



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Select Board
Meeting Agenda
(REVISED)**
HYBRID MEETING
Draper Room
August 28, 2023
6:30 p.m.

REVISED

10:13 am, Aug 25, 2023

This meeting will be held via HYBRID means¹ and will also be streamed live, click here:
https://townhallstreams.com/towns/hopedale_ma

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87145575031?pwd=eHBzbWFwODhSWUtUandGZmIrWDZqQT09>

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Public Comments – The Hopedale Select Board encourages citizens to attend its meetings and welcomes their views on pertinent subjects. Anyone may comment for up to three minutes during the Public Comment portion of the agenda regarding an issue that is not on the agenda. However, given that no public notice of the topic has been provided, the Select Board will not engage in discussion. The Select Board will give your issue appropriate consideration. Anyone may also comment during any agenda item for up to three minutes.

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

A. Consent Items

- a. Proclamation in honor of resident Mary Phillips on the occasion of her 100th birthday
- b. Proclamation in honor of Youth Services Librarian Elaine Kramer on the occasion of her retirement after 29 years of service to the community

B. Appointments & Resignations

- a. Police Officer Appointment – Michael A. Giovanella
- b. Highway Superintendent appointment – Stanley Golenski III
- c. Call Firefighter resignations:
 - i. Joseph Night, effective July 20, 2023
 - ii. Jacob Fantini, effective July 30, 2023

C. New Business

- a. One-Day Beer and Wine License request – Rushford & Son Brewing Company (Brian Goodman of Rushford & Son attending remotely)
- b. Discussion of best practices related to Public Works, Water & Sewer and continued collaborative efforts
- c. Discussion regarding South Street Cemetery
- d. Reschedule October 9 Select Board meeting
- e. *Accept Donation of \$64,750.85 to fund legal fees associated with West Street litigation*

(Revised)

- f. *Accept grant in the amount of \$184,280.95 from the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighting Grant for the purchase of needed equipment and station modifications* *(Revised)*

D. Old Business

- a. Legal update for public regarding ongoing litigation

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

F. Requests for Future Agenda Items

G. Administrator Updates

H. Correspondence and Select Board Informational Items (votes will not be taken)

I. Executive Session

Please note the Select Board agenda may be subject to change and items not anticipated may be discussed and all listed agenda items may be subject to a vote.

¹ On July 16, 2022, Lt. Governor Polito, as Acting Governor, signed into law An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency. Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 authorized a further extension – until March 31, 2025 – of the remote meeting provisions established by the initial March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. Section (1) of the executive order allowing public access through adequate, alternative means is independent from Section (2), which allows members of the public body to participate remotely. The public body may conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in section (1) or (2) or both.