



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Select Board

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Select Board Meeting Agenda HYBRID MEETING

Draper Room
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
6:30 p.m.

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By Lisa M. Pedroli at 3:14 pm, Mar 07, 2024

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Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

A. Executive Session

1. Move that the Board 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. (Discussion regarding negotiations with Hopedale Public Employee Committee).
2. 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) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and the Chair so declares.
3. 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 Lieutenant) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and the Chair so declares.

B. Consent Items

C. Appointments and Resignations

D. New Business

1. Police Lieutenant contract ratification
2. Police Chief contract ratification
3. Open Warrant for May 21, 2024 Annual Town Meeting; announce Warrant closing date

4. Request for one-day liquor license – Blackstone Valley Curling Club
 5. Review/Approval of Town Administrator performance evaluation instrument
 6. DEP Complaints
 - a. Bathhouse
 - b. Parklands
 7. Review ARPA reporting and other program requirements
 8. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School Stabilization Fund and Capital Request Discussion
 9. Discussion regarding Inter-Facility Transfer Program (Fire Department)
 10. Discussion regarding DPW & Stormwater Enterprise Account
 11. Hopedale Fire Department as it Pertains to Civil Service
 12. High School Generator discussion; possible vote regarding ARPA funds
- E. Old Business
1. Update regarding healthcare cost increases/options
 2. Review/Adopt Policy regarding Disposal of Surplus Supplies (previously reviewed at 11/13/23 meeting).
- F. Administrator Updates
- G. Public and Board Member Comments (votes will not be taken)
- H. Requests for Future Agenda Items
- I. 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.

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.