positions of the Fire Department from Civil Service.

We respectfully request you file this legislation on behalf of the Town. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Jeffrey Nutting  
Interim Town Administrator

Cc Senator Ryan Fattman  
Select Board  
Town Clerk  
Fire Chief  
Fire Fighters Local 2205



**Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick**  
*Superintendent-Director*

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**School Committee Members**

Joseph M. Hall - Bellingham  
Joseph A. Broderick - Blackstone  
Mark J. Potter - Douglas  
Anthony M. Yitts - Grafton  
Mitchell A. Intinarelli - Hopedale

Edward D. Cray, III - Mendon  
Paul J. Braza - Milford  
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. - Millbury  
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Julie H. Mitchell - Sutton  
David R. Bartlett - Upton  
James H. Ebbeling - Uxbridge

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November 10, 2022

Diana Schindler, Town Administrator  
Town of Hopedale

Dear Ms. Schindler:

With the recent DESE certification of October 1st enrollment data, I write to make you aware of a statistically significant increase in your town's enrollment at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. This certification reveals that Hopedale now has 73 students at Valley Tech, which is an increase of 17 students, or 33% more than the 56 Hopedale students enrolled as of October 1, 2021.

We share this information because higher enrollment will result in greater operational ownership and an increased cost to the town, which you should anticipate in your FY24 Valley Tech assessment. I encourage you to view additional Hopedale enrollees in our highly competitive system as a positive development, since it clearly illustrates the improved ability of the Valley Tech district to provide the option of a career and technical education for those Hopedale residents who desire such and, therefore, reduces your exposure to out-of-district placement costs.

We recognize the severe financial constraints impacting municipal budgets across our thirteen-town district and remain committed to cost-effectiveness and securing significant non-taxpayer funding to support our mission. Our successful pursuit of some \$2,000,000 in competitive grant funding thus far in FY23 alone demonstrates our commitment to fiscal responsibility, which is further affirmed by a decade in which we have held total expenditures to conservative annual increases. We shall continue to strive, in a fiscally responsible manner, to keep FY24 assessments down while continuing to provide the best possible career and technical education for those Hopedale students entrusted to us.

With warm regards,

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent-Director

MFF/jmb

c: Mitchell A. Intinarelli, BVT School Committee  
Christopher P. Hodgens, Chair, Hopedale Finance Committee