



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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**Lisa M. Pedroli,**  
**CMC/CMMC**

Town Clerk  
Justice of the Peace  
Notary Public  
Burial Agent

January 15, 2024

*I am asking the Select Board to vote on the hours we will be offering early voting for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary.*

*Early Voting will take place in the Town Clerks office/Draper Room at Town Hall located at 78 Hopedale Street from Saturday February 24, 2024 to Friday March 1, 2024.*

**Hours will be as follows:**

Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday February 25 <sup>th</sup>	no early voting hours
Mon-Thurs February 26 <sup>th</sup> - February 29 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM to 3 PM
Friday March 1 <sup>st</sup>	9 AM to 12 PM

*Last Day to register to vote will be Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM*

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DAY**

March 5, 2024

7 AM to 8 PM

Draper Gym 13 Dutcher Street, Hopedale

Thank you,

Lisa M. Pedroli CMC/CMMC  
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*Action is requested in response to the changes made to section 72 of MGL 54 which now charges the Select Board, rather than person in charge of the police force, with detailing a sufficient number of police officers or constables for each polling location I recommend the following action:*

**MOTION:** Move to approve a sufficient number of police officers, but not less than 1, at the polling location at every election therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections, as required by Section 72 of MGL Chapter 54 which was changed in section 13 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022. Further, move to designate the Police Chief the authority to assign specific police officers according to scheduling and availability. The Town Clerk will advise the Police Chief on the location and time the officer is needed.

Presidential Primary – March 5, 2024

Annual Town Election – May 14, 2024

State Primary Election – September 3, 2024

State (Presidential Election) – November 5, 2024

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§ 1B. Appointed town offices and boards; acceptance by voters, MA ST 41 § 1B

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Proposed Legislation

Massachusetts General Laws Annotated

Part I. Administration of the Government (Ch. 1-182)

Title VII. Cities, Towns and Districts (Ch. 39-49a)

Chapter 41. Officers and Employees of Cities, Towns and Districts (Refs & Annos)

M.G.L.A. 41 § 1B

§ 1B. Appointed town offices and boards; acceptance by voters

Effective: November 7, 2016

Currentness

Any office or board, except the board of selectmen and the school committee, elected under the provisions of section 1 may become an appointed position or board by a majority vote of the annual or special town meeting and acceptance by the voters of the town at the annual town elections; provided, however, that any vote by a special town meeting taken under the provisions of this section shall take place at least 60 days prior to the acceptance of the voters at the annual town election. For purposes of this section, the positions of town treasurer and collector of taxes, elected pursuant to section 1, may be combined into 1 position and become an appointed position in the manner provided in this section. Such acceptance by the voters shall be in the form of the following question, to be placed on the official ballot:

Shall the town vote to have its elected (Title(s) of office or board) become an appointed (Title(s) of office or board) of the town? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If a majority of votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative, said office or board shall become appointed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Any incumbent of such office or board serving at the time of acceptance by the voters shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected or until said individual otherwise vacates such office; provided, however, that any individual elected to an office or board which becomes an appointed office or board at the same election, under the provisions of this section, shall hold said office and perform the duties thereof until the appointment to said office is otherwise made under the provisions of this section.

Such appointment shall be made by the board of selectmen for a term not to exceed three years, unless such mode of appointment or term is otherwise provided by law.

Credits

Added by St.1997, c. 149. Amended by St.2016, c. 218, §§ 51, 52, eff. Nov. 7, 2016.

M.G.L.A. 41 § 1B, MA ST 41 § 1B

# May 16, 2023 Annual Town Meeting



## ARTICLE 23 CHANGE TREE WARDEN FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED OFFICE (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, §1 to change the office of Tree Warden from an elected office to an appointed office; provided that the incumbent Tree Warden, if any, as of the date of this vote shall become the first appointed Tree Warden for a three-year term; or take any other action related thereto.

**Glenda Hazard, Select Board Chair, moved, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, §1B, to change the office of Tree Warden from an elected office to an appointed office, such change to become effective pursuant to said statute if approved by the voters on the 2024 annual election ballot; and provided that the incumbent Tree Warden, if any, as of the date of this vote shall become the first appointed Tree Warden for a three-year term.**

The motion was seconded and carried.

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## ARTICLE 24 ADOPT LOCAL MEALS TAX (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c.64L, §2(a) to impose a local tax upon the sale of restaurant meals; or take any other action related thereto.

**Bernard J. Stock, Select Board, moved to accept M.G.L. c. 64L, §2(a) to impose a local tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town.**

The motion was seconded and carried.

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## ARTICLE 25 DELETE AND REPLACE FINANCE COMMITTEE BY-LAW (CHAPTER 79) (Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hopedale By-Laws by deleting in its entirety Chapter 79 (Finance Committee) and insert a new Chapter 79 Finance Committee and Budget Process, or take any other action related thereto.

**Bernard J. Stock, Select Board, moved to amend the Town of Hopedale By-Laws by deleting in its entirety Chapter 79 (Finance Committee) and insert a new Chapter 79 Finance Committee and Budget Process, to read as follows:**

**Part I**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

**Title VII**

CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS

**Chapter 41**

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS

**Section 1B**

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICES AND BOARDS; ACCEPTANCE BY VOTERS

Section 1B. Any office or board, except the board of selectmen and the school committee, elected under the provisions of section 1 may become an appointed position or board by a majority vote of the annual or special town meeting and acceptance by the voters of the town at the annual town elections; provided, however, that any vote by a special town meeting taken under the provisions of this section shall take place at least 60 days prior to the acceptance of the voters at the annual town election. For purposes of this section, the positions of town treasurer and collector of taxes, elected pursuant to section 1, may be combined into 1 position and become an appointed position in the manner provided in this section. Such acceptance by the voters shall be in the form of the following question, to be placed on the official ballot:

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No \_\_\_\_

If a majority of votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative, said office or board shall become appointed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Any incumbent of such office or board serving at the time of acceptance by the voters shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected or until said individual otherwise vacates such office; provided, however, that any individual elected to an office or board which becomes an appointed office or board at the same election, under the provisions of this section, shall hold said office and perform the duties thereof until the appointment to said office is otherwise made under the provisions of this section.

Such appointment shall be made by the board of selectmen for a term not to exceed three years, unless such mode of appointment or term is otherwise provided by law.