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**Select Board
Meeting Agenda**
HYBRID MEETING
Draper Room
October 10, 2023
6:30 p.m.

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.

A. Consent Items

- a. Recognition of members of the Hopedale Fire Department for their successful live-saving efforts
- b. Review/Approve meeting minutes of March 24, 2022
- c. Public vote of agreed-upon amendments to employment contract with Collector/Treasurer

B. Appointments & Resignations

- a. Accept resignation of Part-Time Public Safety Dispatcher Roberta Lamothe, effective 9/28/23
- b. Appoint Riccilyn MacNeil as Part-Time Public Safety Dispatcher, effective 10/10/23

C. New Business

- a. Request for Toys for Tots Roadside Collection Event
- b. Review “uncollectable” ambulance fees/possible vote to abate
- c. Request from Fire Chief for 3 additional firefighter positions (possible Article on Special Town Meeting Warrant)
- d. Discuss format for October 26th regional summit regarding Blackstone Valley Technical-Vocational School stakeholder issues

D. Old Business

- a. Continued review of November 7, 2023 Special Town Meeting warrant
- b. 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. Administrator Updates

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

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

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

I. Executive Session:

- a. 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: Treasurer/Collector. (To return to open session for purposes of voting any agreed-upon contract amendment(s)).
- b. 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.