



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Saturday, March 26, 2022
11:00 AM

Dennett Auditorium
Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School located at 25 Adin Street, Hopedale, MA 01747, on Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 am; then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, sums of money to fund equipment and capital purchases, or take any other related action thereto.

Fire/EMS	Car 1 (Chief's Vehicle)	\$55,203
Police	Police Cruiser (Hybrid)	\$54,918
Town Administration	Electronic Permitting Software (Zoning, Planning, Town Clerk & Select Board)	\$56,000
	Total:	\$166,121

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to FY22 Legal Account to pay town legal expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Commentary: The Town's legal budget needs additional funding for the remainder of FY22.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from County Retirement Assessment Account, a sum of money to be added to the Town's Workers Compensation Account and a sum

of money to be added to the Town's Liability Insurance Premiums Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Commentary: Additional funding needed in Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance accounts. Using available funds in County Retirement Assessment.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Accountant Salaries and Wages, a sum of money, to be added to Accountant Professional Technical to pay for the town's outsourced accounting contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Commentary: To move funding from Salaries & Wages to Expenses within same department to cover outsourced contract.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Clerical Staff on behalf of the Public Employees Local Union 272 covering the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Commentary: Required by MGL, 150E, §7, this article is necessary to approve the cost items within a newly signed collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Call Firefighters Association covering the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Commentary: Required by MGL, 150E, §7, this article is necessary to approve the cost items within a newly signed collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings, a sum of money to be added to Water Department Salaries and Wages to fund FY22 increases, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: Transfer is needed to fund increases due to settled collective bargaining agreements.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, a parcel of land located off West Street, shown as Parcel A, containing 64 acres, more or less, on a plan entitled "Conceptual Land Division Exhibit" prepared by Engineering Design Consultants, Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, which plan was

Exhibit 1 to that certain Settlement Agreement dated February 8, 2021, by and between the Town and Jon Delli Priscoli and Michael R. Milanoski, as Trustees of the One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, and the Grafton & Upton Railroad Company, said land being a portion of property described in an instrument recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 61533, Page 78, said property being acquired for the purpose of water supply, conservation, recreation, and open space, subject to such easements and restrictions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, including, but not limited to: (a) a slope/grading and utility easement, (b) an easement for a bridge over the Mill River, (c) an easement for the installation of water supply wells or well fields, and (d) an Army Corps of Engineers no-build easement; and, further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to acquire said property and any and all costs incidental or related thereto; and to authorize the Select Board to take such actions and execute such documents as are deemed necessary to acquire said property, upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, or take any other action related thereto.

2/3rds Vote Required.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, a parcel of land located off West Street, shown as Parcel D, containing 20 acres, more or less, on a plan entitled "Conceptual Land Division Exhibit" prepared by Engineering Design Consultants, Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, which plan was Exhibit 1 to that certain Settlement Agreement dated February 8, 2021, by and between the Town and Jon Delli Priscoli and Michael R. Milanoski, as Trustees of the One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, and the Grafton & Upton Railroad Company, said land being a portion of property described as Parcel 1 in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 63493, Page 34, said property being acquired for the purpose of water supply, conservation, recreation, and open space, subject to such easements and restrictions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, including, but not limited to, an Army Corps of Engineers no-build easement; and to authorize the Select Board to take such actions and execute such documents as are deemed necessary to acquire said property, upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

ARTICLE 10: We, the Residents of Hopedale, authorize the Town of Hopedale to release and waiver the exercised and recorded Option to purchase 130 acres of c. 61 land at 364 West Street

Submitted by Petition.

ARTICLE 11: We, the Residents of Hopedale, authorize the Town of Hopedale to release and waiver the recorded Notice of Taking by eminent domain of the 25 acres of wetlands at 364 West Street

Submitted by Petition.

ARTICLE 12: We, the Residents of Hopedale, authorize the Town of Hopedale to accept of the 20 acre parcel of land at 363 West Street (Parcel D) offered by GURR as a donation

Submitted by Petition.

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 the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this ninth day of March 2022.

HOPEDALE SELECT BOARD

Brian R Keyes

Brian R. Keyes, Chair

Louis J. Arcudi III

Louis J. Arcudi III

Glenda A. Hazard

Glenda A. Hazard



A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Police Station, and Post Office Lobby.


Constable

03/10/22
Date

Signature: 
Brian R Keyes (Mar 9, 2022 23:05 EST)
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Signature: Louis J. Arcudi III
Louis J. Arcudi III (Mar 10, 2022 03:53 EST)
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Signature: glenda A Hazard
glenda A Hazard (Mar 10, 2022 11:18 EST)
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