



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Select Board
Meeting Agenda
HYBRID MEETING
Draper Room
January 23, 2023
6:30 PM

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By Lisa M. Pedroli at 3:27 pm, Jan 19, 2023

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.¹ This meeting will be held via HYBRID means.

If you wish to speak, please reserve comments until the Public Comment section of the meeting. If you are using video, you may either raise your hand to be acknowledged by the Chair or use the “Raise Your Hand” button. Please wait to speak until you are acknowledged by Chair. If participants cannot conduct themselves in accordance with these guidelines, they will be removed from meeting.

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Meeting ID: 818 7386 4755

Passcode: 746557

Call to order 6:30 p.m.

A. Consent Items

- a. Review/Approve Select Board meeting minutes – May 9, 2022, March 14, 2022

B. Appointments & Resignations

- a. Appointments to Town Administrator Search Committee
 - Cheryl Moreci – Citizen-at-Large applicant
 - Len Guertin - Citizen-at-Large applicant
 - Mark Giovanella – Chief of Police
 - Karen Crebase – Superintendent of Schools
 - Lisa Pedroli – Town Clerk
 - Jayme Solomon-Zissu – Personnel Board representative
 - To be determined – Finance Committee representative
- b. Accept resignation of part-time dispatcher Nicholas Walker

C. New Business

- a. Highway Department Update - Chris Nadeau, Highway Superintendent

D. Old Business

- a. Consider and Vote on Proposed Order of Taking for Land at 364 West Street Pursuant to Article 1 of the July 11, 2022 Special Town Meeting

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

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

- a. Hopedale Junior-Senior High School Graduation Ceremony Program and Program Insert
- b. Request from Worcester Regional Retirement System to consider additional 2% Cost of Living Increase for retirees, applied retroactively to July 1, 2022.
- c. Thank you letter from Jeff Nutting to Hopedale Friends of Elders, Inc. for their donation to the Hopedale Council on Aging
- d. Thank you letter from Jeff Nutting to Frederick G. Oldfield III for his donation to the Marjorie E. Hattersley Memorial Fund
- e. Congratulations letter from Jeff Nutting to Tricia Perry, Director of the Bancroft Memorial Library, for \$10,000 grant award from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

H. Administrator Updates

- a. Financial Summit tentatively scheduled for February 16, 2023 in the Junior-Senior High School Auditorium

I. Executive Session(s):

- a. Purpose 3, G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss litigation strategy if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (Berger v. Town of Hopedale)
- b. Purpose 3, G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss litigation strategy if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (High Hopes, LLC v. Town of Hopedale, Milford District Court, C.A. No. 2266CV162).
- c. Purpose 3, G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) (Purpose #3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body (Collective Bargaining; Local 272 – Hopedale Highway, Water and Sewer and Local 272 - Clerical)

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.

ⁱ This Act includes an extension, until March 31, 2023, of the remote meeting provisions of 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.