



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Select Board
Meeting Agenda
HYBRID MEETING**

Draper Room
January 8, 2024
6:30 p.m.

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By Lisa M. Pedroli at 4:00 pm, Jan 03, 2024

This meeting will be held via HYBRID means¹ and will also be streamed live, click here:
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Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing regarding National Grid proposal to install a new anchor at Pole 4, Charlesview Way

A. Executive Session

Move that the Board vote to enter executive session, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) (Purpose #3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Massachusetts Coalition of Police, AFL-CIO, Local #164) in that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares, and, further that the Board will return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

B. New Business

- a. Announce terms of collective bargaining agreement with Massachusetts Coalition of Police, AFL-CIO, Local #164
- b. Update from Marcum, LLP (Accounting consultants)
- c. Fire Chief Tom Daige re: Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (Select Board is asked to Promulgate the Plan)

C. Consent Items

- a. Acknowledgement of donations to the Council on Aging in memory of long-time Council

member Diane Frazier

- i. Nancy Patten \$75
 - ii. Jane E. Wilson \$25
 - iii. John Levanchy \$25
 - iv. Partners Technology \$300
- b. Acknowledgement of \$250 donation from Fred Oldfield to Bancroft Memorial Library Marjorie E. Hattersley Gift Fund

D. Appointments & Resignations

- a. Resignation of Call Fire Captain William Krauss, effective December 31, 2023
- b. Promotion of Call Firefighter Adam Kaminski-Miller to Acting Call Lieutenant, effective January 8, 2024
- c. Promotion of Call Lt. Craig Burns to Call Captain effective 1/8/24

E. New Business, continued

F. Old Business

- a. Follow-up to prior conversation regarding employee health insurance
- b. Review/Approve/Execute Position Paper regarding Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School

G. Administrator Updates

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

I. Requests for Future Agenda Items

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

K. Executive Session:

Move that the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the Town, and the Chair so declares, in matters captioned Town of Hopedale v. Jon Delli Priscoli, Reilly v. Town of Hopedale, and Grafton & Upton Railroad v. Town of Hopedale. Attorney David Mackey from Anderson Kreiger LLP will be present.

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.