



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Select Board
Meeting Agenda
HYBRID MEETING
Draper Room
April 8, 2024
6:30 p.m.

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By Lisa M. Pedroli at 3:08 pm, Apr 04, 2024

This meeting will be held via HYBRID means¹ and will also be streamed live, click here:
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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. 6:30 p.m. Pursuant to General Laws Chapter 41, Section 11: Joint meeting of the Select Board and Parks Commission for discussion and potential vote to fill a vacancy on the Parks Commission until the 2025 Annual Town Election. Candidate: Dylan Orchard
- B. Consent Items
 - a. Review/Approve meeting minutes: April 24, 2023, May 8, 2023 and May 10, 2023
- C. Appointments and Resignations
 - a. Applicant for Conservation Commission: Scott Ellis
- D. New Business
 - a. Class II license application – Edmilson Barbosa/Power Brothers Auto Central, 13 Elmwood Ave. (formerly Lord & Sons Auto Detailing and Sales)
 - b. Discussion/possible vote regarding removal of specified trees on Adin Street that have been determined by the Tree Warden to constitute a public danger
 - c. Review of May 21, 2024 Annual Town Meeting draft warrant
 - d. Establish “Maximum Useful Life” of recently purchased Fire Truck, as required for borrowing funds
 - e. Authorize/Execute contract with Weston & Samson Engineering for MS4/Stormwater Management services (Year 5 of contract)
 - f. Vote to accept quote for A/C work at Bancroft Memorial Library
 - g. Discussions regarding Mellen Field

E. Executive Session

- a. Move that the Board enter into executive session pursuant to Purpose 3, G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Police Chief and Police Lieutenant) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and the Chair so declares. The Board will return to open session

F. Old Business

- a. Contract Ratification:
 - i. Police Chief
 - ii. Police Lieutenant
- b. Continued discussion regarding Town Hall building conditions
- c. Discussion regarding Public Owned Land
- d. Junior/Senior High School generator project
- e. Update on health insurance costs

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 Purpose 3, G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss bargaining strategy if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and the Chair so declares. (Negotiations with Hopedale Public Employee Committee); the Board will not return to open 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.