

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT June 19, 2018
in the Dennett Auditorium of the 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 at 25 Adin Street in said Hopedale on Tuesday June 19, 2018, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, Classification and Compensation grid for non-union Town employees and to raise and appropriate the necessary funds to adjust by 2% the annual salary paid to each employee as suggested by and adopted in Article 9 of the May 20, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article will adjust by 2% the salary grade levels for all non-union employees employed by the Town, excluding employees of the School Department. This also will allow additional adjustments voted at the May 20, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to occur on schedule.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2019 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: This is the principal funding article for the fiscal year 2019, which will appropriate funds and set the spending limits for most departments not funded by offset receipts.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Ambulance Department Budget for fiscal year 2019 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This is the principal money article which will fund the fiscal year 2018 operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000 for capital projects to include road repair, building improvements and equipment purchases or lease purchase, and all incidental and related expenses, with any such lease purchase to be a for term of up to or in excess of three years, and as funding therefor, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum in accordance with M.G.L. c.44. §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This bonded debt amount will be Phase I of the Town's overall Capital Improvement program. This article will require a 2/3 majority vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40C, §3, to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw, Local Historic Districts, to regulate the establishment of historic districts in the Town, as on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Town Administrator, to assign appropriate numbering for this Bylaw so that it may be in compliance with the numbering format of the Town bylaws, or take any other action related thereto.

Commentary: This will require a 2/3 vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept any or all of the following (6) areas as Local Historic Districts as proposed by the Local Historic District Study Committee: 12 Hopedale Street (Little Red Shop); 405 South Main Street (Harmony Hall-Green Store, now known as The Community Bible Chapel); 25 Hopedale Street (Draper Corporation Headquarters, now known as Atria Draper Place); Hopedale Center District (multiple properties); Seven Sisters District (multiple properties); and Bancroft Park District (multiple properties), or take any other action related thereto.

Commentary: These districts are being proposed by the Local Historic District Study Committee for establishment in order for the Town to qualify for inclusion within the boundaries of the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, established by the 113th Congress of the United States in December 2014. This article will require a 2/3 majority vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2018 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: These items will represent amounts exceeded by budgets in various departments. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/17), or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article will authorize payment of bills that were incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received after July 1, 2017, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the account for the prior fiscal year has been closed out, it is necessary to pay the amounts, if approved, from currently available funds. A 9/10 majority vote will be required for approval of this article.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: This Article is intended to transfer funds out of the Town's general-purpose Stabilization Fund and will require a 2/3rd's majority vote.

Given under our hands this 4th day of June 2018.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Louis Arcudi III

Thomas A. Wesley

Brian R. Keyes

A True Copy, ATTEST:

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

Constable

Date