



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020
1:00 P.M.**

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To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale, in the County of Worcester,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in town affairs to **meet outside on the lawn of the Community House** located at 43 Hope Street, Hopedale, MA 01747 on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at one o'clock in the afternoon, or on Monday, October 26, at five o'clock in the afternoon if event is postponed and notice provided, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend and balance the FY21 Omnibus Budget as voted in Article 7 of the July 21, 2020 Annual Town Meeting by transferring from available funds, appropriating available Overlay Excess, and reducing expenses by sums of money (to be outlined in Motion attachment); or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7, or any other enabling authority, the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$282,693), or any other amount, to pay costs of updating and replacing streetlights, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to acquire, by purchase or eminent domain, certain property, containing 130.18 acres, more or less, located at 364 West Street, being a portion of that land described in an instrument of redemption of tax title taking recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 61533, Page 78, and shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk, and in order to fund said acquisition, raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7, or any other enabling authority, a sum of money in the amount of One Million One Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,175,000.00), and to apply any discretionary grants, gifts, awards, or donations of money given to the Town for the purpose of land conservation, said property being acquired pursuant to a right of first refusal in G.L. c. 61, §8, which right is subject to exercise by a vote of the Board

of Selectmen, such acquisition to be made to maintain and preserve said property and the forest, water, air, and other natural resources thereon for the use of the public for conservation and recreation purposes to be managed under the control of the Hopedale Parks Commission, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to carry out the purposes of this article; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to acquire, by purchase or eminent domain, for the purpose of public park land, the land located at 364 West Street which is not classified as forest land under Chapter 61 of the General Laws, consisting of 25.06 acres, more or less, being a portion of that land described in an instrument of redemption of tax title taking recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 61533, Page 78, and shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk, and in order to fund said acquisition, appropriate from Free Cash, or raise from the current tax levy, or borrow pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, a sum of money, and to apply any discretionary grants, gifts, awards, or donations of money given to the Town for the purpose of land conservation, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to carry out the purposes of this article; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to take by eminent domain pursuant to Chapter 79 of the General Laws, for the purpose of public park land, the land located at 364 West Street which is not classified as forest land under Chapter 61 of the General Laws, consisting of 25.06 acres, more or less, being a portion of that land described in an instrument of redemption of tax title taking recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 61533, Page 78, and shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk, and in order to fund said acquisition, appropriate from Free Cash, or raise from the current tax levy, or borrow pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, a sum of money, and to apply any discretionary grants, gifts, awards, or donations of money given to the Town for the purpose of land conservation, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents to carry out the purposes of this article; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: Article Presented by Petition

To see if the Town will vote to exercise its option to purchase the 155.24 acres of land of Charles E. Morneau, Trustee, as represented in the Notice of Intent to Sell served on July 9, 2020, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act for the Town in taking all actions necessary to exercise said option and effectuate the acquisition; and further, to fund acquisition, to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$1,250,000, or other sum, and to determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing said sum pursuant to the provision of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighth day of October 2020.

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

Brian R Keyes

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Brian R Keyes (Oct 9, 2020 04:19 EDT)

Brian R Keyes, Chair
Brian R Keyes (Oct 9, 2020 04:19 EDT)

Louis Arcudi

Vacant

Brian R Keyes

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Lisa M. Pedroni

Posted in the Town Hall, Police Station, and Post Office Lobby.

Paul A. Dinnella
Constable

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Date