# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE



# ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH EDITION

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### **GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION**

### Town of Hopedale – Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION: 5654 REGISTERED VOTERS: 3804

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Third Tuesday in May ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION: Second Tuesday in May 5.12 square Miles



### Editor's Notes:

Thank you to the officials who submitted reports for this edition.

The Town website can be viewed at:

www.hopedale-ma.gov

# TOWN OF HOPEDALE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICE:	Area Code (508)
Town Hall	
78 Hopedale Street	,
Board of Selectmen	Ext. 210
Town Administrator	Ext. 213
Board of Assessors	Ext. 224
Town Accountant	Ext. 219
Town Clerk	
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	Ext. 218
Water/Sewer Department	
BANCROFT LIBRARY	634-2209
COUNCIL ON AGING	634-2208
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire/Medical Emergency	911
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	634-2203
7 Depot Street	Ext. 221
POLICE DEPARTMENT	624-2227
Police Emergency	911
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	478-2080
Off Greene Street	
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	634-2210
154 Mendon Street	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
Memorial School – 54 Adin Street	634-2214
Junior/Senior High School – 25 Adin Street	
Superintendent's Office	634-2220
Principal's Office	
Guidance Office	
Pupil Personnel Services	634-2240

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### <u>Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts</u> <u>Elected Officials - 2016</u>

Blackstone Valley School Committee	Mitchell Intinarelli	13 Driftway	2018
Board of Health	Edward A. Holland	121 Jones Road	2016
	Walter R. Swift	21 Anthony Road	2017
	Louis J. Arcudi, III	4 Whitney Road	2018
Housing Authority	Patricia C. Johnson	106 Hopedale Street #33	2016
	Nancilee Fuller	112 Hopedale Street #23	2017
	State Appointee (vacant)		2018
	Barbara S. Oman	49 Laurelwood Drive	2019
	Jason G. MacDonald	194 Hopedale Stret	2020
Library Trustee	Frederick G. Oldfield, III	30 Freedom Street	2016
	Nancy K. Verdolino	22 Anthony Road	2017
	Katherine M. Wright	15 Greene Street	2018
Moderator	Francis J. Larkin	36 Adin Street	2018
Park Commission	Daniel R. Iacovelli	27 Progress Street	2016
	Robert E. Jackson	35 Hammond Road	2017
	Donald W. Howes	28 Prospect Street	2018
Planning Board	Brandt E. Wajda	360 South Main Street	2016
	Steven J. Gallagher	199 South Main Street	2017
	Michael J. Iacovelli, Jr.	26 Bancroft Park	2018
	Brian R. Keyes	5 Plain Street	2019
	Kathleen A. Ledoux	119 Green Street	2020
Road Commission	George T. Lovewell	13 Overdale Parkway	2016
	John E. Farrar, Jr.	180 Dutcher Street	2017
	Eli J. Potty	27 Dana Park	2018
School Committee	Lisa M. Alberto	70 Adin Street	2016
	Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti	139 Dutcher Street	2016
	Craig J. Adams	21 Larkin Lane	2017
	Grace G. Pool	4 Heron Lane	2018
	Lori L. Hampsch	22 Rockridge Road	2018
Selectmen	Sandra E. Saittery Biagetti	139 Dutcher Street	2016
	Robert P. Burns	101 Mill Street	2017
	Thomas A. Wesley	190 Dutcher Street	2018
Town Clerk	James G. Mullen, Jr. Interim		2016
Tree Warden	Walter R. Swift	21 Anthony Road	2017
Water & Sewer Commission	Christine H. Burke	8 Mendon Street	2016
	James M. Morin	33 Harmony Street	2017
	Robert P. Burns	101 Mill Street	2018

### **Appointed Officials FY2016**

Committee/Board/Official	Name	Term Expires
ADA Coordinator	Steven A. Sette	2016
Animal Inspector - State Appointment	Leonard Izzo	2016
Board of Assessors	Donald Howes Edward A. Holland, Jr. Lisa Alberto	2016 2017 2018
Board of Registrars	Joseph P. Drugan Tara Taglianetti-Chambers Josephine Yanovitch	2016 2017 2018
Board of Registrars, Clerk	James G. Mullen, Jr. Interim	
Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Robert Speroni	2016
Local Building Inspector	Timothy Aicardi	2016
Capital Program Committee	Colleen Strapponi Vacant (4)	2016
Cemetery Committee	Vacant (3)	
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning	Thomas A. Wesley Steven A. Sette, Alternate	2016 2016
Conservation Commission	Vanessa C. Calabrese Will P. Roper Sandra M. Tetreault Meg McElroy Vacant (1)	2016 2018 2018 2018
Constables	John Gagnon Joseph Conlon Francis McVeigh Donald Martin Mark Giovanelia	2017 2017 2017 2017 2017
Council on Aging	Nancilee Fuller Edward A. Holland Patricia Johnson Audrey Frazier Daniel Malloy Rebecca Wild-Wesley	2016 2016 2016 2017 2017 2017
Cultural Council (State Appointees)	Paula Galligan Melissa Martin-LaVache Wilma Manning Ellen Murphy Bridget Pardee Vacant (5)	2016 2017 2018 2018 2018

### **Appointed Officials FY2016**

Committee/Board/Official	Name	Term Expires
Disabilities Commission	Vincent J. Arone, Jr. Gerard M. Small Vacant (3)	2016 2016
Dog Officer	John Gagnon	2016
Finance Committee	Karla J. Hopkins Donald D. Comastra Colleen M. Strapponi Vacant (6)	2016 2017 2017
Economic Development & Industrial Commission	Daniel R. lacovelli Robert P. Burns	2016 2016
Emergency Management Director	Thomas A. Daige	2016
Historical Commission	Frederick G. Oldfield, III Suzan L. Claramicoli Kelly J. Merchant Raymond E. Andreotti Jonathan W. Chase Vacant (2)	2016 2017 2017 2017 2017
Parking Fines Clerk	Donna Lamphere	2016
Personnel Committee	Sheila K. Embree Vacant (4)	2016
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	John Fontana	2016
Plumbing & Gas Inspector, Assistant	Joseph Zacchilli	2016
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Stephanie L'Etallen	2016
Town Accountant	Julie Costello, Interim	2016
Town Administrator	Steven A. Sette	
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	2016
Veterans Agent	Patrick D. Morris	2016
Wiring Inspector	Joseph F. Scanzaroli	2016
Wiring Inspector, Assistant	Scott Guyette	2016
Zoning Board of Appeals	Nicholas A. Alexander, Sr. Mary T. Arcudi Louis J. Arcudi III Steven J. Gallagher Sandra E. Slattery-Biagetti	2016 2017 2017 2018 2018
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate	Vacant (2)	

### **Department Heads FY 2016**

**Department** Name

Assessor, Principal Teresa M. Gonsalves

Bancroft Memorial Library Director Ann Fields

Building Commissioner Robert Speroni

Council on Aging Director Carole K. Mullen

Fire Chief Thomas Daige

Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo, Sr.

Highway Superintendent Robert DePonte

Police Chief Mark Giovanella

School Superintendent Pamela Smith, Interim

Town Accountant Julie Costello, Interim

Town Administrator Steven A. Sette

Town Clerk James G. Mullen, Jr. , Interim

Treasurer Stephanie L'Etalien

Water & Wastewater Manager Timothy J. Watson

### **RECEIVED**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Hopedale

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Worcester, SS

HOPEDALT TOWN CLERK

To the Constable of the Town of Hopedale

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at the Draper Gymnasium, 13Dutcher Street on TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH, 2016, from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. for the following purpose:

Then and there to cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of the political parties for the following offices:

### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

DISTRICT MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE (One woman and one man) for each Political Party for the Worcester and Norfolk Senatorial District

Thirty-five members of the Republican Town Committee

Twenty members of the Democrat Town Committee

Ten members of the Green Rainbow Town Committee

Ten members of the United Independent Town Committee

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 16th of February 2016.

Selectmen of the Town of Hopedale

A True Copy, Attest

Town Clerk

Return of Service: Posted at the Town Hall, Police Station and Hopedale Post Office

Constable

2016

Office of the Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Hopedale, Massachusetts

March 1, 2016

### REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Vote for ONE
JIM GILMORE	1
DONALD J. TRUMP	367
TED CRUZ	80
GEORGE PATAKI	1
BEN CARSON	8
MIKE HUCKABEE	1
RAND PAUL	4
CARLY FIORINA	8
RICK SANTORUM	0
CHRIS CHRISTIE	7
MARCO RUBIO	177
JEB BUSH	10
JOHN R. KASICH	127
NO PREFERENCE	8
OTHERS	3
BLANKS	1

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MAN	Vote for ONE
MICHAEL RICHARD POTASKI	300
RYAN STEFFIN CHAMBERLAND	333
OTHERS	3
BLANKS	167

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	Vote for ONE
KIMBERLY B. ROY	430
JENNIFER B. MODICA	238
OTHERS	4
BLANKS	131

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE	Vote for Not More Than THIRTY-FIVE
GROUP	
N. PETER JOHNSON	336
SHARON M. JOHNSON	338
MARJORIE W. HORTON	337
THOMAS A. WESLEY	442
REBECCA WILD-WESLEY	373
PAUL MICHAEL YANOVITCH	352
JOSEPHINE YANOVITCH	342
BERNARD J. STOCK	418
SUZANNE E. YANOVITCH	341
MATTHEW G. M. MASNIK	339
PETER S. ELLIS	408
WILLIAM B. GANNETT	375
ROBERT P. BURNS	378
AMY J. BURNS	347
SPENSER M. BURNS	333
OTHERS	9
BLANKS	22,637

### **DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Vote for ONE
BERNIE SANDERS	584
MARTIN O'MALLEY	3
HILLARY CLINTON	480
ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE	3
NO PREFERENCE	9
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	4

DEMOCRAT STATE COMMITTEE MAN	Vote for ONE
FRANCIS J. LARKIN	864
KEVIN J. TAGLIAFERRI	121
OTHERS	2
BLANKS	97

DEMOCRAT STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	Vote for ONE
LISA A. MOSCZYNSKI	827
OTHERS	2
BLANKS	255

DEMOCRAT TOWN COMMITTEE	Vote for Not More Than TWENTY
(No candidates listed on ballot)	N/A
OTHERS	21
BLANKS	21,659

### **GREEN-RAINBOW PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Vote for ONE
SEINAM KINAMO CHRISTIN MOYOWASIFZA CURRY	0
JILL STEIN	0
WILLIAM P. KREML	0
KENT MESPLAY	0
DARRYL CHERNEY	0
NO PREFERENCE	0
BLANKS	0

GREEN-RAINBOW STATE	Vote for ONE	
COMMITTEE MAN		
(No candidate listed on ballot)	N/A	

GREEN-RAINBOW STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	Vote for ONE
(No candidate listed on ballot)	N/A

GREEN-RAINBOW TOWN COMMITTEE	Vote for Not More Than TEN
(No candidates listed on ballot)	N/A

### UNITED INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Vote for ONE
(No candidate listed on the ballot)	N/A
OTHERS	2
BLANKS	0

UNITED INDEPENDENT STATE COMMITTEE MAN	Vote for ONE
(No candidate listed on the ballot)	N/A
BLANKS	2

UNITED INDEPENDENT STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	Vote for ONE
(No candidate listed on the ballot)	N/A
BLANKS	2

UNITED INDEPENDENT TOWN COMMITTEE	Vote for Not More Than TEN
(No candidate listed on the ballot)	N/A
BLANKS	20

# Office of the Town Clerk March 1, 2016

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

### REGISTERED VOTERS

DEMOCRAT	752
REPUBLICAN	461
GREEN-RAINBOW	1
UNITED INDEPENDENT	12
UNEROLLED	2349
OTHERS	17
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	3592

DEMOCRAT VOTES CAST	1084
REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST	803
GREEN-RAINBOW VOTES CAST	0
UNITED INDEPENDENT VOTES CAST	2
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1889
TIME RECEIVED P.M.	8:55
PERCENTAGE	52.5

The Town Clerk, upon receipt of the returns from the precinct, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 8:55 PM. At the Presidential Primary held Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Hopedale had the following number of Absentee Ballots.

Applications received		54
<b>Ballots Cast</b>	43	

Of the total ballots cast 19 were cast in person by the voter in the Office of the Town Clerk and 24 were cast by mail. 11 ballots that were mailed were not returned.

The Absentee Ballots were distributed to the Precinct before the close of the polls. The Warden put them through the Ballot Box and they were counted with the ballots cast in the precinct.

James G.Mullen, Jr.

Interim Town Clerk

## TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS LOCAL ELECTION WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Hopedale Annual 2016 Town Election Warrant Worcester, SS To the Constable of the Town of Hopedale **Greetings:** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at the Draper Gymnasium, 13 Dutcher Street on TUESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF MAY, 2016, FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. for the following purpose: To cast their votes in the local election for the candidates for the following offices: One member of Board of Selectmen for a term of Three Years A Town Clerk for a term of Three Years One Board of Health member for a term of Three Years One Housing Authority member for a term of Five Years One Library Trustee for a term of Three Years One Park Commissioner for a term of Three Years One Planning Board member for a term of Five Years One Road Commissioner for a term of Three Years Two School Committee members for a term of Three Years One Water and Sewer Commissioner for a term of Three Years Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting. Given under our hands this 7th day of March, 2016. \_\_\_\_\_Sandra E. Siattery-Biagetti \_\_\_\_Thomas A. Wesley Robert P. Burns A true copy, Attest \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk Return of Service: Posted at the Town Hall, Police Station and Hopedale Post Office Constable

### Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts

### **Annual Town Election**

May 10, 2016

SELECTMAN	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE	
SANDRA E. SLATTERY BI	AGETTI, Candidate for Re-Election	451	
LOUIS J. ARCUDI, III		556	
OTHERS		3	
BLANKS		53	
TOWN CLERK	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE	
BRIAN M. BURKE		232	
BARBARA H. KOCHON		271	
LISA M. PEDROLI		546	
BLANKS		14	
BOARD OF HEALTH	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE	
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EDWARD A. HOLLAND. (	Candidate for Re-Election	892	
OTHERS		4	
BLANKS		167	
HOUSING AUTHORITY	Five Year Term	Vote for ONE	
PATRICIA C IOHNSON C	Candidate for Re-Election	836	
OTHERS	and date for the Lieution	4	
BLANKS		223	
		223	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE	
FREDERICK G. OLDFIELD,	III, Candidate for Re-Election	858	
OTHERS	•	6	
BLANKS		199	
PARK COMMISSIONER	Three Year Term	Vote for ON	E
JOHN A. WASWILL		831	
OTHERS		8	
BLANKS		224	

PLANNING BOARD	F	ive Year Term	Vote for ONE
BRANDT E. WAJDA		801	
OTHERS		3	
BLANKS		259	
BOAD COMMISSION		1 V T	W. C. OUE
ROAD COMMISSION	EK I	hree Year Term	Vote for ONE
GEORGE T. LOVEWE	L, Candidate for Re-Elect	ion 795	
OTHERS		8	
BLANKS		260	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Т	hree Year Term	Vote for NOT MORE THAN TWO
LISA M. ALBERTO, Ca	ndidate for Re-Election	655	
LISA M. ALBERTO, Ca KRISTEN E. POISSON	ndidate for Re-Election	655 549	
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KRISTEN E. POISSON		549	
KRISTEN E. POISSON KEVIN M. TAHMOUS		549 313	
KRISTEN E. POISSON KEVIN M. TAHMOUS OTHERS	H 	549 313 1	Vote for ONE
KRISTEN E. POISSON KEVIN M. TAHMOUS OTHERS BLANKS WATER AND SEWER	H 	549 313 1 608 Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
KRISTEN E. POISSON KEVIN M. TAHMOUS OTHERS BLANKS WATER AND SEWER	COMMISSIONER	549 313 1 608 Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
KRISTEN E. POISSON KEVIN M. TAHMOUS OTHERS BLANKS WATER AND SEWER ( CHRISTINE H. BURKE,	COMMISSIONER	549 313 1 608 Three Year Term	Vote for ONE

### **STATISTICS**

### **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

May 10, 2016

Registered Voters 3,739

Total Vote Cast 1,063

Percentage 28.4 %

The Interim Town Clerk upon receipt of the returns announced the results at 8:07 P.M. May 10, 2016. At the Annual Town Election held Tuesday May 10, 2016, the Town of Hopedale had the following number of Absentee Ballots

The Town of Hopedale had 69 requests for absentee ballots. Of the total number of absentee ballots cast 20 were cast in person by the voter in the Town Clerk's office and 37were cast by mail. 12 ballots that were requested and send were not returned.

The Total number of registered voters eligible to vote in this Town Election were 3,739 The total number of ballots cast was 1,063 a total of 27.4 % of the eligible voters in the Town of Hopedale.

James G. Mullen, Jr. Interim Town Clerk

# TOWN OF HOPEDALE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT November 19, 2015 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, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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 transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior fiscal year bills (pre-7/1/15), or take any other action related thereto:

Vendor	Amount	From Account	Amount
Gatehouse Media	\$ 259.44	Zoning Board Expense	\$259.44
Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.	\$ 282.65	Planning Board Expense	\$282.65

### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The above listed expenses were incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual invoices were received after July 1, 2015, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the accounts for the prior fiscal year had been closed out, it is necessary to pay the amounts, if approved, from currently available funds. This article requires 9/10ths vote for passage. Thus, if the vote hereunder is not unanimous, a counted vote for such purposes will be required.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 9 of the May 19, 2015 Annual Town Meeting for vehicle fuel expenses for Police, Fire (excluding ambulance). Highway (excluding snow and ice), Parks and Animal Control, by creating a new budget line under the Town Administrator for such purposes, and, as funding therefore, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, including the Highway Vehicle Expense line item in the FY2016 budget, the total sum of \$68,500, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: This article will transfer fuel expenses for the above referenced departments to a line (other than as specified) under the Town Administrator's budget. Allowing the Town to be more flexible when responding to vehicle fuel needs overall, and will transfer from available funds and appropriate a supplemental amount to address identified needs for FY 2016; This article will require a majority vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Town Code. Chapter 9, concerning the Council on Aging, specifically §9-2(A), by deleting the strikethrough language as shown below to eliminate the restriction on members serving more than two consecutive terms:

The Council of Aging shall consist of at ]east seven and no more than nine members, who shall serve without pay to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year staggered terms, except as follows: No member shall serve more than two consecutive three year terms.

or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Council on Aging

Commentary: The Council on Aging is the only Town multiple-member body on which the members are limited to serving two consecutive three-year terms. There is no particular explanation for the existence of this provision. The COA does not experience a problem maintaining a full membership or filling vacancies thereon, and the COA believes that members with long-term perspective and tenure are valuable assets to the COA and Town. This article requires a majority vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to augment the Ambulance Department budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: Together with the vote under Article 12 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, this article will fund the operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts. Approval of this article will require a majority vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hopedale Zoning Map, by replacing it with the map entitled, "Town of Hopedale Zoning Map", as prepared by Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) dated September 2015, as on file with the Planning Board and the Town Clerk, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Selectmen and Planning Board

Commentary: This article proposes to replace the existing Zoning Map, with a new map reflective of a variety of amendments to the Zoning By-laws approved from time to time by Town Meeting and the Massachusetts Attorney General. Adoption of this map will therefore not change or otherwise affect the specific zoning of any parcels; rather it will bring the Town's zone map up-to-date to reflect all previous zoning changes. This article required 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote for approval.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hopedale Zoning By-laws; by rezoning certain parcels of land along Hartford Avenue as General Business-A, in particular the parcels shown on Assessors Map 25 as 25-13 through 25-26, excluding 25-23 (which parcel is zoned commercial), and to make any necessary and related changes to said by-laws, all as set forth in a document on file with the Planning Board and the Town Clerk, and in connection therewith to update zoning map to address such changes, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Planning Board

Commentary: This article proposes an amendment to the Zoning By-law to rezone the specified parcels as General Business -A. and in connection therewith, to make any necessary and related changes to said by-laws and update the Zoning Map, all of which can be reviewed in the office of the Planning Board or Town Clerk. The Planning Board held a public hearing on October 14, 2015, and voted 4-1 to approve this amendment. Approval of this article requires a 2/3rds vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings a sum of money for the design, bidding and construction of a raw water storage tank and associated upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant, including all incidental and related expenses or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This article will fund the installation of a raw water storage tank at the Water Treatment Plant along with the necessary pumping equipment and piping, This will enable the Water Department to withdraw additional water from the four well sites as well as provide additional storage for fire protection and high demands. Additionally, these upgrades will provide a consistent water quality in turn reducing chemical costs. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

**Article 8**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Department Retained Earnings a sum of money for relining sewer mains, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This article will fund the much needed relining of sewer mains, which project will, in turn reduce the amount of I&I entering the collection system. This upgrade, combined with other initiatives, will also assist the Sewer Department to meet the EPA discharge permit requirements for collection system maintenance. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds appropriated for use of the Park Commissioners whether in the FY 2016 budget or otherwise, the sum of \$50,000 to eliminate native and invasive weeds in Hopedale Pond, which appropriation is anticipated to be the initial step of a more comprehensive aquatic weed control plan; provided, however, that if grant funds are received for this purpose prior to expenditure of all or a portion of the funds appropriated hereunder, the Park Commissioners shall be prohibited from expending any additional amounts appropriated under this article that, when added to the amount of the grant, would cause the total for the project to exceed \$50,000, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Parks Commissioners

Commentary: This appropriation would be the first as part of an ongoing project to control the weed Infestation of Hopedale Pond. The complete eradication of the weeds requires a long-range comprehensive Study and development of a plan for such purposes. The proposed funding source is limited to taxation or transfer from funds previously appropriated for the Park Commission purposes. The article provides further that if grants are received for this purpose prior to expenditure of all or a portion of the funding, no additional amounts appropriated under this article could be spent if, when added to the grant amount, the total expenditure for the project would exceed \$50,000. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 38H or any other enabling authority, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a structured tax agreement for real property and personal property, for a certain sum and a certain term of years, for the solar project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Mendon Street, on the property shown as parcel 146-0 on Assessors' Map 14, with the project developer, its affiliate or assignee, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other Town officials as may be appropriate to take such actions as are deemed necessary to implement such agreement, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into formal agreement with a solar project developer to allow for what are known as "structured" tax payments for both real and personal property. The use of such agreements in connection with projects of this nature is relatively common throughout the Commonwealth, and it allows the Board of Assessors to work in advance to determine a formula for calculation of the value of the real and personal property at issue and provide for payments using such calculations over the life of the agreement. This type of an agreement is not a "tax break, but instead, a planning tool for both the Town and the developer. Approval of this article will require a majority vote.

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 2nd day of November 2015.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A True Copy, ATTEST

Postedin the town Hall, Police Station, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE: SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARBANI November 19, 1015

### TOWN OF HOPEDALE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2015

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 7:00pm. At 7:10pm Judge Francis P. Larkin declared a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order.

By vote of those present, privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief
Mark Giovanella, Police Chief
Stephanie L'Etalien, Treasurer/Collector
Lauren Goldberg, Town Counsel
Pamela Smith, Hopedale Public Schools Acting Superintendent
Gail Bernardo, Interim Town Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the Paris attacks.

ARTICLE 1: It was moved and seconded to transfer the following sums of money to pay prior year bills:

Gatehouse Media \$259.44 from Zoning Board Expenses
Guerriere & Halnon, Inc \$282.65 from Planning Board Expenses

### So voted by Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 2: It was moved and seconded to amend the vote taken under Article 9 of the May 19, 2015 Annual Town Meeting for vehicle fuel expenses for Police, Fire (excluding ambulance), Highway (excluding snow and ice), Parks and Animal Control, by creating a new budget line under the Town Administrator for such purposes, and, as funding therefore, to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Highway Vehicle Expense line item in the FY2016 budget.

### So Voted by Majority Vote

ARTICLE 3: It was moved and seconded to amend the Hopedale Town Code, Chapter 9, concerning the Council on Aging, specifically s9-2(A), by deleting the words "except as follows: No member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms" to eliminate the restriction on members serving more than two consecutive terms.

### So Voted by Majority Vote

ARTICLE 4: It was moved and seconded to augment the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, specifically by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved the total sum of \$79,500.00 to increase the following budget lines: Salaries & Wages \$73,500.00; Expenses \$6,000.00.

### So Voted by Majority Vote

ARTICLE 5: It was moved and seconded to amend the Town of Hopedale Zoning Map by replacing it with the map entitled "Town of Hopedale Zoning Map", as prepared by Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) dated September 2015, as on file with the Planning Board and the Town Clerk.

### So Voted by Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 6: It was moved and seconded to amend the Town of Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by rezoning certain parcels of land along Hartford Avenue as General Business-A, in particular the parcels shown on Assessors Map 25 as 25-13 through 25-26, excluding 25-23 (which parcel is zoned commercial), and to make any necessary and related changes to said by-laws, all as set forth in a document on file with the Planning Board and the Town Clerk, and in connection therewith to update the Zoning Map to address such changes.

It was moved and seconded to postpone this article until the next Annual Town Meeting. Motion failed on a standing count, as called by the Moderator

It was moved and seconded to vote this article by ballot vote. So voted by Majority Vote

Ballot Vote on Article 6: YES-45, NO-9

So Voted by a 2/3 Vote

**ARTICLE 7:** It was moved and seconded to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings \$387,500.00 for the design, bidding and construction of a raw water storage tank and associated upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant, including all incidental and related expenses.

### So Voted by Majority Vote

**ARTICLE 8:** It was moved and seconded to transfer from Sewer Department Retained Earnings \$100,000.00 for relining sewer mains, including all incidental and related expenses.

### So Voted by Majority Vote

ARTICLE 9: It was moved and seconded to pass over this article.

### So Voted by Majority Vote

ARTICLE 10: It was moved and seconded that the Town vote, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 38H or any other enabling authority, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a structured tax agreement for real property and personal property, for a term of not more than 25 years, for the solar project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Mendon Street, on the property shown as parcel 146-0 on Assessors' Map 14, with the project developer, its affiliate or assignee, upon such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other Town officials as may be appropriate to take such actions as are deemed necessary to implement such agreement.

### So Voted by Majority Vote

All articles having been addressed, it was moved and seconded to DISSOLVE this Special Town Meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail E. Bernardo Interim Town Clerk

# TOWN OF HOPEDALE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT March 9, 2016 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, located at 25 Adin Street in said town, on Wednesday, March 9th, 2016, 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 the sum \$71,000 to be authorized to augment the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto:

### Submitted by: The Board of Selectmen

Commentary: Together with the vote under Article 12 of the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting, this article will fund the operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of replacing and repairing the sidewalks along the Freedom Street Bridge.

### Submitted by: The Road Commissioners

Commentary: The Town has been notified that the sidewalks along the mill side of the Freedom Street Bridge are no longer safe and need structural repair. The amount borrowed will pay for expenses related to the engineering of the repairs as well as construction and materials for the new sidewalks and temporary measures that need to be taken while the work is being done.

Article 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$35,000 from Certified Free Cash to the Reserve Fund Account, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: The Finance Committee

Commentary: This transfer is necessary to enable the Town to get through the remainder of the Fiscal Year without any account going into deficit.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February 2016.

### HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Burns	Sandra Biagetti Chairwomen	Thomas A. Wesley
A True Copy, ATTEST: Posted in the Town Hall, Po	lice Station, and Post Office Lobby.	
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Town of Hopedale

Special Town Meeting

March 9, 2016

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior Senior High School. The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. At 7:02 P.M. Moderator Judge Francis P. Larkin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Steven Sette, Town Administrator
Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief
Robert DePonte, Highway Superintendent
Joseph Fair, Town Counsel
Mark Giovanella, Police Chief
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer
James G. Mullen, Jr., Interim Town Clerk

Moderator Larkin led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator Larkin called for a moment of silence in memory of Former First Lady Nancy Davis Reagan who died on March 6, 2016.

Town Meeting stood for a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Reagan.

Moderator Larkin paid tribute to Interim Town Clerk James G. Mullen, Jr. who has been serving as the Interim Town Clerk of the Town of Hopedale for the past year. Moderator Larkin noted that this would be Mr. Mullen's last Town Meeting in Hopedale and asked the meeting to acknowledge Mr. Mullen's service. Town Meeting gave Mr. Mullen a warm round of applause.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 71,000.00 to be authorized to augment the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

VOTED: Selectman Robert P. Burns made a motion which was seconded to augment the Ambulance Department Budget using offset receipts, specifically by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved the total sum of \$71,000.00 to increase the Salaries line item.

**UNANIMOUS VOTE** 

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$ 500,000.00 for the purpose of replacing and repairing the sidewalks along Freedom Street Bridge.

VOTED: Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion which was seconded to appropriate the sum of \$ 500,000.00 for the purpose of the repair of the sidewalk and supporting structures along the Freedom Street Bridge and all incidental and related costs, and as funding therefor

to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L.c.44 s7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor

**UNANIMOUS VOTE** 

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$ 35,000.00 from Certified Free Cast to the Reserve Fund Account, or take any other action related thereto.

VOTED: Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion which was seconded to transfer the sum of \$ 35,000.00 from the Certified Free Cash to the Reserve Fund Account.

**UNANIMOUS VOTE** 

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting

VOTED: The Town Voted YES

**UNANIMOUS VOTE** 

The Special Town Meeting dissolved at 7:18 P.M.

James G. Mullen, Jr. Interim Town Clerk

### TOWN OF HOPEDALE - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening 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 on Tuesday, May 17th, 2016, 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 hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article allows the Board of Selectmen and other officers of the town to present a report of their activities to the Town Meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer, and to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for service in fiscal year 2017, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1) Board of Selectmen (3) Town Clerk (1)* Road Commissioners (3) Board of Health (3) Park Commissioners (3) Water/Sewer Commissioners (3) Tree Warden (1) Planning Board (5) Board of Assessors (3) Board of Registrars (3) appt. Clerk to Registrars (1) Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt. Finance Committee (9) appt. School Committee (5) Conservation Committee (5)	\$4 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	200 5.850 1,980 1,665 1,440 1,980 900 3,330 1,665 1,600 500 2,340 4,140 4,950 2,340
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<sup>\*</sup>Town Clerk is paid bi-weekly; all others twice per year

### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article will fix the annual compensation for elected and appointed official, while the actual funding takes place in articles to follow.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §58, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee:

Commentary: The Stabilization Fund is the Town's "rainy day" fund. Any action taken under this Article, other than a motion to pass over, will require a 2/3rd's majority vote of Town Meeting.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the Towns recycling center to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts received in connection with the collection of recycling and hazardous waste, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2017, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2017; or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Health

Commentary: This Article will allow the Board of Health to use receipts collected in conjunction with the existing Recycling and Hazardous Waste Collections to fund both operations moving forward during fiscal year 2017 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53El/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2017, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2017; or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Health

Commentary: This Article will allow the Board of Health to use receipts collected in conjunction with the existing Animal Control function to fund operations moving forward during fiscal year 2017 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2017, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Commentary: This Article will allow the Conservation Commission to use receipts collected in conjunction with filing fees on expenditures deemed necessary without further appropriation during fiscal year 2017.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$173,466 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds, or such additional amount as is anticipated to be so provided, for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend such sum or any other sum that is or may be provided to the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c90 or any other state or federal road program for road repairs, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Commentary: This Article will allow the Treasurer to borrow up to the total amount certified by the state for Hopedale Chapter 90 funds for fiscal 2017.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw the 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 9:** 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 2017 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 2017, which will appropriate funds and set the spending limits for most departments not funded by offset receipts.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Water Department Budget for fiscal year 2017 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This is the principal money article which will fund the fiscal year 2017 operations of the Water Department completely from offset receipts.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Sewer Department Budget for fiscal year 2017 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This is the principal money article which will fund the fiscal year 2017 operations of the Sewer Department completely from offset receipts.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Ambulance Department Budget for fiscal year 2017 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 2017 operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the Town's fiscal year 2017 assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The anticipated amount for fiscal year 2017 is \$1533.55 and represents the dues the Town pays annually to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2016, or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

Commentary: The anticipated amount is \$259,342, which is inclusive of \$10,663 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the District's addition/renovation project.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53El/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation program and other incidental and related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2017, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2017; or take any other action related thereto.

### **Submitted: School Committee**

Commentary: This Article will allow the School Committee to use receipts, up to a maximum of \$100,000, collected in conjunction with school busing, to fund busing operations during fiscal year 2017 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$701.58 to \$705.75; or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Assessors

Commentary: This will increase the amount qualifying seniors receive toward their fiscal year 2017 tax bill. The increase is COLA of 0.59 % as found in Informational Guideline Release (GR) NO 16-206.

Article 17: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to surviving spouse, minor child, elderly person owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 170, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$235.35 to \$236.65 or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

Commentary: This will increase the amount qualifying seniors receive toward their fiscal year 2017 tax bill. The increase is COLA of 0.59 % as found in Informational Guideline Release (GR) NO 16-206

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Laws as follows, or take any other action related thereto:

- I. Amend Section 3.1, Types of Districts, by inserting, below the words, "Groundwater Protection", the words, "Adult Use Overlay"; and
- IL Insert a new Section 17A, Adult Use Overlay District, to read as follows:

### SECTION 17A Adult Use Overlay District

### 3.1 <u>AUTHORITY</u>

This Bylaw is enacted pursuant to G.L. c.40A and pursuant to the Town's authority under the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution to serve the compelling Town interests in regulating the location and minimizing the negative effects of certain Adult Uses, as defined and designated herein, in response to studies demonstrating their deleterious secondary effects.

### 3.2 PURPOSE

It has been documented in numerous other towns and cities throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and elsewhere in the United States that Adult Uses are distinguishable from other business uses and that the location of Adult Uses may have deleterious impacts in the areas of a community where they are located. Studies have shown secondary impacts such as increased levels of crime, adverse impacts on the business climate, adverse impacts on the property values of residential and commercial properties, and adverse impacts on quality of life. These adverse secondary effects have also been referenced and documented in numerous court decisions regarding the zoning of adult entertainment uses. The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate and limit the location of Adult Uses so as to minimize the secondary effects associated with these establishments, and to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale. It is not the purpose or intent of this Bylaw to restrict or deny access by adults to Adult Uses or to materials that are protected by the Constitution of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor to restrict or deny rights that distributors or exhibitors of such matter or materials may have to sell, rent, distribute or exhibit such matter or materials. Neither is it the intent of this Bylaw to legalize the sale, rental, distribution or exhibition of obscene or other illegal materials. Finally, it is not the intent of this Bylaw to afford adult uses nonconforming use protections any greater than are provided under MOL c40A, 6 and 9A.

Submitted by: Planning Board

Commentary: At the Planning Board 's April 6, 2016 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to establish the Adult Overlay District, the proposed location of the district is 363, 366, 368 and 373-383 West Street (Route 140), Hopedale, MA. Approval of action taken under this Article, other than a motion to pass over, will require a 2/3rd's majority vote of Town Meeting.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hopedale Zoning By-Laws by amending the Use Regulation Schedule set forth in Section 11 to allow additional commercial and industrial uses in the Light Industry District, by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the underlined text as follows:

11.3 Commercial	
USE	LI
Indoor eating places; drugstores; self-service laundromats, retail stores selling food or alcohol not intended for consumption on the premises, smoking supplies, periodicals, books, stationary, toys, hardware, electrical appliances, furniture, floor covering, household appliances, sports equipment, art and craft supplies, shoes and clothing; service businesses including banks, barber, hairdressing and beautician shops, shoe or clothing repair shops, laundry and dry cleaning	
establishments and electrical appliance repair	
shops, business and professional offices	NY
Any combination of the above category for which the total floor space exceeds 3,750 sq. ft., for GB-A, 5,000 sq.ft	N SP
Business, professional and general offices	NY
All forms of commercial use not specifically mentioned above	N SP
11.4 Industrial	
USE	LI
All forms of manufacturing, storage and assembly not specifically mentioned above	N SP

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board and Petitioners

Commentary: The article if adopted will add additional uses not currently allowed in this zone. Approval of action taken under this Article, other than a motion to pass over, will require a 2/3rd 's majority vote of Town Meeting

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H and Chapter 164, Section 1, and/or any other enabling authority, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a so-called Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with BWC Origination 19, LLC or its affiliates, successors or assigns, with respect to payments for a sum certain in lieu of real and personal property taxes owed to the Town for a period of twenty (20) years, and on such other terms and conditions as said Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, relative to a proposed privately owned and operated solar energy facility located or to be located at 300 South Main Street, Hopedale, MA 01747, with an option for extension coterminous with the lease of said parcel; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any necessary documents relating thereto and take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the vote taken hereunder; or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article seeks authority for the Board of Selectmen to execute a contract known as a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with the owner of a solar energy facility that will provide certainty to both the Town and the owner as to the taxes to be paid/collected over a 20-year period. Such agreements are not meant to provide a tax "break", but instead to allow certainty with respect to tax payments.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Town Code, Chapter 130 specifically §130-4, by changing certain dates relative to Annual Town Reports, with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted, as follows:.

All Town officers, boards and committees appointed by the Town shall make their annual reports to the Selectmen on or before the first day of September February each year. The reports shall address activities during the Town's fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. The Selectmen shall cause these reports, together with such other information as they deem necessary, to be published in one volume as the Annual Town Report and available for distribution to the voters of the Town on or before December 31 May 31 of the same year.

or take any other action related thereto.

### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This Bylaw amendment is being requested to make the reports included in the Annual Town Report to more closely align with activities that occur during the Town's Fiscal Year.

Article 22: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$50,000 to initiate an aquatic weed control plan of eliminating native and invasive weeds in Hopedale Pond, or take any other action related thereto.+

#### Submitted by: Parks Commissioners

Commentary: This would fund an ongoing project to fix the weed infestation until a long-range comprehensive study and ultimate plan can be created.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will approve a further transfer of \$100,000, originally transferred from the General Stabilization Fund by vote under Article 14 of the November 18, 2014 Special Town Meeting for the replacement of the Town Hall heating and cooling system, to reduce the tax rate for FY2017, or take any other action related thereto.

#### Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: The heating and cooling system in the Town Hall was approved to be repaired at a previous Town Meeting/or an amount not to exceed \$250,000. When originally bid, however, the price for the work exceeded the amount budgeted. This winter the system failed, resulting in an emergency replacement of the boiler. The decision was made to fix only the heating system and forego the cooling aspect. The funds proposed to be transferred have not been used.

Article 24: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to approve increasing the senior tax work program amount from \$750 each year to \$1,000 each year, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59, §SK; provided, however that the program shall not exceed \$25,000 in fiscal year 2017, or take any other action related thereto.

#### Submitted by: Board of Assessors and the Council on Aging

Commentary: This will increase the amount a qualifying senior receives for participating in the Senior Work Program. This program was originally approved by Town Meeting in 2000 to begin Fiscal Year 2001

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 seven days before the holding of said meeting Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 2	and day of May 2016.	
Thomas A. Wesley	HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  Sandra Gragetti  Sandra Bragetti  Chair	Burns
A True Copy, ATTEST: Posted in the Town Hall, Pol	lice Station, and Post Office Lobby.	
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# TOWN OF HOPEDALE - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday May, 19, 2016. The meeting was called under the Warrant dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2016 which was posted in accordance with Town By-Laws. Moderator Judge Francis P. Larkin called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. There were one hundred and five (105) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being fifty (50) registered voters].

Moderator Francis J. Larkin lead the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief
Mark Giovanella, Police Chief
Laura Goldberg, Town Counsel
Pamela Smith, Interim School Superintendent
James G. Mullen Jr. Interim Town Clerk
Robert Speroni, Building Commissioner
Anne Reitmayer, Blue Wave Capital
Robert DePonte, Highway Superintendent
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer
Paul Lawson, Property Owner
Ann Fields, Librarian
Lenny Izzo, Board of Health
Brian Falk – Mirick O'Connell for PSP LLC
Fran Marcoux, PSP LLC
Steve Sette, Town Administrator

Selectmen Thomas A. Wesley made some brief remarks thanking Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti for her years of service as Selectwoman, he also welcomed Louis J. Arcudi III as newest member of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Wesley expressed his appreciation with the active involvement of the in Town citing over 1,000 voters at the Annual Town Election. He congratulated and welcomed Lisa M. Alberto and Kristen E. Poisson to the School Committee and Lisa M. Pedroli as Town Clerk.

Francis J. Larkin, Town Moderator requested a motion to appoint a temporary Moderator. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Thomas A. Wesley as temporary Moderator at this meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 1: Louis J. Arcudi, III, member of the Board of Selectman, made a motion which was seconded to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said Town.

The motion seconded and carried.

Article 2: Steve Sette, Town Administrator, moved pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer, and to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for service in fiscal year 2017, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	\$ 5,850
Town Clerk (1)*	\$ 45,000
Road Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,980
Board of Health (3)	\$ 1,665
Park Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,440
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,980
Tree Warden (1)	\$ 900
Planning Board (5)	\$ 3,330
Board of Assessors (3)	\$ 1,665
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	\$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	\$ 2,340
Finance Committee (9) appt.	\$ 4,140
School Committee (5)	\$ 4,950
Conservation Committee (5)	\$ 2,340
Library Trustees (3)	\$ 1,440
Parking Clerk	\$ 600

<sup>\*</sup>Town Clerk is paid bi-weekly; all others twice per year

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 3: Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to pass over this article. (Stabilization Fund)

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 4: Walter R. Swift, Chairman of the Board of Health moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the Towns recycling center to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts received in connection with the collection of recycling and hazardous waste, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2017, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2017

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 5: Walter R. Swift, Chairman of the Board of Health moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2017, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2017.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 6: Steven Sette, Town Administrator, moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2017.

#### The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 7: Eli J. Potty Chairman of the Road Commissioners moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$173,466 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds, or such additional amount as is anticipated to be so provided, for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend such sum or any other sum that is or may be provided to the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c.90 or any other state or federal road program for road repairs.

## The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 8: Louis J. Arcudi III, Selectman, moved to amend, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw the 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.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 9: Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to raise and appropriate \$21,009,985; transfer from overlay reserves \$120,000, transfer from Certified Free Cash \$150,000, and transfer \$100,000 from the unexpended portion of the appropriation made under Article 14 of the November 18, 2014 Special Town Meeting (replacement of the Town Hall heating and cooling system) to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2017 as set forth in the Finance Committee Budget Report.

Eli J. Potty, Chairman of the Road Commissioners made a motion to amend the article to increase Highway Dept. salaries by \$30,000.00; \$15,000.00 to be moved from Parks Department budget bringing the total of the appropriation to \$21, 039,985. (see Addendum A)

# The amendment was seconded and carried.

Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to raise and appropriate \$21,039,985; transfer from overlay reserves \$120,000, transfer from Certified Free Cash \$150,000, and transfer \$100,000 from the unexpended portion of the appropriation made under Article 14 of the November 18, 2014 Special Town Meeting (replacement of the Town Hall heating and cooling system) to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2017 as set forth in the Finance Committee Budget Report.

#### Main motion as amended was seconded and carried.

Article 10: James M. Morin, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commissioners moved to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows,

Salaries \$247,876, Expenses \$504,467 and Long Term Debt \$418,651.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 11: James M. Morin, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commissioners moved to authorize the Sewer Dept. budget to be funded by offset receipts, as follows, Salaries \$303,584 Expenses \$554,377 and Sewer Debt of \$335,741.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 12: Louis J. Arcudi, III Board of Selectmen moved to authorize the Ambulance Dept. Budget to be funded through offset receipts as follows; Salaries \$32,000.00 Expenses \$8,000.00.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 13: Louis J. Arcudi, III Board of Selectmen, moved to appropriate the sum of \$1584.00 to pay the Towns annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 14: Steven A. Sette, Town Administrator moved to appropriate the sum of \$259,342 for the Towns net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 15: Pamela Smith, Interim School Superintendent moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation account and other related costs, which shall be credited with receipts from the School Departments Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2017, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2017.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 16: Teresa M. Gonsalves, Principal Assessor, moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$701.58 to \$705.75.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 17: Teresa M. Gonsalves, Principal Assessor, moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to surviving spouse, minor child, elderly person owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 17D, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$235.35 to \$236.65.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 18: Brian Keyes, Chairman of the Planning Board moved to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Laws as follows:

- I. Amend Section 3.1, Types of Districts, by inserting, below the words, "Groundwater Protection", the words, "Adult Use Overlay"; and
- II. Insert a new Section 17A, Adult Use Overlay District, to read as follows:

#### SECTION 17A - ADULT USE OVERLAY DISTRICT

## 3.1 <u>AUTHORITY</u>

This Bylaw is enacted pursuant to G.L. c.40A and pursuant to the Town's authority under the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution to serve the compelling Town interests in regulating the location and minimizing the negative effects of certain Adult Uses, as defined and designated herein, in response to studies demonstrating their deleterious secondary effects.

## 3.2 PURPOSE

It has been documented in numerous other towns and cities throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and elsewhere in the United States that Adult Uses are distinguishable from other business uses and that the location of Adult Uses may have deleterious impacts in the areas of a community where they are located. Studies have shown secondary impacts such as increased levels of crime, adverse impacts on the business climate, adverse impacts on the property values of residential and commercial properties, and adverse impacts on quality of life. These adverse secondary effects have also been referenced and documented in numerous court decisions regarding the zoning of adult entertainment uses. The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate and limit the location of Adult Uses so as to minimize the secondary effects associated with these establishments, and to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale. It is not the purpose or intent of this Bylaw to restrict or deny access by adults to Adult Uses or to materials that are protected by the Constitution of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor to restrict or deny rights that distributors or exhibitors of such matter or materials may have to sell, rent, distribute or exhibit such matter or

materials. Neither is it the intent of this Bylaw to legalize the sale, rental, distribution or exhibition of obscene or other illegal materials. Finally, it is not the intent of this Bylaw to afford adult uses nonconforming use protections any greater than are provided under MGL c40A, 6 and 9A.

#### 3.3 OVERLAY DEFINITION

The Adult Use Overlay District (AUOD) is an overlay district superimposed upon underlying districts within its boundaries. Uses permitted in the underlying districts

shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in the underlying districts. Provided, however, to the extent that the provisions in this Section conflict with any otherwise applicable regulations for the underlying district, the provisions of this Section shall control.

#### 3.4 DISTRICT DELINEATION

The Adult Use Overlay District is defined as the area shown on the Adult Entertainment Overlay District Map that is hereby made a part of the official Zoning Map of the Town of Hopedale. If the boundary of the district is in dispute, the rules on interpretation of district boundaries set forth in Section 3.3 of these By-Laws shall apply.

#### 3.5 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Section, the following words shall, have the following meanings:

ADULT BOOKSTORE - An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its stock-in-trade books, magazines and other matter which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL c.272,s31.

ADULT MOTION-PICTURE THEATER - An enclosed building used for presenting material distinguished by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL c. 272,s 31.

ADULT PARAPHERNALIA STORE - An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion on its stock-in-trade devices, objects, tools or toys which are distinguished or characterized by their association with sexual activity, including sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL c 272.s31.

ADULT USES – for purposes of this Article, Adult Uses shall include the following: Adult Bookstore, Adult Motion Picture Theater, Adult Paraphernalia Store, and Establishments which Display Live Nudity.

ADULT VIDEO STORE - An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its stock-intrade videos, movies or other film or digital media which is distinguished or characterized by their emphasis depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL c.272,s31.

ESTABLISHMENT WHICH DISPLAYS LIVE NUDITY – Any establishment, which provides live entertainment for its patrons, which includes the display of nudity, as that term is defined in MGL c 272,s31.

## 3.6 ADULT USES ALLOWED WITHIN AUOD

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this Section, adult uses shall be allowed only in the Adult Use Overlay District.
- (b) All adult uses shall require Site Plan Review, pursuant to the provisions of

Section 18 of these By-Laws.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 18. Motion failed.

Main motion passed by paper ballot 67 yes 31 no, more than the necessary 2/3rds.

APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL NOVEMBER 3, 2016. lmp

Article 19: Brian R. Keyes, Planning Board Chairman moved to amend the Town of Hopedale Zoning By-Laws by amending the Use Regulation Schedule set forth in Section 11 to allow additional commercial and industrial uses in the Light Industry District, by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the underlined text as follows:

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11.3 Commercial	
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Indoor eating places; drugstores; self-service	
laundromats, retail stores selling food or alcohol	
not intended for consumption on the premises,	
smoking supplies, periodicals, books, stationary,	
toys, hardware, electrical appliances, furniture,	
floor covering, household appliances, sports	
equipment, art and craft supplies, shoes and	
clothing; service businesses including banks,	
barber, hairdressing and beautician shops, shoe or	
clothing repair shops, laundry and dry cleaning	
establishments and electrical appliance repair	
shops, business and professional offices	<u>N-Y</u>
Any combination of the above category for which the	
total floor space exceeds 3,750 sq. ft., for GB-A,	
5,000 sq.ft	<del>N</del> -SP
Business, professional and general offices	NY
All forms of commercial use not specifically mentioned	
above	N-SP
11.4 Industrial	
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All forms of manufacturing, storage and assembly not specifically mentioned above

N-SP

The motion was seconded and carried by more than the necessary 2/3rds vote. APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OCTOBER 12, 2016. Imp

Article 20: Steven A. Sette, Town Administrator, moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a so-called Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with BWC Origination 19, LLC or its affiliates, successors or assigns, with respect to payments for a sum certain in lieu of real and personal property taxes owed to the Town for a period of twenty (20) years, and on such other terms and conditions as said Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, relative to a proposed privately owned and operated solar energy facility located or to be located at 300 South Main Street, Hopedale, MA 01747, with an option for extension coterminous with the lease of said parcel; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any necessary documents relating thereto and take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the vote taken hereunder.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 21: Steven A. Sette, Town Administrator, moved to amend the Hopedale Town Code, Chapter 130, specifically §130-4, by changing certain dates relative to Annual Town Reports, with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted, as follows:

All Town officers, boards and committees appointed by the Town shall make their annual reports to the Selectmen on or before the first day of September-February each year. The reports shall address activities during the Town's fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. The Selectmen shall cause these reports, together with such other information as they deem necessary, to be published in one volume as the Annual Town Report and available for distribution to the voters of the Town on or before December 31 May 31 of the same year.

The motion was seconded and carried.

APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OCTOBER 12, 2016. Imp

Article 22: Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for aquatic native and invasive weed control in Hopedale Pond.

Colleen Strapponi, Finance Committee, moved to amend Article 22 to read \$36,800.

The amendment was not adopted.

The main motion was seconded and carried.

Article 23: Karla Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to pass over. (\$100,000 for Town Hall heating and cooling, covered in Article 9)

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 24: Teresa Gonsalves, Principal Assessor, moved to approve increasing the senior tax work program amount from \$750 each year to \$1,000 each year, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59, §5K; provided, however that the program shall not exceed

\$25,000 in fiscal year 2017.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Larkin thanked the Town Meeting attendants. A motion to dissolve the Warrant was made and seconded. Meeting was dissolved at 9:11pm.

A True Record Attest:

Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF HOPEDALE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT JUNE 28, 2016; g::: in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School S; z::

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 28, 2016, 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 transfer sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2016 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 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, including but not limited to Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, such sums as may be required for various capital purposes, or take any other action related thereto.

#### **Submitted by: Finance Committee**

Commentary: It is anticipated this article will transfer from Free Cash and Retained Earnings, various sums for capital items. Free Cash and Retained Earnings has been traditionally used to fund capital items of a nonrecurring nature. This article will require a majority vote.

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

#### Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: Together with the votes taken at previous Town Meetings, this article will fund the operations of the Ambulance completely from offset receipts.

Article 4: 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, §SB, 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 10th day of June 2016.

Special Town Meeting Warrant June 28, 2016

# HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Louis Arcudi III

Robert P. Burns

Thomas A. Wesley

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

Constable

Date: June 13, 2016

# TOWN OF HOPEDALE - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 28th & 29th 2016 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday June 28, 2016. A quorum not being reached, the moderator adjourned the meeting to June 29, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Junior Senior High School Auditorium.

On June 29, 2016 at 7:01 Moderator Francis Larkin reconvened the meeting, which was called under the Warrant dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 which was posted in accordance with Town By-Laws. There were sixty eight (68) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being fifty (50) registered voters].

Moderator Francis J. Larkin lead the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Mark Giovanella, Police Chief Brian Riley, Town Counsel Steve Sette, Town Administrator

Article 1: Donald Comastra, Finance Committee, moved that the Town vote to transfer the following sums of money to and from the following accounts to adjust the fiscal year 2016 operating budget:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Police Salaries	1,500.00	Selectmen Expenses	1,500.00
Police Salaries	9,900.00	Administrator Expenses	9,900.00
Board of Health Expenses	200.00	Finance Committee Expens	ses 200.00
Health & Life Insurance	8,250.00	Treasurer/Collector Expens	ses 8,250.00
Town Clerk Expenses	800.00	Town Clerk Salaries, Perm	800.00
Fire Expenses	2,450.00	Town Clerk Salaries, Perm	2,450.00
Police Salaries	6,700.00	Public Building	6,700.00
Town Counsel	3,800.00	Dog Officer	3,800.00
Police Salaries	1,000.00	Cemetery Expenses	1,000.00
Board of Health Expenses	3,800.00	Library Expenses	3,800.00
Health & Life Insurance	10,000.00	Parks Salary, Perm	10,000.00
Health & Life Insurance	11,864.00	County Retirement	11,864.00
Medicare	16,000.00	Unemployment	16,000.00
Medicare	8,800.00	Liability Insurance	8,800.00
Water Department Debt	700.00	Water Department Expense	700.00
Council on Aging Expense	7,000.00	Town Hall Heating System	7,000.00
TOTAL	92,764.00		92,764.00
To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Health and Life Insurance	\$101,334.00	Free Cash	\$101,334.00

The motion was seconded and carried.

**Article 2:** Donald Comastra, Finance Committee, moved to pass over this article. Motion carried.

Article 3: Robert Burns, Selectmen Chairman, moved that the Town augment the FY 2016 Ambulance Department Budget, using offset receipts, specifically by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved the total sum of \$89,000 to increase the following lines: Salaries \$35,000; Expenses \$54,000.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 4: Donald Comastra, Finance Committee, moved that Town vote to transfer from the Stabilization Account, as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, the amount of \$46,769 for the purpose of funding the School Department School Bus lease payment for FY17.

The motion which requires a 2/3rds vote was seconded and carried unanimously.

Moderator Francis Larkin thanked the Town Meeting attendants. A motion to dissolve the Warrant was made and seconded. Meeting was dissolved at 7:11pm.

A True Record Attest:

Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk



# TOWN OF HOPEDALE

78 Hopedale Street - P.O. Box 7 Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

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# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Board of Selectmen and Residents of Hopedale

The following report reflects the financial condition of the Town of Hopedale as of June 30, 2016 and for the year then ended. The financial statements include the combined balance sheet and combined statement of revenues and expenditures.

I would like to thank the various town departments for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Costello, CPA

Interim Town Accountant

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Town of Hopedale Combined Balance Sheet June 30, 2016

	General Fund (1)	Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-46)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
ASSETS								
Cash & investments: Cash & Investments	3,723,158.08	1,925,828.12	943,436.64	591,301.59	734,619.29	1,183,090.00	()	9,101,433.72
Receivables: Personal Property Real Estate Tax Liens Tax Liens Macan Action	61,922.30 296,902.52 588,950.65 71,497.25							61,922.30 296,802.52 588,950.65 71,497.25
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User Charges				10,336.47	30.535.95			40 872 42
Other Service				•	23,490.21			23.490.21
Special Assessments		!		4,278.60	9,283,38			13,561.98
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes		146,643.57		•	4,147.33			148,843.57
Total User Charges and Assessments	1	148,843.57	70	14,615.07	67,456.87	:ti	×	230,915.51
Total Receivables	1,077,988.36	148,843.57	Ē	14,615.07	67,456.87	35	Ĭ	1,308,903.87
Due from Commonwealth					140,116.74			140,116.74
Amounts To Be Provided: Bonds Authorized Bonds Authorized and Unissued Amounts to be Provided for Bonds Amounts to be Provided for LT Obligations	Ж						6,649,617.00 (6,649,617.00) 10,604,106.37	6,649,617.00 (6,649,617.00) 10,604,106.37
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TOTAL ASSETS	4,801,146.44	2,074,671.69	943,436.64	605,916.66	942,192.90	1,183,090.00	10,604,106.37	21,154,560.70

Town of Hopedale Combined Balance Sheet

Total	1,052,830.58 371,374,78 538,766.04 148,950.89	40,967.30	(180,041.22) 588,950.65 71,497.25 58,815.64 77,924.61 148,843.57 4,147.33	910,254.57	1,045,000.00	620,085.32 750,000.00 207,021.05 2,970,674.00 256,328.00 1,47,000.00 165,000.00 165,000.00 161,000.00 161,000.00	10,604,106.37
Long Term Debt Account Group (90)				1			10,604,106.37
Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	3,771.20						
Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	17,972.98		63,309.54 4,147.33 140,116.74	207,573.67			
Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	67,136.43		14,615.07	14,015,07			
Capital Projects (30-46)	4,452.81		V	7	1,045,000.00		E
Other Special Revenue (22-29)	115,343.44		148,843.57	יייייייייייייייייייייייייייייייייייייי			
General Fund	854,153.72 371,374.78 538,766.04	40,967.30	(180,041.22) 588.950.65 71.497.25 58,815.64				92:
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152,722,09 10,604,106.37 14,712,250.53

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264,187.01 1,049,452.81

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TOTAL LIABILITIES

Town of Hopedale Combined Balance Sheet June 30, 2016

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-46)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
FUND BALANCE								
Reserved Fund Balance: Reserved for Expenditures Reserved for Encumbrances Reserved for Petty Cash	370,000.00 440,671.32 220.00			12,168.14	7,973.50			370,000.00 460,812.96
Reserved for Special Purposes Reserved for Revenue Deficit	193,041.32 (49,3 <u>9</u> 7.99)	!		92,214.04	469,440.00			220.00 754,695.36
	954,534.65	#//		104,382.18	477,413.50	(Ž)	(2)	1,536,330.33
Designated Fund Balance Unreserved Fund Balance	1,502,127.63	1,810,484.68	(106,016.17)	429,782.98	239,232.81	1,030,367.91		2,734,836.42
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	2,456,662.28	1,810,484.68	(106,016.17)	534,165.16	716,646.31	1,030,367.91	Ä	6,442,310.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	4,801,146.44	2,074,671.69	943,436.64	605,916.66	942,192.90	1,183,090.00	10,604,106.37	21,154,560.70

Town of Hopedale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2016

REVENUE

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TOTAL REVENUE

Town of Hopsdele
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2016

		Other Special	Capital	Sawer	Water Special	True & Angered	Toron Dales	
	General Fund (1)	Revenue (22-29)	Projects (30-46)	Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund	Funds	Account Group	Total
					(02)	(01-04)	(80)	
EXPENDITURES								
Expenditures:								
General Government	955,881.27	29,066.24						10 110 100
Police	1,435,014.19	19,834.83						454,007.01
Fire	749,633.50	36,931.28						759 544 75
Ambulance	312,461,15	21,650.89						224 447 04
Inspectora	45,782.01							334,772,04
Forestry	14,384.05							40,702.03
Other Public Safety	14,307.08	1,484.82						14,384.05
Education	11,313,984.59	2,253,604.77						13.567.580.38
Highway	838,405,22	119,899.76	58,584.00					816 898 98
Sewer			151,895.00	700,486.24				862.381.24
Water					634,931.29			634,931,29
Other Public Works	66,967.88	700.00						67.867.80
Board of Health	454,571,14	30,363.22						484.934.36
Council on Aging	84,351.90	10,330.00						94.ff81.gn
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Library	283,970,00	8,099.91						22,724.02 272 DB0 04
Parks	63,644,10	26,763,56						00 407 05
Council on Arts	3,943.33	4,255.00						94,707,00
Other Culture and Recreetion	7,582.09	4,949,70						g, 1981,33
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State and County Charges	1.022.220.55				411,100,10			1,678,709.26
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Excess (deficiency) of Revenue								
Over Expenditures	194,178.92	521,603.82	(192,761.00)	203,879,57	144,018.33	11,036,56	×	881,956.20
Other Financing Sources (Uses);								
Other Financing Sources	358,129,00							350.129.00
Bond Premium								
Other Financing Uses		(312,350,00)				(48,769.00)		(359,129,00)
	358,129.00	(312,360.00)	•	1		(46,769.00)	,	
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources								
Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	553,307.92	209,243.82	(192,781.00)	203,879.67	144,018.33	(35,732.44)		881,956,20
Beginning Fund Balance	1.003.354.36	1 801 240 88	88 744 00	466	de metal seman			
	A SECURITY OF THE PARTY OF THE	1441,4TV,5V	OO, / 444, GO	330,285,58	572,827.98	1,066,100.35		5,580,353,97

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Ending Fund Balance

# Hopedale Animal Control 2016 Annual Report July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016

The Hopedale Animal Control is dedicated to providing prompt, courteous and professional services to the citizens of Hopedale. Citizens requesting assistance are asked to contact the dog Officer at (508-922-7156) or the Hopedale Board of Health at (508-962-1095). Listed below are a selection of the numerous services conducted by the Hopedale Animal Control.

# Current Services rendered:

Enforcement of Hopedale Town By-Laws and Massachusetts General Laws in relation to animals.

The investigation of animal complaints and neglect/ abuse allegations

The investigation of reported rabid animals within the community

Rabies vaccination and license violation enforcement

Issuance of Town By-Law citations

Public education on responsible pet ownership and care

Provide humane shelter and care for lost or stray dogs and cats

General maintenance of the Animal Control facility

The Hopedale Animal control would like to remind citizens in accordance Ch. XIV of the Town Bylaws,

"Whoever is the owner or keeper of a dog or cat in the commonwealth six months of age or older shall cause such dog or cat to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a licensed vaccine according to the manufacturer's directions, and shall cause such dog or cat to be revaccinated at intervals recommended by the manufacturer. Unvaccinated dogs and cats acquired or moved into the commonwealth shall be vaccinated within 90 days after the acquisition or arrival into the commonwealth or upon reaching the age of six months, whichever last occurs."

Craig Landry, Hopedale Animal Control.

# Board of Assessors Annual Report for FY2016

The tax rate for fiscal year 2016 was approved by the Department of Revenue with a residential rate of \$16.83 and the commercial/industrial/personal property rate of \$27.06.

Hopedale's tri annual recertification program was completed for Fiscal Year 2016. To meet the requirements for recertification the Assessor's Office continued property inspections throughout town. The inspections verify the Assessor's Office has the correct property information. This would include the total square footage (exterior), interior information (including finished basements) and other property improvements (pools, sheds and other exterior improvements). The inspections are triggered for various reasons including sales in the previous calendar year, properties with permits and if a property has not been inspected in the past five to seven years. The Assessor's Office and The Board of Assessors would like to thank the property owners for their cooperation when inspections are requested.

To help with the continued success of property inspections the office sends a post card indicating the inspection will be in the next few weeks.

Town Maps and property record cards are available on the Town's web site <a href="https://www.hopedale-ma.gov">www.hopedale-ma.gov</a>. Property record cards may also be found at <a href="https://www.patriotproperties.com">www.patriotproperties.com</a>

The Town offers various exemptions to eligible property owners; please contact our office for more information. Various information and exemption forms are available on the Town's web site <a href="https://www.hopedale-ma.gov">www.hopedale-ma.gov</a>.

#### Fiscal Year 2016 Tax Classification

Tax Classification	Assessed Values	Tax Levy	Tax Rate
Residential	\$594,947,762	\$10,012,971	\$16.83
Open Space	0	0	0
Commercial	\$36,289,784	\$982,002	\$27.06
Industrial	\$26,156,500	\$707,795	\$27.06
Personal Property	\$17,275,510	\$467,475	\$27.06
Total	\$674,669,556	\$12,170,243	

Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue by Source

Revenue Source	Amount	Percent of Total
Tax Levy	\$12,170,243	47.79
State Aid	\$8,393,224	32.96
Local Receipts	\$3,940,177	15.47
Other Available Funds	\$963,312	3.78
Total	\$25,466,955	

Respectfully submitted Hopedale Board of Assessors Edward A. Holland, Jr., Chair Donald W. Howes Lisa M. Alberto

# Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

## A Message from the Superintendent-Director

As is Blackstone Valley Tech's custom, we are pleased to use the Annual Report format to go beyond simply providing facts and figures about our operation, and to share bits and pieces of ongoing student success stories, which capture the essence of our mission. Once again, we hope you will agree that the information which follows describes a vibrant and diverse learning environment — a lattice work of artfully delivered career technical content, intertwined with student interests and their aspirations for the future — to empower our students to become masters of lifelong learning.

We are delighted to continue to serve as a national model for ever-evolving educational excellence, and invite you to share in the accolades which your vocational technical delivery system has enjoyed in the past year.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Superintendent-Director

#### Another Stellar Year of Vocational & Academic Achievements

During the 2015-2016 school year, a total of 400 AP course exams were given to 258 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Biology, Physics 1, Computer Science, and Spanish Language & Culture. On the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) Spring 2016 English Language Arts test, 100% of BVT students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared to the statewide average of 91%. In Math, 95% of students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared to the statewide average of 78%. On the Science and Technology/Engineering exam, an impressive 95% of BVT students scored Advanced or Proficient, compared to 73% statewide. In Spring 2016, 174 freshmen took the High School Science MCAS and 100% scored in the Advanced and Proficient categories.

# **Return on Investment**

As the BVT School Committee developed the District's FY16 operating budget, no potential source of cost reduction was left unexamined and a new playbook of cost containment strategies was unveiled. The District's FY16 total operating budget of \$21,317,222 represented a modest 1.65% increase and was funded primarily by State Aid and Member Assessments. Valley Tech continually seeks partnerships with business and industry, non-traditional revenue sources, and the use of unreserved fund balance to mitigate increases to member towns. Other efforts include facility maintenance using certified staff and providing special project services to our municipal partners and the public, which resulted in total savings to taxpayers of \$571,912 in FY16.

Class of 2016: Hopedale

NHS = National Honor Society NTHS = National Technical Honor Society

Colin Phillips English, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Zachary Stephen Oliva, Plumbing; Nikolas Akseli Tapanainen, Electronics and Engineering Technology.

#### **Our School Committee**

Valley Tech's School Committee is comprised of 13 dedicated individuals, elected district-wide, with representation from each of our member towns.

Chairman - Joseph M. Hall of Bellingham Vice Chairman - Gerald M. Finn of Millville Assistant Treasurer - Arthur E. Morin, Jr. of Milford Secretary - Anthony M. Yitts of Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick of Blackstone John C. Lavin, III of Douglas Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Hopedale Dennis P. Braun of Mendon Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. of Millbury Jeff T. Koopman of Northbridge Julie H. Mitchell of Sutton David R. Bartlett of Upton James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge

Superintendent-Director – Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal – Anthony E. Steele, II

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations – Kurtis W. Johnson

District Treasurer – Barbara A. Auger

Please Note: This condensed report is provided at the request of municipal authorities. A full-length version can be obtained by visiting our website [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us] and/or by contacting the Office of the Superintendent-Director at (508) 529-7758 ext. 3037.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

## **FISCAL YEAR 2016**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale, I hereby submit the report of the Building / Zoning Department for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016

The Building /Zoning Department consists of: Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Robert J. Speroni (Dept. head); Electrical Inspector Joseph Scanzaroli, Plumbing and Gas Inspector John Fontana, Assistant Building Inspector Tim Aicardi, Assistant Electrical Inspector Scott Guyette and Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector Joseph Zacchilli.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, town officials, fellow employees and residents that I have worked with during the past year; they have all been very helpful to me in performing my duties. I look forward to working with them in the upcoming years.

The Estimated cost of construction throughout town was \$4,602,846

The following is a breakdown of permits issued, inspections performed and fees collected:

Building Inspections:	341	Building Permits:	263	Permit Fees: \$53,907
Electrical Inspections:	234	Electrical Permits:	184	Permit Fees: \$19,070
Plumbing Inspections	141	Plumbing Permits:	86	Permit Fees: \$6,391
Gas Inspections:	85	Gas Permits:	50	Permit Fees: \$3,041

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Speroní, C.B.O.

Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer



# TOWN OF HOPEDALE

78 Hopedale Street - P.O. Box 7 Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

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# **Conservation Commission**

Vanessa Calabrese, Chair Margaret McElroy Sandra Tetreault William Roper

The Conservation Commission did not submit an FY16 Annual Report

# HOPEDALE COUNCIL ON AGING 43 HOPE STREET HOPEDALE, MA 01747 (508)634-2208

Annual Report July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

The Council on Aging serves 1,120 seniors (age sixty (60) and over) and their families. The mission of the Hopedale Council on Aging (COA) is to identify the needs of Hopedale's older adults and ensure that those needs are met by providing access to services, resources and opportunities for education and recreation. The Council on Aging is a unified body who advocates for seniors on wide variety of aging issues. In addition to serving the senior population, the Council on Aging functions as the town's Human Services agency. We assist all of Hopedale's residents with applications for federal programs pertaining to food and heating assistance as well as assistance with the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

During the past fiscal year, the COA finalized and secured funding which will bring to fruition a long-standing goal, the re-design of our Sr. Center room. For more than forty-five (45) years, the Hopedale Sr. Center has been located in a single room inside the private non-profit Community House. This significant accomplishment will enable the COA to designate separate and distinct spaces for business and recreational use. While this is a positive step, privacy issues still exists. The COA will retain office space at the Hopedale Fire Station for the Outreach Worker and continue to seek alternative space when scheduling conflicts prevent privacy at the Sr. Center.

Delivering outreach services, making area aging agency referrals and providing individuals with targeted information continue to be the primary activities of the Council on Aging. The COA made almost one thousand (1,000) personal contacts this past fiscal year. A point of interest is that two hundred and thirty-three (233) of those contacts were home visits. Hopedale seniors are so fortunate to be able to receive this level of service. We continue to deliver a wide array of outreach services and referrals resulting in an estimated three thousand (3,000) total contacts. The predominant issues for which seniors seek assistance and information are transportation, healthcare and drug insurance coverage, Medicare, Social Security, housing, food stamps, real estate tax relief and caregiver support. The Council on Aging regularly receives requests for information and respite services from spouses as well as adult children who function as caregivers for their aging parents.

Over the years, the Council on Aging has expanded the population which it serves to include non-senior residents who seek heating and food assistance. Both seniors and non-seniors who seek our assistance are among the town's most indigent. Since we are the only human service department in town we also assist non-senior clients with their critical health insurance and housing needs. The lengthy and in-depth federal applications usually require multiple client sessions.

Disabled non-seniors and seniors with mental health issues are among those individuals who are increasingly seeking assistance from the Sr. Center. The Hopedale Council on Aging is working in collaboration with Riverside Community Care Inc. to pilot a program in the next fiscal year, which will target individuals with anxiety and depression. There are additional regional efforts to address aging seniors with mental health issues. In particular, we seek to link senior centers with trained mental health professionals.

Our core service programs are local and out-of-town medical transportation, the delivery of meals through "The Meals on Wheels Program", enrollment in the federal Fuel and Food Stamp Assistance programs, enrollment in Medicare and Medicaid related assistance programs, health and prescription drug insurance counseling, podiatry and flu clinics and crisis assistance for elders and their caregivers. During the past year we serviced an estimated two thousand (2,000) calls from seniors, their children and local aging agencies.

The Hopedale Council on Aging and Tri-Valley Inc. run highly successful monthly congregate meals at both the Sacred Heart church in Hopedale and the Hopedale Sr. Center. Our programs served two hundred and eighty-two (282) meals. These activities provide an opportunity for the COA to address issues of nutrition and socialization among older people. In addition, Hopedale Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered four thousand five hundred and fifty-one (4,551) meals to frail and homebound seniors. Providing an individual with cooked meals may be the deciding factor that enables a senior to remain in his or her home. The meals driver may also be the only person who the senior comes in contact with on a daily basis.

The Council on Aging successfully collaborates with the Hopedale School Department and the Milford Council on Aging to provide errand and limited medical transportation services. In FY'2016 we provided four hundred and ten (410) trips (medical/local/out-oftown) for seniors with no means of transportation. This was an eighteen (18) percent increase over the prior fiscal year. FY'2016 was our sixteenth (16) year of collaboration with the Milford COA to provide local medical transportation services to seniors. The Milford Council on Aging is a wonderful partner. Additionally, the COA partners with the Hopedale Public Schools and uses school buses to transport seniors for grocery and personal shopping. As is often stated, the loss of a senior's ability to drive can have a devastating impact on "quality of life". Hopedale seniors are disadvantaged by the lack of a regional or a convenient mass transportation system. There is little legislative activity in the pipeline on this topic.

Our monthly activities range from programs which provide medical and legal information to those which are cultural or social. Annual events, i.e. the, the Veterans' Breakfast sponsored by Atria Draper Place, the Sr. Citizens' Barbecue and the Eighty (80) and Older Birthday Party are all anticipated events. Through our "Hugs from Hopedale" knitting club, we provide opportunities for senior volunteers to create knitted items for needy children and adults in long-term care facilities. High School students assist seniors who are facing challenges with their mobile phones and tablets on "Tech Assistance Days". Community members seeking volunteer opportunities assist us with our monthly newsletter mailing or as activity volunteers at other regularly scheduled weekly and monthly programs. We continue our long-standing relationships and joint annual

programming with the Hopedale High School Student Council, The Blackstone Valley Technical High School Rachel's Challenge Group, Fire, Police and Board of Health Departments, Emergency Management, the Girl Scouts and Atria Draper Place, a local Assisted Living Facility. We keep connected with our peers by meeting quarterly with area aging agency professionals and well as staff from local COAs.

The Senior Tax Credit Program administered by the COA offers seniors age sixty (60) and older the opportunity to work in town departments in exchange for a \$750.00 reduction of their real estate taxes. FY'2016 was the twenty-first (21) year of this highly successful program with twenty-two (22) participants at a total cost of \$16,500. Hopedale greatly benefits from the work performed by our senior employees. We will ask the Town Assessor to place an article on the warrant at Annual Town Meeting to increase the real estate tax credit program budget to \$25,000 and establish a \$1,000.00 per senior real estate tax credit (state maximum).

The COA has partnerships with multiple state offices and town departments. Our citizens' safety council, the TRIAD group partners with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and the Hopedale Police and Fire Departments. Two significant programs that they sponsor are the House Number Signage Program and The File of Life Program. The COA has also distributed hundreds of potentially life-saving File of Life (refrigerator magnet cards listing individuals' prescription drugs) cards.

For more than four decades, the private non-profit Hopedale Community House has given the town a free space designated for senior activity. The COA pays no rent, no utilities and no fees for staff assistance or janitorial services. Extreme philanthropy on the part of the Hopedale Community House and their staff make the existence of the Hopedale Sr. Center possible. We are very grateful.

I want to thank Outreach Worker Nancy Mosher, Staff Assistant Jennifer Bethel, The Council on Aging Board, The Hopedale Friends of Elders and all our volunteers for all their hard work. Your spirit, time and effort is greatly appreciated.

The Council on Aging Board Members are:

Chair Cheryl Moreci
Vice-Chair Bob Casali
Secretary Dan Malloy

Members: Claudette Hughes Patricia Johnson Edward Holland

Nancilee Fuller Diane Frazier

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Mullen
Director

# Hopedale Cultural Council July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated \$4500 for local aid to the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences.

The Hopedale Cultural Council received 18 applications and awarded grants to the following 14 applicants.

The approved applications for Hopedale fiscal year 2016

Friends of Adin Ballou

Hopedale Cultural Council

Friends of the Bancroft Library

Elaine Kraimer (Jungle Jim Reading Olympics)

Claflin Hill Music Performance

Greater Milford Ballet

Hopedale Memorial School

Hopedale Council on Aging

SenseAbility Gym

Greater Milford Community Chorus

Milford Performing Arts Center

Audio Journal

Leslie Havens (Concert by Quintessential Brass)

Jaclyn Alagna (Hanover Theatre Trip "A Christmas Carol")

The Town of Hopedale allocated \$3880 to the council, which enabled the council to organize Wednesday night summer band concert series at the town park. Performances were paid for through the town appropriation, a MCC grant and money raised by the Hopedale Cultural Council. Refreshment concessions were offered by local organizations.

The Annual Day in the Park was held on Saturday, September 12 2015 at the town park. Live music and entertainment, a juried art show, craft booths and food concession provided fun for all ages.

A scholarship of \$ 300 was awarded to a graduating Hopedale High School student class of 2015 Theater trips to Boston and Providence were coordinated by the council and funded through the cost of tickets and bus fee paid by those purchasing tickets

Respectfully submitted

Wilma Manning, LCC Chairperson Ellen Murphy, Treasurer Members; Sally Decelles, Paula Galligan, Virginia Larkin, Ann LaBrode, Bridget Pardee, Melissa Martin-LaVache

# Commission on Disabilities

The Commission on Disabilities has been moving forward in correcting Towns barriers to comply with the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA). During the last year, we have had several meetings to remove such barriers and have taken positive steps in the planning, to correct our public restrooms for accessible entry for persons with disabilities. Both the Town Hall and Town Park Public Restrooms are being prioritized in to conform with the ADA act and are currently in the planning stages. The Disabilities Commission, Town Administrator, Building Department and Parks Department are working in order to make these bathrooms ADA compliant. Steps have been progressing well in this initiative and achievement is in the very near future as these boards move forward.

The Disabilities Committee has also entered discussions with the Parks Department in respect to the installation of park equipment for people with disabilities that could be used in the new playground project that is being implemented at the Phillips Brothers Memorial Fields. We look forward to making all these barriers rectified in the upcoming year and the Commission will always act and function as a centralizing force in our community.

Respectfully Submitted, Gerard Small

#### To the Citizens of Hopedale:

The proposed budget for Fiscal 2016, July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016, as outlined on the following pages, indicates a spending increase of approximately 3.6% over the prior year. On the revenue side, local receipts along with state funded receipts have remained stable, with a slight increase and new growth in real estate has continued to be minimal. Specific budget differences over the past year for our larger departments are as follows:

School Department:	5.00% (\$ 517,000)
Police Department:	1.00% (\$ 9,000)
Fire Department:	2.50% (\$ 16,400)
Highway Department:	-1.06% (-\$ 9,000)
Employee Benefits:	13.30% (\$ 336,200)
Debt Service:	- 0.05% (\$ - 59,400)

The town continues to be in a stagnant fiscal position. We are faced with modestly increasing revenue that force the town to consider slowing cost increases, and/or a need for increases in property taxes. In order to sustain the town's financial wellbeing, it is necessary for all expenditures to be carefully considered. Areas of savings such as collaborative purchasing, combining positions/departments continue to be pursued. Grant opportunities are another area that we are encouraging town departments to take advantage of. We have continued to search out all opportunities for budget savings and revenue growth in the commercial sector.

It is imperative that we look for and consider additional, new and creative sources of revenue. This includes exploring commercial property development. To the extent that revenue provided from the State does not meet the needs of the town, new local sources of revenue must be obtained. There are substantial capital needs that the town will face in the future including renovations at the Town Hall and School Buildings. These needs cannot be addressed without a revenue source.

The Finance Committee is diligently working to maintain budget levels that include a minimal reduction in taxpayer services however because we rely so heavily on state funding, much of our future lies in the state legislators hands. In the meantime, we work diligently to maintain stability in the budget.



# HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

40 Dutcher Street - Hopedale MA. 01747



Thomas M. Daige - Fire Chief



In Fiscal Year 2016 the Hopedale Fire Department responded to 1,174 total incidents. Of those 1,174 incidents, 835 (71%) were Emergency Medical Services (EMS) related incidents and 339 (29%) were Fire related incidents. The total property loss for FY 16 was \$462,125.00.

The Fire Department staffing consists of a full time Fire Chief, a full time Deputy Chief, eight (8) full time Firefighter/EMT's/Paramedics (two on-duty 24 hours a day, 7 days/week) and sixteen (16) Call Firefighters. All members of the fire department have been trained to the National Standard of Firefighter Level I & II.

The need to call for off-duty and call firefighters to assist the two on-duty Firefighters continues to increase. The hiring of four (4) additional Firefighter/Paramedics, to bring shift compliments up to 3 Firefighters per shift, would drastically reduce overtime costs and improve Firefighter safety.

The Fire Department acquired new/used self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units for less than 1/3 of the price it would have cost to replace with brand new units. The acquisition of the SCBA units brought the department's SCBA inventory up to meet the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard.

The Fire Department was able utilize the services of the Worcester County Sheriff Department's Community Service Program to have inmates repaint the interior of the firehouse.

The Fire Department developed a new decontamination policy after the Boston Fire Department piloted a new cancer prevention program geared toward members decontaminating themselves and their equipment following an incident to prevent carcinogens from being absorbed through the skin while operating at incidents.

The need to replace our 30-year-old Engine AND our 23-year-old Engine is imperative. The first due Engine is turning 14 years old in 2017. The plan to replace both with a one (1) new Engine was presented for the past three (3) years. This equipment is essential to saving lives and property.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas M. Daige Thomas M. Daige

Fire Chief

# Board of Health FY16

The Board continues to adopt policies and pursue goals that are in the best interest of the residents in town.

The past year proved successful in our attempt to maintain the highest level of service while staying well within our budget.

The recycling program curbside and at the recycling center continues to be a twofold success. The first and most important aspect of that success is the reduction of recyclables from our Trash stream which ultimately reduces our cost for the disposal of trash. The reduction of Trash through recycling also helps to improve our environment.

We continue to operate a dog licensing program, Rabies Clinic, Hazardous Waste Disposal Program, and a Flue Clinic.

Inspections such as health, Title V, Food, Milk, Restaurants, Nursing Homes, Schools, and similar are all current with few violations noted.

I can say with confidence that the town of Hopedale is well served by the Board of Health.

Respectfully Submitted, Walter Swift, Chairman

# Historical Commission Annual Report July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Historical Commission: Jonathan Chase, Co-Chairman; Raymond Andreotti, Treasurer; Suzan Ciaramicoli, Co-Chairman and Recording Secretary; Barbara Kochon, Kelly Merchant, and Frederick G. Oldfield, III

#### Little Red Shop Museum Volunteer Curator: Suzan Ciaramicoli

The Hopedale Historical Commission, as appointed by the Board of Selectmen; and in partnership with the Little Red Shop Museum's Volunteer Curator; continues to oversee the operation, volunteer program, projects, and contents of the town-owned Museum. Built in 1841, the Museum is the Town's oldest industrial building and home to the original Draper Shop. The building and its contents were gifted from the Draper Corporation's successor, Rockwell International Corporation, and accepted at Hopedale's Annual Town Meeting on May 5, 1975.

With the appointment of Barbara Kochon, the Historical Commission increased to six members by 2016 fiscal year end. Suzan Ciaramicoli, Kelly Merchant, and Fred Oldfield were all reappointed for another 3-year term.

## 2015 Blackstone Heritage Corridor Partnership Grant:

The intended scope of work, as amended and set forth, in the 2015 Blackstone Heritage Corridor Partnership Grant has been completed. The final placement of the Museum's 10-loom collection was completed. The Historical Commission, Volunteer Curator, and several volunteers have completed the large task of sorting hundreds of artifacts, photos, and documents for the Partnership Grant Cataloging Project. The Partnership Grant, Historical Commission, Friends of Historic Hopedale, a local business owned by a Hopedale alumnus, and private citizens have all funded equipment that insures the continuation and ultimate completion of the Project.

The proper cataloging and display of the Museum's artifacts, photos, and documents will help to tell Hopedale's story. This includes Hopedale's role in the industrialization of America, and a rich history told through the public lives of a number of prominent Hopedale families whose impact was realized far beyond Hopedale. Although the original Project included development of an organizational strategic plan, the Commission is pleased with the amount and type of work completed through this Cataloging Project.

This Project also helped to augment the number of volunteers at the Museum; and increased our visibility within our community, and the surrounding area. We have expanded from a team of four, to a team of more than 12 volunteers working on the Project. More volunteers continue to join us each time we hold a Cataloging Project work party.

## **Establishing a Local Historic District:**

The Historical Commission has partnered with the National Park Service and the Massachusetts Historical Commission, beginning the process in pursuit of establishing a *Local Historic District*. This is a significant initiative on the part of the Town, and more specifically the Historical Commission and the

Local Historic District Study Committee, the working committee soon to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

In 2002, the Town achieved a *National Register Historic District* designation. This Federal designation provides formal recognition of districts significant in our nation's history, culture, architecture or archaeology, and that are worthy of preservation. It is only an honorary designation and does not require any local government approval.

For properties included in the National Historic District, it provides acknowledgement of a property's significance, and provides for potential tax incentives for owners of income-producing property, and very limited protection from state or federally funded, licensed or assisted projects.

A *Local Historic District*, on the other hand, is established through town meeting vote. It provides a regulatory review process for all changes to exterior (only) architectural features visible from a public way.

Local Historic Districts are one of the oldest and strongest forms of protection for historic buildings and structures. The purpose of a local historic district is not to halt growth, but to allow for thoughtful consideration of change. Additional benefits of local historic districts may be economic in nature, increased tourism, additional interest in rehabilitation, or educational opportunities for schoolchildren. The community itself decides what is best for its future.

Both National Register District and Local Historic District designations provide properties owned by municipalities or non-profit organizations, eligibility for grants from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund, when available.

The Historical Commission will continue to diligently work with its many partners for the preservation of Hopedale's unique and significant history.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan L. Ciaramicoli Co-Chairman and Recording Secretary

On behalf of:

Jonathan Chase, Co-Chairman Raymond Andreotti, Treasurer Barbara Kochon Kelly Merchant Frederick G. Oldfield, III

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### TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Housing Authority** Nancilee Fuller, Chair Patricia C. Johnson Jason MacDonald Barbara Oman Amy Burns, State Appointee

Katherine E. Consigli, **Executive Director and Secretary** 

The Housing Authority did not submit an FY16 Annual Report

### Bancroft Memorial Library 7/1/2015 - 6/30/20162016

"The goal of the Bancroft Memorial Library, as a community resource of topical and historic resources, is to provide free access to informational materials necessary for the exchange of ideas and independent decisions." Bancroft Memorial Library Mission Statement from the Library Policy and Procedures Manual (1989).

As the town library completes its 130<sup>th</sup> year of library service to the residents of Hopedale, the library continues to be a busy resource for programs, items circulated to our patrons, Internet access and community meeting space.

The library now has its own mobile app! Patrons can download the app from Google play store or App Store to have quick access to the library's catalog and events.

The Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room was remodeled this year with new lights, new carpet and new kid friendly furniture. Donations received in memory of Janet Jacaruso made this update possible and we are grateful to her family and friends.

### Library statistics for FY2016:

Bancroft Memorial Library physical holdings:

Books	29,297
Book on CD/cassettes/music CD's	2,100
DVDs/VHS tapes	1,808
Print periodicals	63
Miscellaneous items	56
Total items in collection:	33,324

### Circulation figures for FY2016:

Adult items checked out	19,442
Young Adult items checked out	1,375
Children's Room items checked out	12,080
Total items loaned	32,897

The downloadable audio and e-books collection, a shared resource through the C/WMARS consortium continues to grow and the MA State Library System added an e-book and e-audio collection called Axis360 this year. Library patrons had free access to 175,543 downloadable electronic books and 8,408 downloadable audio books from their home computers as of June 30, 2016. In FY2016, Hopedale residents borrowed 2,227 electronic books, a 57% increase over FY2015 and 875 audio books, a 29% increase in use over FY2015.

The Bancroft Memorial Library subscribes to sixty-three print magazines and five online reference resources, many of which are accessible from home. The Grolier Online and World Book subscriptions allow access to encyclopedia reference resources to patrons at home and at Hopedale schools with age defined versions of each. Heritage Quest provides resource tools from home for genealogical reference and Ancestry.com (library version) is available in the library.

The library was open 36 hours a week (except for July and August) and averaged 390 patron visits per week during FY2016. There are 3,037 registered library users in

Hopedale. Our terrific volunteers donated in excess of 542 hours and Senior Tax Program workers put in many hours keeping the books shelved and assisting with an assortment of library jobs.

Our continued membership in the C/WMARS consortium allowed Hopedale residents to receive 4,745 items loaned from other libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts.

The Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room is always a busy area in the library. During the year 1,767 children and adults attended 110 children's programs and 72 teens attended 14 "just for teens" programs.

Summer Reading is a highlight of the library year for children. The theme for the six week Summer Reading program (June – August, 2015) was "Every Hero has a Story" for children and "UNMASK!" for teens. Young patrons attended story times, Lego play, special programs, movies and Theatre Camp. Reading Buddies paired beginning readers with great teen volunteers for an hour of reading together each week.

The Pumpernickel Puppets presented "Sir George and the Dragon," our outdoor family picnic was followed by Greg McAdams "Every Hero has a Story Magic Show," storyteller Dianne Edgecomb delighted us with "Superheroes Around the World" and the Hampstead Players presented "Robin Hood."

As part of the summer reading program, Mrs. Kraimer worked with the middle school teachers to challenge teens and tweens to read. The students filled out their "UNMASK Summer Reading Challenge" sheet. When they turned in completed sheets they received a prize and English course credit for the upcoming school year.

During the school year, a Preschool Story Time and a Mother Goose Toddler Story Time were presented each week for four 6 week sessions. Afterschool programs included Lego Days, Movie Days and weekly special after school programs.

Mrs. Kraimer and Mrs. Verdolino, the Reading Specialist at Memorial Elementary School, continued their very successful annual "Check-It-Out Challenge" during the month of October, a program to encourage students in grades K-3 to visit the library and apply for library cards. The students in Mrs. Casey's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class won the challenge. They made the most visits to check out books through the month. They enjoyed a special library evening with a pizza dinner and a Mad Science program.

Mrs. Kraimer also joined Hopedale Memorial School parents and teachers who read stories at Barnes and Noble for the P.A.C.E. fund raiser in May.

Seventy-six adult events including weekly knitting session with the Knovel Knitters, monthly book group discussions and programs sponsored by the Friends of the Hopedale Library were attended by 627 people.

The Friends of the Hopedale Library, who always work hard to provide a variety of excellent programs for adults, provide funding for our children's programs also sponsor passes to many area museums. Fall programs included David Polansky presenting "Music Through the Ages"; the Delvena Theatre Company with a lively interactive production of "Jack the Ripper" and a Holiday Tea with All4WoN acapella quartet delighting the audience. Spring programs included a month of Genealogy Programs, and Kathleen DiChiara discussing her book The Hidden Connection about food, nutrition, the environment and how they impact one's health. Farmer Sam Billings lead a discussion on "Planning Your Organic Garden."

The Friends' major fund raisers were the November and May Book, Bake and Raffle Sales. Many hours of planning and work go into the book sales and other events. They also hosted a fund raiser Wine & Beer Tasting at Willowbrook Restaurant. Our Friends of the Hopedale Library are a special group and are greatly appreciated for the time they devote to the library.

Challenges still remain for the library. Our limited parking on street parking is especially difficult for older patrons and for parents with young children. The building is

also in need of repointing and exterior cleaning and new gutters.

The staff under the direction of Mrs. Ann Fields deserves special thanks for the great service they provide and willingness to cheerfully tackle new projects. They are truly the most valuable resource in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Oldfield, III Library Board of Trustees Chair Nancy Kelly Verdolino Katherine M. Wright



### TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair

Rob Jackson

John Waswill

### 118th Year, 106th Annual Town Report

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

### **General Business**

Similar to the already created Highway Liaison working with the Highway Department, the Hopedale Park Commission created a role of School Liaison to work with the school's needs. Currently chairman Don Howes fulfills both roles. General items completed by the Hopedale Park Commission for 2015-2016 include the following:

- Replaced signage in several areas of the park and near the bathhouse.
- Implemented a new Key Management system to simplify access management to the various gates within the Hopedale Park Commission domain.
- Worked with the tree warden to identify trees in the parklands and Hopedale Park areas that are failing due to age or infestation, taking down trees where necessary.
- Created a full-time position in conjunction with the Hopedale Highway Department
- Continues to entertain ideas from citizens, working together to create the best path for the town. This year the thoughts of a Dog Park have been planted.

John Waswill replaced Dan Iacovelli on the board. John took on the role of Treasurer, Rob Jackson continued as secretary, and Don Howes was elected chairman.

### Phillips Field

More focus has been placed on getting the irrigation system properly functioning in hopes of getting a better playing field. The Hopedale Park Commission has also started discussing placement of the playground equipment with various contractors. The Hopedale Girls Softball Association, in conjunction with the Class of 2016, the Boosters, and local merchants, have been working on the erection of an electronic scoreboard for use by three sports at Phillips field. These groups continue to contribute significantly to the maintenance of these fields.

### Hopedale Pond and Parklands

Increasing attention has been placed on the water quality within the pond, with further analysis of the water entering the pond via various outflows. A great effort has started regarding financing and planning the weed control within the pond. Periodical maintenance must be executed in order continue offering the water activities such as the Fin and Feather camp programs, and annual Fire Department Ice Fishing derby. Citizen Dave Guglielmi has contributed a massive amount of work to help get this task complete.

Locals have been stepping up to help take care of the grounds around the pond. National Grid and Blackstone Valley Technical School have each contributed an estimated 50-60 man-hours of work cleaning up the brush in various areas of the parklands. Additionally, new informational kiosks have been built and installed at the Hazel Street entrance with two additional kiosks refurbished and updated with new parkland maps by Eagle Scout candidate Chris Ashby.

### **Trees**

The Hopedale Park Commission elected to give more discretion to the Tree Warden with respect to maintenance of the trees within Hopedale Park Commission domain. Several older trees have been removed, and occasionally citizens are stepping forward to donate new trees in replacement

### **Town Park**

The town park continues to be the centerpiece of town, hosting numerous events such as band concerts, and the very successful tennis program over the summer. These programs helped fund fixing the tennis courts and part of the fencing. The tennis courts were badly in need of repair, which was done by patching the existing issues. A complete resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball court is in the longer term plan. Town Park also received some beautification improvements with donated shrubbery by Walter Swift at Swift's Landscaping. The pitcher's mound at the baseball diamond has been rebuilt courtesy of, Hopedale High School, Hopedale Youth Baseball Association, and the Hopedale Park Commission. Finally, discussions have started on a potential redesign of the Town Park facilities, providing a more permanent handicapped accessible bathroom.

### **Activities and Events**

A summary of the uses of the Hopedale Parks Commission resources includes the following:

- Hopedale Day in the Park and Summer Band Concerts
- Summer Tennis Program along with children activities and crafts
- Soccer clinics at Phillips Field
- Fin and Feather summer camps

### SPECIAL THANKS

The Hopedale Park Commission continues to be a part time role served by three elected members of the community. Much of the work and accomplishments could never have been achieved without the dedication and volunteer efforts of the citizens of our town. Our appreciation goes out to many, including the following in no particular order: Bob Deponte and the Hopedale Highway Department; Chief Tom Daige and the Hopedale Fire Department; Friends of Historic Hopedale; Hopedale Public Schools including Derek Atherton, National Grid; Hopedale Girls Softball Association; Mike Smith; Bonnie Combs; Judith Belben, Dave Guglielmi, and of course Town Coordinator Steve Sette and Susan Brouwer for their continued guidance, assistance, and patience. We'd especially like to thank the residents of Hopedale for your continued trust and support.

Respectfully submitted, Don Howes Park Commission Chairman

### **Planning Board**

This correspondence is in regards to the Town Report that is due annually from the Planning Board, Town of Hopedale, in accordance to the Town Bylaw 158-3. This annual year we have had a full board of 5 members, including myself as Chairman of the Planning Board. Board members include Vice-Chair Steve Gallagher, Brandt Wajda, Michael Iacovelli and Kathleen Ledoux.

Our goals this year were to expand the Commercial Zoning in town and we successfully expanded that by voting in successfully rezoning along Hartford Avenue and South Main Street changing the zoning from residential to General Business-A. This will provide great opportunity for small and midsize business to expand and operate in select areas of the Town of Hopedale and increase the commercial tax base. We also achieved a major accomplishment in successfully rezoning an Adult Entertainment Overlay District in Town after a few failed attempts to get this approved at Town Meeting.

Our expenditures from the Board were consistent and standard throughout the year in areas of communication and publication of Town notices and hearing, and for things like certified mail. We also financed an intern a from the Hopedale High School for a few weeks to help sort out many old files, records and notices that have not been sorted through and organized for years in the Town Hall. This was asked of us and worked in collaboration with the Town Clerk on this opportunity.

We move into 2017 with a desire to improve areas of town with some select further rezoning proposal, some exciting expansion and development in the industrial parks and a major project on Route 16 with Cumberland Farms. We certainly welcome all other inquiries and opportunities as they may present themselves to the Board.

Brian R. Keyes Hopedale Planning Board Chairman



### Hopedale Police Department

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Mark A. Giovanella Chief of Police

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, residents, community members, colleagues, neighbors, and friends; it is my pleasure to present you with the Hopedale Police Department's FY2016 Annual Report.

On behalf of the Hopedale Police Department, I offer my admiration to our government leaders, residents, and business partners for their continuous support and understanding of our critical work and responsibilities. As Chief of Police of the Town of Hopedale, I take great pride in our Police Department's effectiveness in working with our community. The members of the Hopedale Police Department are committed to providing the best possible policing services to our residents and recognize that successful policing cannot be done without the support of the community.

During the most recent fiscal year, we have experienced little to no change in the difficult economic climate which we have become all too familiar with. As the economic hardship continues, members of the Hopedale Police Department continue to seek out new avenues to reduce operating expenses without jeopardizing our ability to complete our mission. Our commitment to service and protection of the public is unwavering and we greatly value the confidence and support we receive from community members. We take pride in the performance of our duty and strive to maintain continuous partnerships with all of our community members.

Policing continues to become more complex, requiring more expertise from your law enforcement community, but at the same time we must continue our traditional efforts such as: traffic enforcement, routine patrols, responding to various emergencies and maintaining a rapport with our citizens to foster trust and maintain lines of communication. We continue to evaluate programs and initiatives; making adjustments as needed, to best serve our community, ensuring that front line traditional policing initiatives of answering emergencies are not compromised. Teamwork, community policing, standardization, and professionalism, are a few qualities that the Hopedale Police Department has continued to demonstrate this year, and throughout our history. We are your Police Department. The majority of our time, effort and services are geared towards crime prevention and the safety of our residents. Every day we strive to diligently seek out and stop crime before it finds us. Outstanding professional efforts by patrol officers and investigators throughout the year have resulted in many successful arrests.

Our Community Policing efforts will continue with participation in the collection of Toys for Tots, Halloween Parade, Day in the Park and the Vehicle Fair. We have applied for the COPS More Grant and should have the results of the grant in September of 2016. We were able to secure free gun locks from the Federal Government to hand out to our citizens who need them. We were able to renew the grant monies for the officer's bullet proof vests as well as \$26,900.00 grant from

Representative John Fernandes's office for the purchase of an AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) machine.

The department continues to maintain a professional relationship between the staff at Upton PD and Hopedale PD since Upton had taken over our 911 services. This relationship has been absolutely phenomenal. We have maintained an open line of communication between the two agencies when issues arise and they are dealt with immediately and in a professional manner. The Dispatch Staff in Hopedale continues to do a great job. They conduct themselves in a professional manner that would reflect highly on the Town of Hopedale as is expected.

While the Grafton Upton Railroad continues to develop and create additional opportunities for the Town through additional revenue, we also continue to monitor two additional projects that would have an impact to the town as a whole as well as Public Safety. Those would be the potential development of the old Draper Mill and the increased traffic flow as a result of neighboring towns commercializing route 16 and route 140.

Our duty, as police officers, is not limited to patrolling the streets of Hopedale, but also to finding proactive ways to keep our community informed. This information enables our citizens to make better decisions about their safety. As we look forward to FY2017, we stand ready to manage many challenges knowing we have the support and cooperation of our community. Our commitment to you has never been stronger and our dedication to keeping Hopedale safe for our residents and visitors is our highest priority. We feel fortunate to serve the people of Hopedale and will strive to maintain our reputation of community commitment for many years to come.

To the members of the Community – I would also like to thank those who throughout the year have sent notes, made phone calls and have stopped by to speak to me personally regarding the professionalism of the officers that serve this community.

Your expressions of thanks are greatly appreciated. If you have any comments or suggestions, which you feel would be beneficial to us in better serving you, please let us know. You can check us out on FACEBOOK and TWITTER, you can telephone me at 508-473-8444, stop by the Police Station, or send us a note. Again, I am truly honored to serve you as the Chief of Police.

Sincerely,	
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Mark A. Giovan Chief of Police	iena

### HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Fiscal 2016 Monthly Stats

2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2016 2016 2016 2016 2016 2016

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
TRAFFIC ACTIVITY												:	For Year
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Accidents Responded Too	3	2	4	6	7	7	11	7	7	6	7	4	71
Total # Of Parking Tickets Issued	4	8	7	6	54	6	6	0	5	0	5	5	106
Total # Of Vehicles Towed	3	1	1	14	2	8	18	7	9	11	9	12	95
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Lockouts	1	2	2	5	6	4	2	4	2	4	3	2	37
Total # Of Disabled Auto/Public Assist	9	6	9	7	4	5	4	10	9	5	3	7	78
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Stops	104	138	85	175	138	135	180	168	154	215	196	152	1840
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	120	148	95	193	130	154	204	172	171	222	199	166	1974
Total # Of Written/Verbal Warnings Issued	100	130	71	157	107	125	176	154	151	199	175	241	1686
Total # Of Hours Spent On Selective Enforcement	4	10	2	5	2	5	26	10	71	63	34	27	259
Total # Of Hours Spent For School Resource Officer	1	3	29	21	17	18	15	10	19	7	9	14	163
Total # Of Hours Spent On Preventative Patrolling	1040	958	877	1005	1024	1041	1099	934	982	1049	1072	1057	12138
Total # Of Hours Spent At Court	31	10	14	4	18	12	17	20	8	14	25	9	182
Total # Of Hours Spent On Community Policing	10	1	6	5	1	2	1	1	5	2	17	4	55
Total # Of Hours Assisting Other Agencies	10	11	11	7	10	10	9	18	9	17	10	14	136
CRIMINAL ACTIVITY													
Total # Of Alarm Calls	12	10	17	15	7	14	14	12	13	8	10	13	145
Total # Of Harassing Phone Calls	4	1	3	2	-0	1	2	1	4	2	0	1	21
Total # Of Breaking & Entering	0	15	2	2	4	2	2	0	. 5	0	1	1	34
Total # Of Summons Served / Delivered	5	11	8	_ 6	6	4	5	7	6	5	3	6	72
Total # Of Criminal Damage	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	13
Total # Of Missing Persons / Runaway / Juvenile	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Total # Of Property Checks Made	414	367	164	217	222	236	253	290	322	399	277	232	3393
Total # Of 911 Calls	26	16	31	21	22	26	23	27	21	22	28	26	289
Total # Of Disturbance / Fight Calls	- 11	13	15	9	12	8	4	6	6	8	12	16	120
Total # Of Animal Complaint Calls	17	21	15	7	12	11	11	14	13	19	25	26	191
Total # Of Arrests	14	10	7	14	10	12	13	9	8	9	11	13	130
Total # Of Officer Investigative Cases	187	209	156	227	222	209	242	218	220	270	257	233	2650
Total # Of Field Interviews	10	9	18	9	9	2	2	6	11	8	7	17	108



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Lisa Pedroli
Clerk to the Registrars
Joseph P. Drugan
Josephine Yanovitch
Tara Taglianetti-Chambers
Registrars

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

I would like to thank all the residents who came out to vote in the Annual Town Election in May of 2016. As a newly elected Town Clerk I am pleased to serve you and am excited to learn all there is to know. I would first like to thank James G. Mullen, Interim Town Clerk, for all he has accomplished this past year. Although my term had not begun yet, I am happy to provide the information for this report.

During the 2016 fiscal year the following events were registered locally and with the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics: 45 (forty-five) births, 40 (forty) deaths and 23(twenty-three) marriages.

The office was very busy with Town Meetings and Elections this year. There were three Special Town meetings, November 19, 2015, March 9, 2016 and June 28, 1016. The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 17, 2016, the Presidential Primary was March 1, 2016 and the Local Town Election was May 10, 2016. A well deserved thank you to all of the election workers and registrars for making the day enjoyable for all. Minutes and election results are published elsewhere in this report.

Many thanks to our Senior Tax Credit volunteers Dr. Florence Ames and Mrs. Claire Finigan for providing much needed support in the office. Their duties included dog licensing, voter registration and general office functions.

I am excited to begin my three year term as Hopedale Town Clerk, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Lisa M. Pedroli



### **Board of Road Commissioners**

7 Depot Street Hopedale, MA 01747

### **Annual Report FY2016**

The Board of Road Commissioners meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Highway Department Office located at 7 Depot St. The officers for the year were: Eli Potty, Chairman, George Lovewell, Clerk and John Farrar, Inspector. Mr. Lovewell was re-elected in May.

The fiscal year started off with Newton and Warfield Streets and Mellen Street being coldplaned and hot topped. A portion of the funds voted at the annual town meeting for the reconstruction of Villa Drive plus the purchase of a truck will be "banked" for next year, and sidewalk projects will also be put on hold to next year.

The Board had an energy saving contract audit, with no cost to us, of the interior and exterior of both buildings for our electrical needs. At this time we can not afford any major changes to either building.

Our roadway salt bid was awarded to Framingham Coop at \$65.75/ton, an increase of \$7.55/ton. The sand bid was awarded to Kimball Sand at \$12/ton. And we joined with Bellingham and Millville in their coop process for remaining materials and supplies.

The leaf season pick up went very well as we were able to cover the town 3 times this year.

We were able to fully stock our shed with salt and sand and prepared all our vehicles in time for the coming winter season. Fortunately this winter was much milder than 2014. We were able to keep our snow budget in line with no great problems.

It was decided in December to enlist the services of BETA, an engineering company from Norwood, MA, for assistance on various upcoming projects. The recent state report inspection of the Freedom Street Bridge shows severe deterioration of the 14" beam installed approximately 29 years ago. A contract has been written to retain BETA as the engineer for the project. We also enlisted the support of Mr. Phillip Schwachman, owner of Fitzgerald Way, to open the roadway there for thru traffic. Monies for the bridge project will be from a Special Town Meeting, as the state does not do this type of repair work, it is up to the town.

We have met with the Park Commissioners on the idea of sharing a full time employee. The new hire would work the summer with the Park Department and the remainder of the year with the Highway. This would be shared financially from each department's budget with supervision by the Highway. This was successfully brought to the Annual Town Meeting for approval.

Chapter 90 monies from the state were \$173,695 this year.

Respectfully submitted, Eli Potty, Chairman George Lovewell John Farrar

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lisa Alberto-Chair Kristen Poisson Lori Hampsch Craig Adams Grace Pool

### ADMINISTRATION

Linda Gross, Interim Pupil Personnel Director Pamela J. Smith, Interim Superintendent Timothy R. Johnson, Assistant Principal Jessica K. Ladieu, Athletic Director Derek F. Atherton, Principal

### CLASS ADVISORS

Joshua Crescenzi Valerie Marcotte

# HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC Anthony Beaudry, Band Director

Christopher Chatham, Choral Director

# JUNIOR CLASS MARSHALS

Lauren Kelly Mitchell Siefring

### CLASS OFFICERS

Secretary..... Brenna McDonough Nicole Spinelli Treasurer.....

Class Quote: "This is where the chapter ends. A new one now begins" Class Flower: Red Rose
Class Song: Time Of Our Lives... Tyrone Wells

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National Honor Society\* ^Student Council Members in good standing

### Hopedale Public Schools

### Office of the Superintendent

### Highlights from 2015-2016 include:

### Fiscal Responsibility

- The District Budget Book for FY 16 demonstrated the responsible use of tax dollars and transparency for the allocation of funds
- Pay-to-ride transportation system supplemented transportation costs
- Athletic fees offset the cost of the total athletic budget
- New boiler was installed at Bright Beginnings Center

### **Initiatives:**

### Bright Beginning Center: Enrollment - 93

- Curriculum mapping
- Vertical alignment of curriculum
- Year-at-a-glance documents
- Positive behavior posters
- Social skills curriculum
- Plans for the improvement of the playground with the purchase of mulch and active toys rather than a new structure
- Staff completion of SEI endorsements

### Memorial: Enrollment: Enrollment - 580

- Implementation of new science standards using FOSS kits in grades 2, 3, 4, and 6
- Vertical alignment of curriculum
- Mindfulness training and utilization
- Galileo math assessments
- Positive behavior posters
- Staff completion of SEI endorsements
- Positive contributions by having a full-time health teacher
- Positive contributions by having a new assistant principal

### Junior/Senior High School: Enrollment - 511

- PLCs presented by the English Department on informational texts
- · Focus on improved reading strategies
- Development of Common Formative Assessments
- Curriculum verification
- Staff completion of SEI endorsements

- Curriculum mapping
- Data informed decision making
- Review and refinement of the educator evaluation process
- Mindfulness
- Improving skills needed to identify and assist at-risk students.

### **District**

- A Professional Learning Community was formed to explore the benefits of mindfulness.
   Some activities were incorporated into Health classes at Memorial, Social Thinking curriculum at BBC, Advisor-Advisee sessions at the JSHS and after school activities were offered
- The Medical Emergency Response Plan was updated, submitted to the state, voted on by the School Committee, and posted in all buildings
- The policies and procedures for sports related head injuries were reviewed for alignment with state regulations and affirmed to be in compliance

Respectfully Submitted, Karen M. Crebase Superintendent



### TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Board of Selectmen Robert Burns Thomas A. Wesley Louis J. Arcudi, III

Town Administrator Steven A. Sette

### FY 2016 Board of Selectman

The past twelve months have proved to be busy for the Hopedale Board of Selectmen, the Board saw changes to its own make up with a new member elected in May, policy changes in how meetings can be conducted in the Town of Hopedale and the on time completion of the sidewalk reconstruction project of the Freedom Street Bridge among the many accomplishments of the Board this year.

In January the Board began discussion of entering into a Community Compact Agreement with the Governor's office to enhance certain best practices to allow the Town to better perform in these areas; the two practices the Town chose to feature were developing a Five Year Financial Forecast and the Development of a Capital Improvement Plan. The Compact Agreement was ultimately approved in March. The Town was awarded two \$10,000 grants as part of entering into the Compact, the Town ultimately agreed to work with the Ciccolo Group in Boston to help develop the specifics of the two practices for the Town to follow. The new heating system for the Town Hall, a gas fired system that is more economical than the previously used oil fired system was discussed and proposed as an emergency replacement for the old system which would provide a more even and efficient heat throughout the Town Hall.

In February, the Selectmen appointed David Mc Morrow as the Deputy Fire Chief for the Hopedale Fire Department, Deputy Chief McMorrow has been a long time Fire Fighter with the HFD, since 1999 as well as an instructor at the State Fire Academy and will ably assist Chief Thomas Daige in the day to day operation of the Hopedale Fire Department. The Selectmen also began updating certain policies of the Town of Hopedale with the new Affordable Care Act now in place and compliance to the act among the first to be done. The Board also voted to enter into a Community Compact Agreement with the Baker-Polito Administration.

In March the Board approved a change to Town's lease with the Hopedale Country Club regarding the food catering services at the HCC; this will hopefully increase the number of patrons using the club dining room as well as serve as a another option for ready to go food in town. The Board also accepted a generous gift of used bleachers from the Blackstone Valley Ice Plex on behalf of the Parks Commission; the bleachers with some modification will be used to supplement seating at the Mellen Field Complex, the bleachers only two years old will make it easier for spectators to enjoy games being played.

In April, the Board began negotiations on a PILOT agreement with Blue Wave Capital regarding a 1.3 MW solar array on South Main Street; these type of agreements will provide tax revenue certainty to the Town in the event the Commonwealth sets taxing guidelines in the future regarding solar/renewable energy projects and how they should be taxed.

In May the Board of Selectmen welcomed Louis J. Arcudi III as its newest member, Mr. Arcudi had previously served on the Board of Selectmen and is returning to serve the residents of the Town of Hopedale; the Board subsequently appointed Robert Burns as its Chair for the next year. The Board began its discussion regarding a Remote Participation Policy which was approved by the Attorney General's Office as an official means of participation by a member of a Board or commission in a

Town provided that the Town adopts an official policy. The Board also signed the Warrant for the May 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting and reviewed and adopted a revision to the Senior Tax Credit program. The Board also heard a presentation regarding the request to relocate the Massachusetts Liberty Bell replica from its current location outside of the State House to a suggested location inside the State House and authorized the Town Administrator to write a letter supporting this effort at a later date. Lastly the Board welcomed a new business to town, The Haywagon on the Go, LLC and its owner Amie Briggs.

In June the Board approved and awarded for a Flag Day presentation a proclamation for Thomas McGovern, for his long service to the Historic Commission, the Friends of Historic Hopedale and the Little Red Shop Committee, the Board also signed the PILOT agreement with Blue Wave Capital for their solar project and approved the Remote Participation Policy. The Special Town Meeting Warrant for the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was signed and closed. The Board also approved the Annual Appointments for Town positions and received a presentation from Jennifer Smith of the nation Park Service regarding the newly designated National Park by the Obama Administration and Hopedale's inclusion within the park boundaries and the need to for a Local Historic District. The Board also appointed Suzan Ciaramicoli as a Part Time Accounting Assistant.

In July the Board received an update presentation of the Town Hazard Mitigation Plan from Trish Settles of the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) and the need to have the plan approved by both FEMA and MEMA prior to the Town being able to apply for any grants to assist in upgrading services to the community.

In August the Board was updated on a landfill closure project on property located on South Main Street, being done by Cover Technologies, Inc.; from CTI President Kip Foley, as well as a presentation from Chris Bullock of ClearGov.com, a financial transparency web site being marketed in the State.

In September/October, the Board agreed to and approved a new 3 year contract for Town Administrator Steven Sette, appointed Beverly Knapik as the Assistant Town Clerk and signed the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Election Warrant. The Board also approved the closure of the Freedom Street Bridge in order for the sidewalk project to be completed. The Town Administrator would update the Board throughout the project to completion. The Board also appointed Michael Di Rosa as a full time Police Officer.

In November the Board voted to support the Planning Board and its Warrant Article for the November Special Town Meeting to rezone properties along South Main Street for economic development purposes and to accept a donation of property at 161 Freedom Street, the former Draper Landfill, from Rockwell Automation both for inclusion on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The Board also voted to formally approve the Remote Participation policy. The Board also adopted a policy for the signing of weekly payable warrants and bi-weekly payroll warrants as allowed by the Municipal Modernization Act.

In December the Board along with the Board of Assessors and Tax Assessor Teri Gonsalves, conducted the Annual Tax Classification hearing to determine the Town Tax rate. The Board also approved a policy for liquor licenses and approved the annual license renewals for Town licenses. The Board reopened a discussion regarding an amendment to the Hopedale Country Club By-Laws regarding the residency requirements for members of the Board of Directors; the Board heard arguements pro and con to the proposal and voted to allow the amendment to the bylaw.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL Fiscal Year 2016

During Fiscal Year 2016, KP Law, P. C. was again privileged to serve as Town Counsel to the Town of Hopedale and we are pleased to present our annual report. Throughout the year, Town Counsel advised the Town on a number of litigation and non-litigation matters, attended Town Meeting, met with the Board of Selectmen and various other boards and Town officials, and worked with the Town to proactively resolve a number of legal matters.

Town Counsel continued to represent the Town in various ongoing litigation matters in state superior court, land court, and before various administrative boards. Additionally, during the past year, we advised the Town on a number of labor and employment issues and labor negotiations. In our capacity as Town Counsel, we also advised the Board of Selectmen and other Town officials and employees with respect to real estate transactions, easements, land use issues, solar net metering contracts, enforcement actions, public records, conflict of interest and open meeting law issues, governance, construction contracts, procurement, personnel administration, Town Meetings and on various other general municipal matters.

Town Counsel prides itself on delivering timely, effective and concise responses to legal requests for advisory opinions. Throughout the fiscal year, we provided a number of opinion letters to the Town on a wide variety of legal matters, including legal opinions regarding 30B requirements, legal frontage requirements, lease interpretations, solar farm taxes, disciplinary issues, appointment of Town officials, and social media policies. In addition, throughout the year, Town Counsel assisted in the review of articles for the Warrant for Town Meetings, attended Town Meetings, and attended various board meetings.

The office of Town Counsel has also continued to work with the Town to reduce municipal legal costs by researching many issues of municipal law and issuing client memoranda and email updates addressing a variety issues at no charge. Through these memoranda and emails we advised and updated the Town in 2016 on developments in case law, legislative changes and necessary policy updates on issues and areas of law that included: Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act; the new Public Records Law; the enjoining of the new Department of Labor overtime rule; increases in net metering caps and Department of Energy

resources issues; Chapter 40B recent developments; amendments to Chapter 40A; Equal Pay for Comparable Work Act; State regulation of app-based ride-for-hire companies; emergency Public Records Law regulation reducing fees for copies; new reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act; cable rate regulation by Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable; Community Preservation Act with an update on pathways; construction manager at-risk contracts and implications of Coughlin Electrical Contractor S, Inc. v. Gilbane Building Company; Massachusetts Federal Court decision striking down panhandling ordinances as unconstitutional; Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Watch; Open Meeting Law 2015 recap; Reed v. Town Of Gilbert, Arizona - U.S. Supreme Court addresses limitations on content-based municipal sign codes; and An Act Relative to Transgender Anti-Discrimination. Additionally, training is always offered at no charge by Town Counsel to Town officials and employees on various legal issues and topics of concern through live seminars and electronic webinars.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued confidence in retaining our firm, and we appreciate the cooperation, assistance and collaboration we have received on all matters from the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and other Town Boards, officials and employees. Without their continued commitment, cooperation and assistance, our shared objectives on the Town's behalf could not be reached. We look forward to our continued work with members of the Hopedale Town government in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

KP Law, P.C.

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### REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR Fiscal Year 2016

### RECEIVABLES BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Fiscal 2013 & Prior Fiscal 2014 Fiscal 2015 Fiscal 2016	\$44,793.29 \$9,043.12 \$6,546.54 \$1,539.35	
		\$61,922.30
REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Fiscal 2013 & Prior	\$9,026.66	
Fiscal 2014	\$329.65	
Fiscal 2015	\$7,620.53	
Fiscal 2016	\$279,825.68	
		\$296,802.52
TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS	_	\$588,950.65
TAX DEFERRAL ACCOUNT	_	\$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Fiscal 2013 & Prior	\$7,215.49	
Fiscal 2014	\$4,947.61	
Fiscal 2015	\$10,820.86	
Fiscal 2016	\$35,857.20	
		\$58,841.16
TOTAL OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES	_	\$1,006,516.63

Stephanie A. L'Etalien Treasurer/Town Collector

### REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

### TREASURER'S CASH BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

### **Non-Interest Bearing Accounts**

Non-Interest Bearing Accounts		
Cash in Office	\$250.00	
Interest Bearing Checking Accounts	_	\$250.0
•	67.00	
Rockland - Vendor Account UniBank - Payroll	\$7.09	
UniBank - Flementary	\$94,349.52	
UniBank - High School	\$24,184.61 \$84,959.37	
Ombank - High School	\$64,7 <i>37.37</i>	
		\$203,500.59
Liquid Investments		
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$637.80	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$1,910.22	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$3,876.39	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$11,687.18	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$5,755.78	
Bartholomew Operating	\$102,518.52	
Rockland Trust MM	\$356,343.79	
Rockland Trust	\$105,171.13	
Middlesex Savings MM	\$558,407.71	
MMDT	\$147,155.38	
Eastern Bank	\$96,178.02	
Eastern Bank Water	\$201.91	
UniBank MM	\$965,506.40	
UniBank Depository	\$141,223.15	
UniBank School Lunch	\$53,862.49	
Fidelity Lockbox	\$562,764.27	
Fidelity Lockbox Water & Sewer	\$1,339,784.65	
Centry Bank & Trust	\$55,134.29	
UniBank FSA	\$5,930.68	
UniBank Online Collections	\$170,941.04	
Dean Bank	\$7,567.59	
Rockland Trust Water & Sewer	\$305,600.62	
		\$4,998,159.01
Term Investments		
Bartholomew	\$195,177.59	
Middlesex Savings	\$109,656.18	
Sovereign Bank	\$3,514.50	
Stabilization		\$308,348.27
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Bartholomew	\$1,307,308.07	
Bartholomew - Town	\$7,349.79	\$1,314,657.86
rust Funds		Ψ1,00,100
Bartholomew	\$88,016.13	
		\$88,016.13
Total Cash and Investments		\$6,912,931.86

Stephanie A. L'Etalien Treasurer/Town Collector

### REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER Fiscal Year 2016

### TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST EARNED

Stephanie A. L'Etalien Treasurer/Town Collector

### INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Century Bank - Water & Sewer	\$4,321.20	
Rockland - Vendor Account	\$94.90	
Unibank - Payroll	\$201.58	
		\$4,617.68
LIQUID INVESTMENTS		
MMDT	\$621.14	
Unibank Student Activities	\$160.76	
Unibank Online Payments	\$134.51	
Unibank FSA	\$2.10	
Unibank Depository	\$277.90	
Bartholomew MM	\$957.85	
Fidelity	\$1,689.75	
Eastern Bank	\$96.49	
Middlesex MM	\$181.04	
Unibank MM	\$989.23	
Century Bank & Trust	\$165.86	
Rockland Trust	\$470.52	
Bristol County	\$351.08	
•	400-100	\$6,098.23
TERM INVESTMENTS	_	
Bartholemew	\$3,892.58	
Middlesex	\$219.45	
Rockland Trust	\$155.66	
Dean Bank	\$51.72	
	Ψ,1.72	\$4,319.41
STABILIZATION		Ψη,517.71
Bartholemew	\$10,232.01	
Bartholemew - Town	\$72.77	
	<b>4.2.</b> 7.	\$10,304.78
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TRUST FUNDS		
Bartholemew	\$731.78	
		\$731.78
TOTAL CACH AND INVESTIGATION		00/07/00
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	_	\$26,071.88

### STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

### Fiscal Year 2016

Long Term Debt	Outstanding	+ New Debt	- Retirements	= Outstanding	Interest
Buildings-Fire station	\$875,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$750,000	\$35,125
Departmental Equip.	\$220,000	\$0	\$55,000	\$165,000	
School Buildings					
Water	\$4,213,467	\$0	\$845,793	\$3,367,674	
	\$5,018,898	\$0	\$309,814	\$4,709,084	\$119,166
Other Inside-Storm Water	\$1,576,533	\$0	\$171,207	\$1,405,326	
Other histoe-storm water	\$225,536	\$0	\$18 <u>,</u> 515	\$207,021	\$4,650
Total Long Term Debt	\$12,129,434	\$0	\$1,525,329	\$10,604,105	\$365,225
Short Term Debt	Outstanding	+ New Debt	- Retirements	= Outstanding	Interest
	July 1, 2015	Issued		June 30, 2016	Paid in FY16
BANs Bond Anticipation Notes		\$0		\$0	
Buildings Town Hall		\$0		\$0	
Waterwater Treatment Plant		\$420,000	\$0	\$420,000	
Sewer- WWTP Project	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$686
Freedom Street Bridge		\$500,000		500,000	_
Other BANs		\$0		\$0	
		\$0		\$0	
Total Short Term Debt	\$125,000	\$1,045,000	\$125,000	\$1,045,000	\$686
	Authoriz	ed and Unissued	Debt		
Purpose	Date of	Article			
rutpose	Vote		Amount	Less New Issues,	= Balance
	AOIC	Number	Authorized	Retirments and/or	Unissued
				Recissions	01/00/00
Septic betterments	05/17/11	6	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Memorial School Roof	11/19/13	2	\$269,617	\$0	\$269,617
Sewer- WWTP Project	12/1/14	11	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$209,017
Wastewater Treatment Imprv	05/16/15	22	\$6,600,000	\$420,000	\$6,180,000
reedom St. Bridge	03/09/16	2	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0,100,000
			,	200,000	\$0
					\$0
FOTAL Authorized and Unissued	Debt			<u> </u>	\$6,649,617
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Stephanie A. L'Etalien

### Tree Warden FY16

The safety of our community continues to be the number one priority of the Tree Warden. Monitoring, prioritizing, and remediation of problematic trees is ongoing. Invasive insects The larval stage of the invasive Winter Moth has become a problem in isolated areas and does pose a risk to those trees stressed by the 2015/16 drought. Monitoring and tracking this insect will continue.

A resurgence of the Gypsy moth caterpillar was noted in town with severe isolated infestations in 2016. The escalation of the Gypsy moth caterpillar and associated defoliation is secondary to the 2016 drought. The natural microbial predator that keeps the population of gypsy moth caterpillars in check needs a wet spring environment to thrive. In short, the absence of microbes enables the caterpillar population to thrive.

Sadly as a result of severe weather we lost the historic 300 year old Oak Tree located at the pond by the Little Red Shop. There is a plan to replace that tree in the near future.

Sincerely submitted, Tree Warden Walter Swift Certified Arborist

### Veterans' Department

The Hopedale Veterans' services are a state mandated service that provides services to eligible veterans, veterans' spouses and their dependents. Its authority is derived from Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

The basic concept of creating fiscal assistance had its roots in legislation established in 1861. Services of this Department are available to all eligible Hopedale veterans, veterans' spouses and dependents.

In addition to State benefits assistance is also available in the following matters:

- VA Pension
- Filing claims with the Veterans Administration
- Educational benefits
- VA Home loans
- VA Hospitalization and Medical care
- Death of a veteran



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### Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

Christine Burke, Chair James Morin Robert Burns

### TOWN OF HOPEDALE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2016

Dear Residents,

For the Fiscal Year 16 the Hopedale Water Department continued with is maintenance of all is water supplies. Due to high Iron and Manganese levels and low flows being pumped in the raw water, these sources plug up and restrict water production considerably. As typically performed every 1 ½ to 2 years, we shut down and disassemble each well for inspection and cleaning. All three gravel packed well's, each consisting of 30 feet of well column were washed and inspected, their associated pumps and motors tested and cleaned while each well was acid washed and surged. This process is used to loosen and remove the iron and manganese that plugs the well screens. This same process was completed on one of the two bedrock wells that are 600 feet deep. During our inspections one motor was in need of repair and a spare was also purchased for emergency purposes. The final flow test showed an increase of approximately 70 gallons per minute. In an effort address the low flows being pumped due to head-loss, the department had a raw water storage tank designed to correct the current pumping issues. Presently all 4 water sources are pumped into one 6-inch water main prior to the water treatment plant. This causes head pressure, additional energy cost and lower withdrawal volumes from each well. This designed tank will allow us to pump all raw water source into one large 30-thousand-gallon tank, alleviating the head loss and increasing withdrawal. From there, the raw water will be pumped to the water treatment plant for the removal of the iron and manganese.

At the Sewer department we have continued with the design of the required upgrades mandated by the EPA under the town's discharge permit. Town meeting has approved 6.6 million dollars for this and construction should begin in the spring of 2017. The department sought funding from the State Revolving Fund and has been selected for low interest funding of 2%. Many of the needed upgrades have been performed in-house such as sump pumps, motor replacements and

sewer lining required under the new collection system operation requirements which is also within the permit.

Finally, it's important to note that each department worked within its approved budgets for the Fiscal Year while still maintaining a retained earnings to fund addition maintenance and upgrade projects that will not require borrowing.

For the Water & Sewer Departments And respectfully submitted on behalf of The Water & Sewer Commission

Timothy J Watson, Manager Town of Hopedale Water & Sewer Departments

### Hopedale Zoning Board of Appeals

The Hopedale Zoning Board of Appeals consists of five regular members, a secretary and two alternate members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. A majority vote is required to adopt or approve matters brought forward to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Current membership is as follows:

Steve Gallagher Chairman
Nick Alexander Member
Sandra Biagetti Member
David Pagnini Member
Lou Costanza Member

Mary Arcudi Secretary and Alternate

Walter Swift Alternate

The responsibility of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to hear and decide appeals from decisions in accordance with MGL c. 40A. The board is responsible to hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the board is empowered to act upon.

Notice for each meeting shall be filed with the Town Clerk and publicly posted on the official bulletin board at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Meetings are scheduled as needed on the third Wednesday of each month. For fiscal year 2016, the Zoning Board of Appeals heard six cases.

FY 2016	LAST NAME	EIDOT MANAE	OT IDD CDOSS
Senior Program	BARTOLOMEO	FIRST NAME	CURR GROSS
Senior Frogram	CURLEY	ROBERT	750.00
		PATRICIA	750.00
	HALL HILL	GLENN JEAN	750.00
			750.00
	HUGHES KOZAK	CLAUDETTE	750.00
		JOHN	750.00
	MAFFIA MALLOY	CATHERINE	750.00
	MCMULLEN	DANIEL JOAN	750.00
	OLIVERI		750.00
		CARLA	750.00
	PENDLETON	KAREN	750.00
	ROZAK	KEVIN	657.00
	SEARS	FRED	750.00
Elected 0 Accessor to 4	SPIVACK	ROBERTA	750.00
Elected & Appointed		LISA M	1215.00
	ALEXANDER	NICHOLAS	225.00
	ARCUDI	LOUIS	772.50
	BIAGETTI	SANDRA	2550.00
	BURKE	CHRISTINE H	720.00
	BURNS	ROBERT	2505.00
	CALABRESE-DEMARINIS	VANESSA	580.00
	COMASTRA	DONALD	225.75
	FARRAR JR	JOHN E	630.00
	GALLAGHER	STEVEN	585.00
	HOLLAND	EDWARD	337.50
	HOLLAND JR.	EDWARD A.	540.00
	HOPKINS	KARLA	264.00
	HOWES	DONALD	1050.00
	IACOVELLI	DANIEL	450.00
	IACOVELLI	MICHAEL	315.00
	KEYES	BRIAN	405.00
	LOVEWELL	GEORGE	630.00
	MCELROY	MARGARET	440.00
	MORIN	JAMES	630.00
	OLDFIELD III	FREDERICK	540.00
	POTTY	ELI	720.00
	ROPER	WILLIAM	440.00
	STRAPPONI	COLLEEN	225.75
	TETREAULT	SANDRA	440.00
	VALORIE	TERESA	600.00
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Town Moderator	LARKIN	FRANCIS J	200.00
<u>Management</u>	BROUWER	SUSAN	44708.25
4	SETTE	STEVEN	79082.29
<u>Assessors</u>	GONSALVES	TERESA	63286.04
	POLECHRONIS	RENEE	36019.52
T	WHYTE	CAROL	1285.00
Treasurer/Collector	L'ETALIEN	STEPHANIE	59801.25
	LAMPHERE	DONNA	41994.90
	SAMPSON	PATRICIA	43816.90

To	vn	Clerk	de	Asst.

Town Clerk & Asst.			
Acct.	PEDROLI	LISA	36089.12
Registrars	AMES	FLORENCE	838.00
<del></del>	ANDREOTTI	JOANNE	838.00
	BENTLEY	DOROTHY	88.00
	DELETTI	ESTHER	168.00
	DEPAOLO	GLORIA	88.00
	DEPAOLO	JOHN	88.00
	FINIGAN	MARIE CLAIRE	838.00
	GAGNON	JOHN P	33198.99
	GRADY	MARY	88.00
	HOLLAND	ELAINE	88.00
	MURPHY	ELLEN	182.00
	OGILVIE	MARILLEE	55.00
	TAGLIANETTI-CHAMBERS	TARA	500.00
	YANOVITCH	JOSEPHINE	500.00
Call Firefighters	ALDEN-BURNS	CRAIG	4786.91
	BALLOU	PETER	2812.37
	BRODT	MICHAEL	3312,54
	CANTILLON	JONATHAN	3969.88
	CURLEY	PATRICK	2832.16
	FITZGERALD	DAVID	3618.16
	KRAUSS	WILLIAM	7537.13
	LORENZO	DREW	100.21
	MACDONALD	THOMAS	2544.77
	MINICHIELLO JR	ROBERT	4895.40
	MOFFI	PAUL	3147.77
	MORREALE	SHAWN	2301.07
	SHANE	JACOB	1552.36
	TARANTO	JARROD	3915.69
<u>Police</u>	BACH	GREGORY	61868.21
	DIROSA	MICHAEL	1056.00
	DOYON JR.	ROBERT	86142.00
	GIOVANELLA	MARK A	124049.06
	HAYES	BRIAN	39866.87
	LANDRY	CRAIG	83943.64
	LIMA	MARCO	89363.25
	LIMA	RICARDO	126846.67
	MAHAN	STEVEN	93355.97
	MARTIN SR	DONALD J	119691.46
	PALMER	GREGORY	62232.44
	SOUSA	STEVEN	14188.50
	SOUSA JR	MARIO	51069.65
<u>Dispatchers</u>	AYER	AMANDA	46859.10
	COLLINS	LISA M	54105.80
	COOK	DEVIN	135.00
	GLEASON	PAULA	1248.00
	MESSIER	SCOTT	52769.05
	TEBEAU	JOHN	50902.32
	TOOTHAKER	TODD	735.00

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<u>Fire</u>	ALT	CHRISTOPHER	76295.61
	BENNETT	RICHARD	68219.80
	DAIGE	THOMAS M JR	89535.16
	FOSBURGH JR	LESLIE	68069.92
	GLEASON JR	RICHARD J	84730.86
	KELLEY	BRIAN	88475.66
	MCMORROW	DAVID J	78506.64
20 11 70	WILSON	BLAKE	61665.51
Police- Reserves	BARTLETT	EUGENE	352.00
	BECKWITH	JEFFREY	142.00
	CAHILL	BRIAN	352.00
	CLINTON	MITCHELL	704.00
	DICKINSON	ROBERT	352.00
	DION	SCOTT	880.00
	DUNLAVEY	PHILIP	715.00
	FALVEY	DAVID	352.00
	GRADY	DENNIS	704.00
	HAYES	PARTICK	352.00
	HESTER	CHARLES E	1925.75
	HOUDE	JOSEPH	1350.78
	KEHOE	MICHAEL D	528.00
	LANDRY	CODY	704.00
	LAVIGNE	JONATHAN	363.00
	MINICHIELLI	WAYNE J	37510.65
	PARISI	PAUL J.	781.00
	PORTER	RYAN	1095.12
	RIZOLI	PETER	1518.00
	RIZOLI	MARK	2373.58
	SAVOIE	FREDERICK	440.00
	TESTA	TODD	284.00
	VANPATTEN-STEIGER	JEANNE	1452.00
	VARTERESIAN	JEFFREY	885.50
<u>Ambulance</u>	JENKINS	RYAN T.	79727.14
	MOUSSOURIS	EDWARD	66641.39
<b>Building Inspector</b>	AICARDI	TIMOTHY	1000.00
	SPERONI	ROBERT	26592.00
Plumbing Inspector	FONTANA	JOHN	7050.00
Wiring Inspector	SCANZAROLI	JOSEPH	7320.00
<u>Tree Warden</u>	SWIFT	WALTER R	697.50
School Committee	ADAMS	CRAIG	450.00
	HAMPSCH	MARY	450.00
	POOL	GRACE	450.00
<b>Highway</b>	BIAGETTI	ROBERT	38917.64
	DEPONTE	ROBERT S	91081.12
	LAMBERT	GERALD	60732.60
	MCCROHAN	MICHAEL	36290.53
	NADEAU	CHRISTOPHER	61571.63
	OZELLA III	VINCENT	51015.96
	WYSPIANSKI	MARK	31205.00
Sewer	BROWN JR	MICHAEL R.	63828.30
	WEBB	KENNETH	69407.56

	WILSON	PAUL	56826.31
Water	BROWN	LOUIS JR.	10593.75
	BUTLER	DAVID	60396.62
Water/Sewer Clerk	HOLLAND	SANDRA	42080.10
	SCHREIBER	JOHN T	73225.54
	WATSON	TIMOTHY J	87713.27
Board of Health	FILOSA	CHASE	2156.00
	HICKEY	BERNARD	1260.00
	IZZO	LEONARD A	53324.09
	PELLEGRINO	ROBERT	2520.00
	VENDETTI	LUCIO	2562.00
<u>COA</u>	BETHEL	JENNIFER	9237.75
	MOSHER	NANCY	19452.50
	MULLEN	CAROLE K.	44987.16
<u>VA</u>	MORRIS	PATRICK	3300.00
<b>Library</b>	FIELDS	SYLVIA	56912.88
	KRAIMER	ELAINE M	41211.38
	MARTIN	MELISSA	9869.63
	SARTORI	SARA	10484.75
	SULLIVAN	WENDY H.	39507.52
	WRIGHT	KATHERINE	450.00
<u>Parks</u>	ESPANET	MARK	1947.88
	GOLDSTEIN	BRYAN	1185.75
	GORMAN	BARRY	6364.01
	JACKSON	ROBERT	450.00
	KINCAID	EMILY	1265.88
	NIZIAK	CHASE	1542.50
	NORRIS	CAMILLE	1722.50
	RIZZO	RACHEL	25.00
	RIZZO	KATELYN	1737.50
	SIEFRING	MITCHELL	1370.25
Admin. School	CAMPBELL	NANCY	42719.22
	CAMPOPIANO	MARK	16487.25
	CREBASE	KAREN	1140.00
	DAVIS	MARY LYNNE	59663.00
	GROSS	LINDA	80000.00
	MCGUANE	JEANNE E.	54636.00
	POITRAS	KATE	1257.45
	TOUPIN	NICHOLAS	76000.00
	WASNEWSKI	ANDREA M	40738,73
Puo Daluara	XU	JINGYA	3100.00
<b>Bus Drivers</b>	BOWERS BREVIGLEIRI	MYRNA	10403.83
	CAMPBELL	JAMES	391.50
	CAMPBELL	SAMUEL	20270.67
	KARAKEIAN	NANCY	21085.51
	LANE	MARK DEBRA	18270.48 15492.72
	LEE	HEATHER	22084.79
	MACCHI	STEVEN	270.00
	MACKINNON	JANE	8640.00
	MULLANEY	MICHAEL	27691.24
	ATODER WILL I	MICHALL	27071.27

Subs	ABBRUZZESE	KERRI-LYN	1690.14
	ABDELSAYED	JAKLIN	1824.79
	BASSIGNANI	STEPHEN	3862.50
	BERTONAZZI	NICHOLAS	812.31
	BLASIE	JOSEPH	65.00
	BURNS	STEPHANIE	10944.72
	CAMPBELL	CHRISTINE	1020.00
	CORCORAN	TARA	99.96
	COTE	LORI-ANNE	2537.09
	CROWELL	ANNE	675.00
	CYR	SARA	1524.94
	DIMAIO	CHRISTINA	100.00
	DRUGAN	JOSEPH P	12243.90
	DUBOWIK	LISA	1549.97
	ESPANET	BRIAN	510.00
	FARRELL	RYAN	325.00
	FIELDER	JANICE	1608.00
	FIGGINS	NANCY	300.00
	FISCHER	DEREK	1262.50
	FONTANA	SUSAN	825.00
	FRONGILLO	SUSAN	312.48
	HALL	CAROL	3949.78
	HANAGAN	KIMBERLY	2299.79
	HEVEY	SHEILA	4781.40
	HILL	COURTNEY	962.31
	HURLEY	CHRISTINA	175.00
	JARVIS	HAROLD	75.00
	KAVANAGH	KATHLEEN	845.06
	KEANEY	COLLIN	1818.90
	LALIME	MICHAEL	662.50
	LAMBERT	KRISTINA	100.00
	LAMBERT	SARAH	25.00
	LEMON	SANDRA	975.00
	LERNER	ELIZABETH	1250.00
	LIBERMAN	REBECCA	4575,00
	LOCKWOOD	ANNMARIE	1207.50
	LUM	KIARA	75.00
	MCGEE	TANYA	1020.00
	MCGRATH	DONNA	3200,00
	MOORADIAN	MARILYN	412.50
	MOXIM	LONA	987.50
	MOXIM	ERIC	3675.00
	MULREADY	MARIKATHRYN	581.50
	OGLE	CAROL	237.45
	OLSEN	BETHANY	174.93
	PANORESE	FRANCESCA	2870.00
	RAPP	PAMELA F	4272.50
	RODRIGUES	MICHAEL	1321.95
	ROY	PAULETTE	3200.00
	SALVATORE	LISA	1300.03
	SIEFRING	LEAH	399.92
	SULLIVAN	DONNA	724.94

	SZEMETHY	JOAN	1174.96
	TENNYSON	CORTNEY	225.00
	WATSON	MARY	1545.02
	WODIN	LAURIE S	3412.50
BBC - School	ABBIUSO	CANDICE	6787.18
BBC - School	APICELLA	SUSAN	77979.00
	ATKINSON	MARIE	36481.48
	ESPANET	KATHLEEN	14220.03
	FITZGERALD	JOHANNA	19965.00
	FLUMERE	ELISABETH	2859.04
	GANNON	LORI	12157.95
	GOSSELIN	MARTHA	12380.16
	JONES	ALEXANDRA	14848.94
	KAPATOES	MELINDA	7482.76
	KRACINOVICH	STACEY	5002.14
	MESSIER	LAURA	16090.10
	MOSSMAN	CHERYL	30405.45
	MULREADY	SUSAN A	88817.20
	PELLETIER	JILL	17924.30
	SMITH	SUZANNE	75443.17
	SMITH	JANEEN	23400.00
	SPATES	LINDA M.	17430.78
	SPINDOLA	AMANDA	74865.13
	SPINELLI	NICOLE	275.00
	SPINELLI	ANGELA	5472.14
	WOOD	HAYDEN	20091.03
Memorial-School	ALDRICH	ELSIE	82414.00
	ANDOLÍNA	LINDA	25537.28
	ATCHUE	KATHRYN	87416.00
	AUTENZIO	NATALIE	419.25
	AW	MICHAEL	80900.35
	BAILLARGEON	FREDERICKE L	45737.40
	BALLAN	TERESA	15427.44
	BAZINET	STEPHANIE	47232.56
	BELBEN	JUDITH	7979.03
	BERTONAZZI	LISA	70463.00
	BLANCHARD	MARY	5067.06
	BLASIE	DONNA	25152.98
	BLOOD	JODY	74178.00
	BOURGERY	DANIEL	71449.00
	BRESCIANI	KATIE	22296.73
	CARBONI	JANET	73770.50
	CARLSON	JUDITH	71074.28 24212.50
	CARROLL	AMY	55623.00
	CASEY	KRISTEN MARIA	70048.00
	CASTIGLIONI	MARISA	72853.00
	CORMIER	CHERYL	81369.90
	CORMIER	DEBORA	79059.00
	DIEMONT	SUZANNE G W	85774.86
	DUNN FAVREAU	LESLIE	15445.44
	FOX	BETH BARBARA	73423.00
	LOV	DETTI DAKDAKA	15425.00

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FUMIA	JENNIFER	13622.42
GALLAGHER	KELLEY	13225.29
GLENN	SALLY ANN	18175.00
HANSON	LISA	74340.16
HEDTLER	AMY	81180.35
HENNESSY	DONNA	83500.00
KAPATOES	HEATHER	46144.00
KASWANDIK	HEATHER	390.00
KEANEY	SHANNON	18364.38
KELLEY	ANDREA	49831.00
KLING	REASHA	43606.80
LABOSSIERE	CLAIRE	17950.03
LATHROP	SHANNA	40640.00
LAWRENCE	ABBE	25716.90
LECLAIRE	JANE M	91552.55
LEPORATI	COLLEEN	17837.03
LEVASSEUR	JENNIFER J	23946.30
LEVINSOHN	JOAN ROSE	83096.50
LOUCKS	JENNIFER	83343.20
LYALL	ANNA MARIE	17278.26
MACDONALD	CHERYL	77343.05
MACMANNIS	MEAGHAN	17454.82
MANGANO	BARBARA	24208.25
MANNING	LAURA	22599.32
MANOLI	CLAUDIA	24597.22
MARTIN	KERRI L.	17273.10
MARTIN	REBECCA	74504.28
MARTIN-FENG	MINDY	84666.50
MAYO	SHARON	20143.55
MCGEE	TAMMY	69836.50
MCINTYRE	KELLI	49497.94
MCLEAN	LORI	17172.54
MCPHERSON-TODD	KELLY	81851.00
MELLO	REGAN	47629.00
MILLER	BRIAN	101295.00
MILLER	SUSAN	17876.02
MURPHY	DANA	27002.10
PAGE	JANET R	87792.65
PIGEON	LISA MARIE	35146.70
POMEROY	AMANDA	78545.87
POSCH	KAELA	63363.94
ROLO	ANN M	85684.00
ROMASCO	ALEXA	78960.00
ROMIZA	LORI	21178.40
ROSSI	FRANCES	73412.67
RYAN	SARAH	53522.19
SHAUGHNESSY NOYES	DAMIAN	49497.94
SHERRY	ERIKA	38841.00
SILVA	RACHEL	22291.23
SLUSARZ	KELSEY	51051.16
ST. SAUVEUR	LORI	21823.20
STACKPOLE	KAREN	81855.65

	SUMMERS	MARY-JANE	13963.05
	SWANSON	CATHERINE	23287.46
	SZARKA -RUBIO	MARIA	15676.94
	TAMMARO	PAULA	39016.00
	TUITE	JULIE	14647.88
	TUITE	LINDA	39199.49
	VERDOLINO	NANCY KELLY	84259.00
	WALKER	JACQUELINE A	86760.88
	WATERS	AMY	55238.00
Daycare - School	DAIGE	NICHOLAS	12312.03
Daycare - Belloot	DAIGE	KAREN	47588.00
	DOOLEY	PATRICIA	9070.94
	ELSEMILLER	PAIGE .	1839.50
	GRILLO-MANNA	CHARLOTTE	6606.83
	LEPORATI	BRIANNA	5551.82
	MACDONALD	LILLA	2375.35
	MALONEY	RYAN	732.27
	MANNA	ALEXANDRA	2055.42
	MARTIN	MOLLY	19096.76
	NOLAN	DONNA	7201.58
	O'DOWD	ALANNA	10909.22
	ORCHARD	MACKENSIE	615.00
	RAINVILLE	LEAH	2502.50
	ROSSI	NINA	7367.47
	TONKONOGY	MICHELLE	1446.09
	VANDERHOOF	PAUL	11179.40
	WYSPIANSKI	JENNA	4647.16
Custodians	ANGEL	BRIAN	161.00
	BRESCIANI	KEVIN	2310.00
	COWEN	VAUGHN	60.00
	DANIELS	KEVIN	140.00
	FAYAD	NICHOLAS	212.00
	GILBERTSON JR	ROBERT E	41314.85
	GROSS	MARK	20826.60
	HAMMANN	THOMAS	45313.26
	LAWRENCE	SAM	2422.73
	LYNCH	KEVIN	2209.25
	MCGONNELL	IZAYA	30.00
	MERCHANT	ZACHARY	30.00
	PLICHTA	JOSEPH	33047.31
	SUTTON SR	WILLIAM	37715.74
	SWIFT	CHARLES	644.00
Jr./HS School	ALAGNA	JACLYN	55036.17
·	ALGER	KARLENE A	41783.73
	ARCUDI	MARY	28119.50
	ARMOUR	PATRICIA	75686.00
	ARSENAULT	SUSAN	27135.60
	ATHERTON	DEREK	106923.00
	BEAUDRY	ANTHONY	85831.92
	BERTRAND	DAVID	67440.15
	BROOKE-SAHAGIAN	JANICE	80304.35
	BROSSI	KIMBERLY	59301.64

BUCKLEY	JYLL	16024.78
CHASE	LAUREN	51999.51
CHATHAM	CHRISTOPHER	70985.27
CHEN	SARA	49116.48
COLE	CYNTHIA	83620.55
COLUMBO	GENEVIEVE	62220.90
CONNORS	KATHERINE	56027.65
CORDANI	ANTHONY	84682.50
COYLE	CHRISTINE	3949.95
CRESCENZI	JOSHUA	73208.10
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DIANTONIO	JILL	85766.62
EMUS	MICHAEL	54231.17
ENGLUND	ANN D	43428.50
FISCHER	THOMAS	85377.00
GOSS	DEBORAH	36258.55
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GUERTIN	PATRICIA	25718.41
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JOHNSON	TIMOTHY	89900.00
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KLEI	SHERYL	17945.53
LABOSSIERE	EMILY	1975.44
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MAYOTTE	LINDSAY	13923.55
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MENDES	CHRISTINE	
MOSKWA	ANGELA	37857.61
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MULRY	RYAN	150.00
MULVANEY	SHARYN	83036.23
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OLIVERI	TALITHA	78847.00
PALIN	RONDA L	600.00
RASPALLO	KATHERINE	80529.60
SANTOSUOSSO	JENNIFER	68347.20
SCHRADER	HOLLY	42548.38
SHAH	KATHRYN	73069.78
SNADDON GRIFFIN	HEATHER	86250.65
ST. MARTIN	JILL	76311.90
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WEBB	JENNIFER	58023.16

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	WELCH	LAURA ALEXANDER	52111.4 <b>8</b> 26342.54
	WERSTED	AGNIESZKA	62731.99
C-61	WLAZLAK	MARY	108.00
<u>Café</u>	BALIAN BOBER	CHERYL	31518.00
	BUCKLEY	KRISTINA	8392.36
	FONSECA	LAURA	26044.20
	GALLERANI	HEATHER	1071.00
	GORBEY	DANIELLE	13761.61
	HARDIMAN	OTILIA	373.50
	KENNY	ELLEN	28980.17
	MACDONALD	RAYANN	8118.40
	MARTINO	JANICE	7285.20
	MCCALLUM	SUSAN	495.00
	MICHAUD	KAREN	911.25
	MOREIRA BEAUPRE	ANA	4089.36
	SILVA	JEAN	3590.00
	STARE	JOSEPHINE	15413.06
Coaches	ASHBY	SHAWN	630.00
	CAFFREY	STEPHANIE	4567.50
	EVANS	ROBERT	2643.90
	MCCALLUM	JAMES	3675.00
	PIZZARELLI	TIMOTHY	2643.90
	SOLLE	KEITH	2643.90
	SWEENEY	CORY	1321.95
	VINCUILLA	KRISTINE	3675.00
	WERSTED	AMY	3675.00
Term <u>ed</u>	ARDITO	CATHERINE	47414.78
	ARTHUR	BRYAN	25382.01
	BROSSI	DIANA	3239.66
	BROWN	CAMERON	85622.58
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	CONLON	JOSEPH	70736.22
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	DONAHER	REBECCA	14710.17
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MIKULSKI	NICOLE	7950.94
MUNHALL	SAMUEL	2125.00
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SHIELDS	SARA	9816.98
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STEVENS	KATHRYN A	12232.54
WOOD	DEBORAH	23607.64