



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Select Board
Meeting Agenda
HYBRID MEETING
Hopedale Town Hall - Draper Room
March 27, 2023
7:15 p.m.

NOTE LATER MEETING START TIME

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 not be recognized.

Also Streamed Live, click here: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/hopedale_ma

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Call to order 7:15 p.m.

A. Consent Items

- a. Acknowledge Annette Smith for her work in the Select Board/Town Administrator Office
- b. Review/Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes – 10/24/22, 11/14/22, 3/6/23
- c. Announce Police Department grant for School Zone traffic control devices
- d. Accept \$38,500 donation from The Hopedale Foundation for Rustic Bridge assessment and engineering services
- e. Accept \$1,600.50 donation from anonymous donor to fund legal fees associated with West Street litigation

B. Appointments & Resignations

- a. Accept resignation of Ken Wilson from Finance Committee
- b. Interview/possible appointment of Finance Committee applicant David Arthur
- c. Promotion of Call Firefighter Candidate David Fantini to Call Firefighter

C. New Business

- a. Adoption of 2023 updated Hopedale Hazard Mitigation Plan
- b. ARPA Funds
 - Vote to rescind vote of \$200,000 for Hopedale Pond/Dam/Culverts

- Vote to allocate \$70,000 for engineering for Adin Street
- c. Review/Possible Vote regarding Tighe & Bond proposal for Adin Street engineering services
- d. Discussion regarding upcoming meeting schedule
- e. Review/Possible Vote regarding Worcester Regional Retirement System request to consider additional 2% Cost of Living Increase for Retirees, applied retroactively to July 1, 2022
- f. Review KP Law information regarding recent court decision on Public Comments at Board and Committee meetings/Consider and Possible Vote on Proposed Policy
- g. FY 2024 Budget Discussion
 - Vote on amount for Proposition 2 ½ Override
 - Set Date for Special Election
 - General Budget Discussion

D. Old Business

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

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

- a. Legislative “Earmark” Requests
- b. Letters from Comcast regarding programming and cost changes

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items

H. Administrator Updates

I. Executive Session(s):

- a. Move that the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of 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)
- b. Move that the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares: Federal Multidistrict Litigation vs. CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Teva, and Allergan.

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 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.