



TOWN OF HOPE DALE

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REVISED

3:15 pm, Apr 06, 2023

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

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 be removed from meeting.

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Call to order 6:30 p.m.

A. Executive Session(s):

- a. 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 the matter captioned Philip Schwachman et al v. Grafton & Upton Railroad Company et al., Worcester Superior Court, C.A. No. 1885CV01781. Attorney Jeffrey Blake from KP Law, PC will be present.
- 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 the matter captioned Grafton & Upton Railroad v. Town of Hopedale, U.S. District of Massachusetts, Case No. 4:22-cv-40080. Attorneys David Mackey, Sean Grammel and Mina Markarios from Anderson Kreiger, LLP will be present.

B. New Business

- a. Update from Attorney David Mackey of Anderson Kreiger re: Grafton & Upton Railroad v. Town of Hopedale litigation

C. Consent Items

- a. Review/Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes – 3/20/2023 and 7/6/2022
- b. Approve Hopedale Youth Baseball Annual Parade Saturday April 15th at 10:00 a.m.

D. Appointments & Resignations

- a. Appointment of Roberta Lamothe as Part-Time Dispatcher, effective April 17, 2023
- b. Interview/possible appointment of Finance Committee applicant David Arthur
- c. Interview/possible appointment of Community Preservation Committee applicant Tara Taglianetti-Chambers

E. New Business, Continued

- a. One-day Liquor License: Rushford & Sons Brewhouse (Hopedale Community House 100-Year Celebration)
- b. Request from Master Plan Steering Committee to (1) dissolve the Committee and (2) establish a Master Plan Implementation Committee
- c. Water Department – Proposed Designer Selection Procedures
- d. Announce Revised Annual Town Meeting Warrant Closing Date of April 26, 2023
- e. Announce Special Town Meeting May 16, 2023, Open the Warrant, and Announce Warrant Closing Date of April 26, 2023
- f. Review DRAFT Special Town Meeting warrant
- g. Request(s) for use of ARPA funds
- h. Discussion regarding upcoming meeting schedule
- i. FY 2024 Budget Discussion/Vote
- j. Vote to sign Local Election Warrant

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

- a. Memo from KP Law regarding Pandemic-Related Updates

I. Requests for Future Agenda Items

J. Administrator Updates

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 Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 authorized an extension, until March 31, 2025, of the remote meeting provisions of the 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.

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