



# TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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By Lisa M. Pedroli at 11:05 am, Mar 09, 2023

Select Board  
Meeting Agenda  
HYBRID MEETING  
Draper Room  
March 13, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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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## Call to order 6:30 p.m.

### A. Consent Items

- a. Accept \$38,500 donation from The Hopedale Foundation for Rustic Bridge assessment and engineering services
- b. Accept \$1,600 donation from anonymous donor to fund legal fees associated with West Street litigation
- c. Review/Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes – 9/21/2022, 10/11/2022, and 1/21/2021

### B. Appointments & Resignations

- a. Promotion of Call Firefighter Candidate Alec Kaminski-Miller to Call Firefighter
- b. Resignation of Call Firefighter Candidate Tiana Lasorsa

### C. New Business

- a. Endorsement of Hopedale Booster Club 5K Run/Walk, May 20, 2023
- b. Announce Annual Town Meeting May 16, 2023, Open the Warrant, and Announce Warrant Closing Date of April 20, 2023
- c. Meeting with the Park Commission Regarding Town Park Renovation Project
- d. Review/Approve Memorandums of Agreement with (1) Clerical Personnel and (2) Highway, Water & Sewer Personnel
- e. Review/Approve Contract with Tighe & Bond for Phase I Safety Inspection and Emergency Action Plan for Spindleville Pond Dam; Vote to fund contract from ARPA funds (\$12,500)

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
- b. FY 2024 Budget Discussion and possible vote on Proposition 2 ½ Override and allocation of budget reductions for General Government and School Department

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

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

- a. Letter from DEP re: new water tank
- b. Attorney General Decisions regarding November 22, 2022 Special Town Meeting
- c. Central MA Regional Planning Commission Traffic Count Program
- d. Letter to Green River Cannabis Company authorizing Virtual Web-Based Community Meeting (and associated MGL requiring such authorization)

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

H. Administrator Updates

I. Executive Session(s):

- a. Move that the Board vote to enter Executive Session, pursuant to Purpose 7, to act under the authority of a general or special law, specifically the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, Section 22(g), to review and approve executive session minutes of February 16, 2023
- b. Move that the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Purpose 3, G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss litigation strategy in that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and the Chair so declares (Berger v. Town of Hopedale)
- c. 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.*

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<sup>1</sup> 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.