



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Michael Milanoski
President
Grafton-Upton Railroad
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Dear Michael,

I want to thank you and the owner of the Grafton and Upton Railroad Jon Delli Priscoli for meeting with Fire Chief Tom Daige, Building Commissioner Bob Speroni and I, regarding the project in the Hopedale rail yard. Specifically, we discussed the Railroad's Preemption Authority and that the portable silos and scales to be installed and that they fall under that Preemption and does not require a building permit.

The Town agrees with the Preemption Authority for this project; in addition, work done under the railroad's Preemption shall conform with state building codes and associated safety standards under controlled construction and will need sign-off from a geotechnical engineer once foundation is built. ***Since no building permit application will be secured, the Town will not have any responsibility for the inspection of the project nor any approvals of the construction. The Town also asks that any insurance policy for this project reflects that fact that the Town had no role in the permitting or approval of the construction of this project and be indemnified should any issue arise as a result. Please provide a copy of this to the Town Administrators office prior to the construction beginning.***

You have suggested that you would still pay a fee equal to what a permit fee would have been as if we were required to secure a building permit, since the Town will have no role with this construction we ask that any fee in lieu of permit not be made directly to the Town of Hopedale or it's Building Department; instead please feel free to donate to another organization in Town.

Good Luck with your project and continued success with your business.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Sette
Town Administrator