



# TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Meeting Agenda**  
HYBRID MEETING  
Draper Room  
September 11, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

**RECEIVED**

*By Lisa M. Pedroli at 2:07 pm, Sep 07, 2023*

This meeting will be held via HYBRID means<sup>1</sup> and will also be streamed live, click here:  
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#### **Call to order: 6:30 p.m.**

A. Moment of Silence in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001

B. Executive Session: Move that the Board enter into executive session pursuant to Purpose 2, G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel: Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. (Any vote to approve contract amendments must be taken in open session).

#### C. Consent Items

- a. Accept Complete Streets grant \$500,000
- b. Accept donation from Pinz – gift cards totaling value of \$5,000
- c. Acknowledge \$40 donation to Bancroft Memorial Library from Ilene Kraimer O’Neil
- d. Accept resignation of Vincent Ozella from Highway Department, effective 9/8/23

#### D. Appointments & Resignations

#### E. New Business

- a. Schedule Fall Special Town Meeting
- b. Schedule workshop to discuss Select Board goals
- c. Rescind \$56,000 allocation of ARPA funds for Fire Hose (FEMA grant will fund)
- d. Allocate \$52,200 in ARPA funds for engineering and associated work for Bancroft Memorial Library HVAC systems

- e. Discuss purchase of “demo” fire truck
- f. Presentation by Principal Assessor of new Geographic Information System (GIS)
- g. Discussion with Parks Commission and Conservation Commission regarding roles and responsibilities

F. 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

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

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

I. Administrator Updates

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

*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.*

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel