

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF HOPEDALE**



**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD  
EDITION**

**JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020**

**FISCAL YEAR 2020**

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Town of Hopedale – Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION:	5790
REGISTERED VOTERS:	4038
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Third Tuesday in May
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:	Second Tuesday in May
AREA:	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](http://www.hopedale-ma.gov)

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE  
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

GENERAL OFFICE:	Area Code (508)
<b>Town Hall</b> .....	<b>634-2203</b> (MAIN NO.)
78 Hopedale Street	
Board of Selectmen.....	Ext. 210
Town Administrator.....	Ext. 213
Board of Assessors.....	Ext. 224
Town Accountant.....	Ext. 219
Town Clerk .....	Ext. 215
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector.....	Ext. 218
Water/Sewer Department.....	Ext. 212
 BANCROFT LIBRARY .....	 634-2209
 COUNCIL ON AGING .....	 634-2208
 FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	 473-1050
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.....	634-2217
Guidance Office.....	634-2221
Pupil Personnel Services.....	634-2240

Federal and State Officials  
Town of Hopedale

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Washington D.C. 20510  
District Office 2400 JFK Federal Building  
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LEGISLATURE**

*10th Worcester District*

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E-mail [Brian.murray@mahouse.gov](mailto:Brian.murray@mahouse.gov)

Elected Officials - 2020

		Term Expires
Blackstone Valley School Committee	Mitchell Intinarelli	2022
Board of Health	Donald Howes	2022
	Walter Swift	2023
	Jason MacDonald	2021
Housing Authority	Patricia Johnson	2021
	Nancilee Fuller, Appointed	2021
	Jason MacDonald	2025
	Amy Burns, State Appointee	2024
Library Trustee	Frederick Oldfield III	2022
	Nancy Verdolino	2023
	Katherine Wright	2021
Park Commission	Donald Howes	2021
	David Sprowl	2023
	Michael Ledone	2022
Planning Board	Brandt Wajda	2021
	Steven Gallagher	2022
	Michael Iacovelli Jr.	2023
	Stephen J. Chaplin	2025
	Arto Eli Leino	2024
Road Commissioner	John Farrar, Jr.	2020
	Eli Potty	2023
	Larry Embree	2021
	George Lovewell	2022
School Committee	Alysia Butler	2021
	Jennifer McKeon	2022
	Kristi Brytowski	2023
	Lori Hampsch	2021

Selectman	Lisa Alberto	2022
	Louis Arcudi III	2022
	Thomas Wesley	2021
	Brian Keyes	2023
Town Clerk		
	Lisa Pedroli	2022
Town Moderator		
	Eugene Phillips	2021
Tree Warden		
	Leo Lyons	2023
Water & Sewer Commission		
	James Morin	2023
	Edward Burt	2021
	Christine Burke	2022

## **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **TERM EXPIRES**

ADA COORDINATOR/CHIEF Robert Reed (Interim)	2020
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Kevin Sullivan	2020
BOARD OF ASSESSORS Donald Howes Edward Holland, Jr Matthew Dailey	2022 2023 2021
BOARD OF REGISTRARS Joseph Drugan Josephine Yanovitch Tara Chambers	2022 2021 2023
BOARD OF REGISTRARS, TOWN CLERK Lisa Pedroli	2020
BUILDING COMMISSIONER/ZONING Robert Speroni	2020
BUILDING INSPECTOR Timothy Aicardi	2020
BURIAL AGENT Lisa Pedroli	2020
CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE Colleen Strapponi Karla Hopkins Marcella Pannenburg Michael Palumbo	2020 2022 2020 2020
CONSERVATION COMMISSION David Guglielmi Becca Solomon vanessa Calabrese	2020 2023 2022
CONSTABLES Craig Landry Donald Martin Mario Sousa, Jr. Mark Giovanella	2020 2020 2021 2020

COUNCIL ON AGING

Audrey Frazier	2020
Cheryl Moreci	2021
Daniel Malloy	2023
Eileen Milaszewski	2022
Nancilee Fuller	2022
Robert Canali	2021
Arlene Williams	2023

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Ann Labrode	2020
Billi Manning	2021
Ellen Murphy	2021
Jean Hill	2022
Kelly O'Malley	2021
Sally Decelles	2020
Jennene Pasquarosa	2022

DEPUTY WIRING INSPECTOR

Jeffrey Ross	2020
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DISABILITIES COMMISSION

Gerard Small	2022
Kevin Chambers	2021
Mark Francis	2021
Vincent Arone Jr.	2022

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tom Daige	2020
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Colleen Strapponi	2020
Derek Piatt	2020
Donald Comastra	2020
Karla Hopkins	2023
Elizabeth Callahan	2021
Samuel Hockenbury	2020

FIRE CHIEF

Tom Daige	2020
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GAS & PLUMBING ASSISTANT

Jeffrey Harris	2020
Joseph Zacchilli	2020

GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR		
	John Fontana	2020
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
	Frederick Oldfield III	2022
	James O'Malley	2020
	Jonathan Chase	2021
	Kelly Merchant	2022
	Karen Pendleton	2022
	Patrick Giles	2021
	Raymond Andreotti	2020
	Suzan Ciaramicoli	2022
HOUSING AUTHORITY		
	Nancilee Fuller	2021
HOUSING AUTHORITY - STATE APPOINTEE		
	Amy Burns	2020
MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER		
	Robert Reed (Interim)	2020
ON CALL WIRING INSPECTOR		
	Daniel Soares	2020
PARKING FINES CLERK		
	Donna Lampere	2020
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE		
	Sheila Embree	2022
PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR		
	Ann Williams	2021
PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER		
	Lisa Pedroli	2020
RECREATIONAL FIELD COMMITTEE		
	Brandon Westfield	2021
	Brian Keyes	2020
	David Guglielmi	2020
	Derek Atherton Hopedale HS	2020
	Joseph Drugan	2020
	Keith Smith	2020
	Michael Bresciana	2020
	Jim Abbruzzese	2020
	Mike Reynolds	2021

TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
	Julie Costello	2020
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		
	Robert Reed (Interim)	2021
TOWN COUNSEL		
	KP Law	2020
TREASURER/COLLECTOR		
	Stephanie L'Etalien	2020
URBAN RENEWAL/DOWNTOWN		
	David DeVore	2021
	David Guglielmi	2021
	Debra Montville	2021
	Donald Howes	2021
	Ellen Murphy	2021
	Jim Abbruzzese	2021
	Jason MacDonald	2021
	Michael Collins	2021
	Stephen Chaplin	2021
VETERANS AGENT		
	Patrick Morris	2020
WIRING INSPECTOR		
	Joseph Scanzaroli	2020
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
	Chris Hodgens	2021
	Louis Coastanza	2022
	Nick Alexander Sr	2022
	Sandra Biagetti	2021
	Steven Gallagher	2021
	Mary Arcudi	2020

**Department Heads FY 2020**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Name</b>
Assessor, Principal	Ann Williams
Bancroft Memorial Library Director	Robyn York
Building Commissioner	Robert Speroni
Council on Aging Director	Carole K. Mullen
Fire Chief	Thomas Daige
Health Agent	William A. Fisher
Highway Superintendent	Christopher Nadeau
Police Chief	Mark Giovanella
School Superintendent	Karen M. Crebase
Town Accountant	Julie Costello
Town Administrator	Robert Reed
Town Clerk	Lisa M. Pedroli
Treasurer	Stephanie L'Etalien
Water & Wastewater Manager	Timothy J. Watson

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT**

**SS. Worcester**

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,

**Greetings;**

In the name of the Town of Hopedale, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Special Election to vote at:

**George A. Draper Gymnasium  
13 Dutcher Street, Hopedale Massachusetts**

on **Wednesday, The Twenty-eighth day of August, 2019** from **7:00AM** to **8:00PM** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special Town Election for the Override Referendum Ballot Question:

Shall the Town of Hopedale be allowed to assess an additional \$430,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Town's Operational Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019?

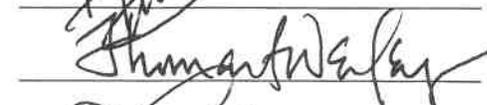
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of **August** 2019.



Brian R. Keyes, Chairman



Thomas A. Wesley, Selectman

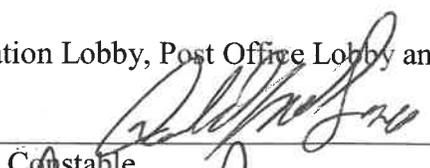


Louis J. Arcudi III, Selectman

This notice shall be posted as required by Town bylaws in four places in the Town of Hopedale:

Town Hall, Police Station Lobby, Post Office Lobby and the Draper Gym.

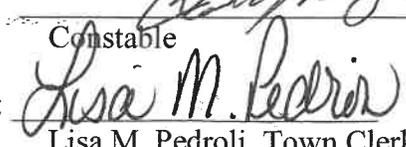
Return of Service:



Constable

August 28, 2019

A true copy, attest:



Lisa M. Pedrol, Town Clerk



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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**Lisa M. Pedroli**  
Town Clerk  
Notary Public  
Burial Agent

### **SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION MINUTES AUGUST 28, 2019 HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS**

*In accordance with the posted warrant for the Annual Town Election, the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections met in the Draper Gymnasium at 7:00 AM with Warden Ellen Murphy in charge of the election.*

*At 8:00 PM the polls were closed and the ballots were sorted and counted. The number of ballots agreed with the checklist and it was announced that the number of ballots cast was nine hundred eighty-eight (988) which was 24.1%. At the time of the election there were four thousand ninety-nine (4099) inhabitants registered to vote.*

*Shall the Town of Hopedale be allowed to assess an additional \$430,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Town's Operational Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019?*

**YES TOTAL VOTES: 569**

**NO TOTAL VOTES: 419**

*The absentee ballots were processed during the polling hours. There were thirty-seven (37) absentee requests. The election staff completed all tallying at 8:25p.m. the results were announced and the ballots were escorted back to the Town Hall for impoundment by the Hopedale Police Department.*

A True Record, Attest:  
Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Worcester SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Hopedale

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at the **Draper Gymnasium, 13 Dutcher Street Hopedale, Massachusetts**

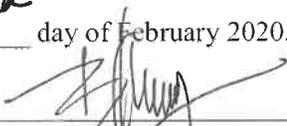
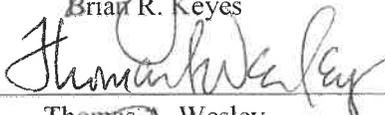
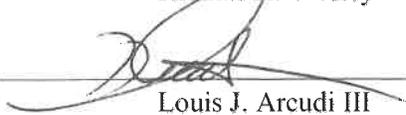
on **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2020, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE .....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
STATE COMMITTEE MAN..... WORCESTER AND NORFOLK SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN..... WORCESTER AND NORFOLK SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TOWN COMMITTEE.....HOPEDALE

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian R. Keyes  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas A. Wesley  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Louis J. Arcudi III  
**Selectmen of the Town of Hopedale**

A True Copy, attest Lisa M. Pedroli Lisa M. Pedroli

Return of Service. Posted at the Town Hall, Police Station, and Hopedale Post Office  
 Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
Constable



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**Lisa M. Pedroli**

Town Clerk  
Notary Public

**March 4, 2020**

### **State Primary March 3, 2020 Hopedale, Massachusetts**

***In accordance with the posted warrant, for State Primary, the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections met in the Draper Gymnasium at 7:00 am with Warden Ellen Murphy in charge of the election.***

***At 8:00 pm the polls were closed, and the ballots were sorted and counted. The number of ballots agreed with the checklist and it was announced that the number of ballots cast was one thousand six hundred ten (1610) which was 40.42%. At the time of the election there were three thousand nine hundred eighty-three (3983) inhabitants registered to vote.***

***The absentee ballots and early voting ballots were processed during the polling hours. There were forty (40) returned absentee ballots and one hundred ninety-two (192) early voting ballots from residents who took advantage of early voting at the Town Hall.***

***A True Record, Attest:***

**Lisa M. Pedroli  
Hopedale Town Clerk**

**STATE PRIMARY  
MARCH 3, 2020**

**Total Ballots Cast: 1275**

<b>Democrat Results:</b>	<b>Votes</b>		<b>Votes</b>
<b>Presidential Preference</b>		<b>Town Committee Group-Dem (1)</b>	
Deval Patrick	4	<b>Group</b>	588
Amy Klobuchar	15	Blanks	686
Elizabeth Warren	209		
Michael Bennett	0		
Michael R. Bloomberg	127	<b>Town Committee - Dem (20)</b>	
Tulsi Gabbard	13	Francis J. Larkin	825
Cory Booker	0	Samuel J. Hockenbury	763
Julian Castro	0	Renee M. DeWolf	726
Tom Steyer	7	Derek J. Piatt	635
Bernie Sanders	347	Michelle Beth Piatt	657
Joseph R. Biden	509	Michael F. Matondi, Jr.	703
John K. Delaney	1	Linda F. Matondi	707
Andrew Yang	1	Write ins	7
Pete Buttigieg	40	Blanks	20431
Marianne Williamson	1		
No Preference	0		
Write in	0		
Blanks	1		
 <b>State Committee Man</b>			
Kevin J. Tagliaferri	914		
Write ins	4		
Blanks	357		
 <b>State Committee Woman</b>			
Lisa A. Moczynski	932		
Write in	3		
Blanks	340		

STATE PRIMARY  
MARCH 3, 2020

**Total Ballots Cast: 1**

<b>Green Rainbow</b>	<b>Votes</b>		<b>Votes</b>
<b>Presidential Preference</b>		<b>Town Committee - (10)</b>	
Dario Hunter	1	Write ins	0
SKCM Curry	0	Blanks	0
Kent Mesplay	0		
Howard Hawkins	0		
No Preference	0		
Write ins	0		
Blanks	0		
<b>State Committee Man</b>			
Write ins	0		
Blanks	1		
<b>State Committee Woman</b>			
Write ins	0		
Blanks	1		

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS  
LOCAL ELECTION WARRANT**

**SS. Worcester**

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,

**Greetings;**

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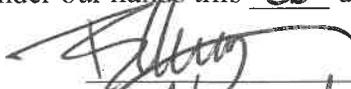
on **Tuesday, The Sixteenth of June, 2020** from **1:00PM to 6:00PM** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Local Election for the candidates for the following offices:

- BOARD OF SELECTMEN .....3 YEARS**
- BOARD OF HEALTH ..... 3 YEARS**
- HOUSING AUTHORITY..... 5 YEARS**
- LIBRARY TRUSTEE ..... 3 YEARS**
- PARK COMMISSION .....3 YEARS**
- PARK COMMISSION .....2 YEARS**
- PLANNING BOARD .....5 YEARS**
- PLANNING BOARD .....4 YEARS**
- PLANNING BOARD .....1 YEARS**
- ROAD COMMISSIONER.....3 YEARS**
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE .....3 YEARS**
- TREE WARDEN .....3 YEARS**
- WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER..... 3 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 26 day of **May 2020**.

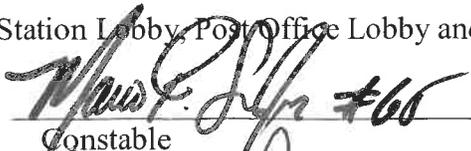
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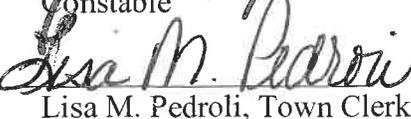
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Town Hall, Police Station Lobby, Post Office Lobby and the Draper Gym.

Return of Service:  Constable

May 2, 2020

JUNE

A true copy, attest:  Lisa M. Pedrolu, Town Clerk



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Notary Public

## **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MINUTES JUNE 16, 2020 HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS**

*In accordance with the posted warrant for the Annual Town Election, the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections met in the Draper Gymnasium at 1:00 PM with Warden Ellen Murphy in charge of the election.*

*At 6:00 PM the polls were closed and the ballots were sorted and counted. The number of ballots agreed with the checklist and it was announced that the number of ballots cast was three hundred forty (340) which was 8.42%. At the time of the election there were four thousand thirty eight (4038) inhabitants registered to vote.*

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMAN</b>	<b>Three Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Brian R. Keyes, Candidate for Re-election	283	
Write-in	10	
Blanks	47	

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	<b>Three Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Write in	11	
Walter Swift (write-in)	88	
Blanks	241	

<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>	<b>Five Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Jason G. MacDonald, Candidate for Re-election	304	
Write-in	1	
Blanks	35	

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	<b>Three Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Write-in	12	
Nancy Verdolino (write-in)	30	
Blanks	298	

<b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>Three Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Write-in	18	
David S. Sprowl Jr (write-in)	36	
Blanks	286	

<b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>Two Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Michael J. Ledone	281	
Write-in	3	
Blanks	56	

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>Five Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Write-in	10	
Stephen J. Chaplin (write-in)	63	
Blanks	267	

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>Four Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Arto Eli Leino	268	
Write-in	3	
Blanks	69	

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>One Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Write-in	24	
Stephen J. Chaplin (write-in)	5	
Blanks	311	

<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>Three Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Write-in	10	
Eli J. Potty (write-in)	107	
Blanks	223	

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Three Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Kristi Brytowski	289	
Write-in	1	
Blanks	50	

<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	<b>Three Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
Leo F. Lyons, Candidate for Re-election	285	
Write-in	10	
Blanks	45	

<b>WATER &amp; SEWER COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>Three Year Term</b>	<b>Vote for ONE</b>
James M. Morin, Candidate for Re-election	315	
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The absentee ballots and early voting ballots were processed during the polling hours. There were fifty-eight (58) absentee requests and thirty-eight were returned, twenty-four (24) early voting requests and twenty-one (21) returned. The election staff completed all tallying at 8:30 pm, the results were announced and the ballots were escorted back to the Town Hall for impoundment by the Hopedale Police Department.

*Lisa M. Pedroli*  
 A True Record, Attest:  
 Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT November 12, 2019**  
**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 12, 2019, 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 2020 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by: Finance Committee**

*Commentary: This article will transfer sums between budget lines in various departments to provide sufficient funds for current fiscal year operations. This article will require a majority vote.*

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/19), or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

*Commentary: This article will authorize payment of bills received after July 1, 2019 for goods and services incurred during the previous fiscal year. If funds for such purposes were available at the time the expense was incurred or service provided, but the bill was received after the close of the fiscal year, only a majority vote is required for approval. In the alternative, if no appropriation for such purposes existed at the time the expense was incurred or service provided, approval of this article requires a 9/10 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 Department completely from offset receipts. Approval of this article requires a majority vote. The amount to be transferred is \$83,616 and categorized as follows; Salary, \$58,562 and Expenses, \$25,054.*

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will correct the amount to raise and appropriate for the FY20 budget, by voting to correct the amount originally voted at the Annual Town Meeting.

**Submitted by: The Finance Committee**

*Commentary: The amount voted at the Annual Town Meeting for the overall Town Budget was incorrectly stated, the budget submitted and ultimately passed however did list the correct amounts budgeted for each department. This vote will not result in any additional funds to be raised or appropriated.*

**Article 5:** To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to transfer \$30,000 from Overlay Surplus to the Appellate Tax Board Account, for the purpose of covering anticipated cost to defend valuation of an outstanding Appellate Tax Board Case.

**Submitted by: The Board of Assessors**

*Commentary: To appropriate overlay surplus funds to cover legal fees and an appraisal for two outstanding ATB Cases. (FY2018 and FY2019 same property location)*

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to increase certain line items (salary and expenses) for the Sewer Department from department offset receipts to adjust the operating budget for FY 20.

**Submitted by: The Water and Sewer Commissioners**

*Commentary: The Board is requesting an increase from sewer department offset receipts in the amount of Salary \$31,900.00 and Expenses \$90,060.00.*

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department retained earnings to pay for a trace fracture study and legal fees for a proceeding.

**Submitted by: The Water and Sewer Commissioners**

*Commentary: The Board is looking to transfer a sum of money to cover expenses incurred for a trace fracture study and legal fees concerning a request to intervene by the Water and Sewer Commission in a case involving a land taking by the Grafton and Upton Railroad.*

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will allow and approve the Town to subdivide land, Parcel ID# 14-146-0, currently owned by the Town and under control of the Water and Sewer Commission and to allow for an RFP for the sale of the property.

**Submitted by: The Water and Sewer Commissioners**

*Commentary: The department currently has land under its management that has been found to not be a future site for water for the Town and therefore is no longer needed by the department. The request to subdivide this property will allow it to be placed back on the tax roll for future development.*

**Article 9:** To see if the Town Hall will vote to allow the School Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with DCF (Department of Children and Families), EOHHS

(Executive Office of Health and Human Services), and DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) for the Federal reimbursement of transportation expenditures for children in foster care under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

**Submitted by: The Hopedale School Committee**

*Commentary: DCF, EOHHS, and DESE have worked collectively with Public Consulting Group to develop a supplemental foster care transportation tool for school districts to report foster care transportation costs. In order to participate in this reimbursement program, the School Department must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and the Town of Hopedale is required to authorize the School Department to do so. If approved at Town Meeting, the School Department will be able to seek up to 20% reimbursement for costs related to the transportation of foster care children for whom Hopedale is the district of liability.*

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the sum of \$43,603.80 approved for a Highway Department Project for Villa Drive (STM 6/15 Art. 2) to additional paving projects for Catherine St. and Overdale Parkway.

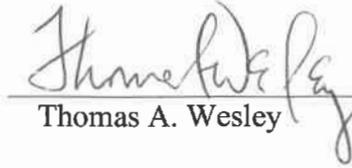
**Submitted by: The Road Commissioners**

*Commentary: The original project for Villa Drive has been completed and the remaining funds are being asked to be voted to complete an additional road paving projects proposed by the Highway Department; these funds have already been appropriated at a previous Town Meeting and will not result in any additional amounts to be issued for funding the work.*

Given under our hands this 18th day of October 2019.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

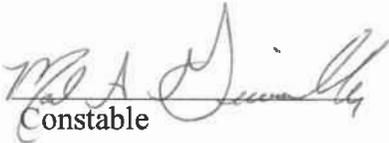
  
Louis Arcudi III

  
Thomas A. Wesley

  
Brian R. Keyes



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

  
Constable

10/21/19  
Date

## TOWN OF HOPEDALE – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 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 November 12, 2019. The meeting was called under the Warrant dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019 which was posted in accordance with Town By-Laws. Moderator Eugene Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were sixty-seven (67) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being fifty (50) registered voters].

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief  
Mark Giovanella, Police Chief  
Brian Riley, Town Counsel  
Karen Crebase, School Superintendent  
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer/Collector  
Robert Reed, Town Administrator  
Chris Nadeau, Highway Superintendent  
Robert Speroni, Building Commissioner  
Teresa M. Gonsalves, Principal Assessor

Moderator Eugene Phillips lead the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for all that have passed before us. Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectmen Chairman, updated residents on affairs in Town. Chairman Keyes thanked previous Town Administrator, Steve Sette, for his years of service to the Town of Hopedale. Mr. Sette started a new job as Town Administrator for the Town of Uxbridge. He welcomed the Interim Town Administrator Robert Reed. A firm has been hired and a search committee will be established to find a replacement for Town Administrator. Some school information; MCAS scores are well above the state average on all content, Girls Field Hockey team has made it to the State Finals, and recognized "Super Nick Day" at the Memorial School. Highway Superintendent Bob DePonte retired on September 27, 2019 after 30 plus years of service and Chris Nadeau is the new Superintendent. Mr. Keyes thanked the Highway Dept for all their hard work. He also wanted to recognize the Fire and Police Departments for all they do in Town; coffee at Cumberland Farms, Fire Dept open house and Gobble Wobble on Thanksgiving morning and for investing so much in the Community. Chairman Keys announced that grants have been awarded to Hopedale for various projects such as radios for the Fire Dept, project for intersection at Route 16, Master Plan and Recreational Field Ad Hoc study.

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto.

*Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to pass over this article.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/19), or take any other action related thereto.

*Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved that the Town vote to transfer the following sums as outlined below:*

<u>Account From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To Pay</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire Department Expense	\$2269.00	Department of Treasury	\$2269.00
Fire Department Expense	\$ 79.00	Fire Department Phone	\$ 79.00
Planning Board Expense	\$ 407.00	Legal Expense	\$ 407.00

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**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.

*Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved to augment the Ambulance Department FY2020 budget by transferring the sum of \$83,616 from Ambulance Department receipts as follows, and adjust the total appropriations for such purposes accordingly: Salary \$58,562 and Expenses \$25,054*

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will correct the amount to raise and appropriate for the FY20 budget, by voting to correct the amount originally voted at the Annual Town Meeting.

*Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to amend the vote taken under Article 8 of the May 21, 2019 ATM by reducing the total amount to be raised and appropriated from \$24,197,708 to \$23,224,986.00.*

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**Article 5:** To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to transfer \$30,000 from Overlay Surplus to the Appellate Tax Board Account, for the purpose of covering anticipated cost to defend valuation of an outstanding Appellate Tax Board Case.

*Teresa M. Gonsalves, Principal Assessor, moved to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from Overlay Surplus to the Appellate Tax Board Account, for the purpose of covering anticipated legal and other costs to defend valuation in an outstanding Appellate Tax Board case.*

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to increase certain line items (salary and expenses) for the Sewer Department from department offset receipts to adjust the operating budget for FY 20.

*Edward J. Burt, Water and Sewer Commissioner, moved to augment the Sewer Department FY2020 budget by transferring from department offset receipts, and adjusting the total appropriations accordingly, as follows: Salary \$31,900.00 and Expenses \$90,060.00.*

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Department retained earnings to pay for a trace fracture study and legal fees for a proceeding.

*Edward J. Burt, Water and Sewer Commissioner moved to transfer the sum of \$27,000.00 from retained earnings to cover expenses incurred for a trace fracture study and all incidental and related expenses.*

*The motion was seconded, Mr. Burt asked to make an amendment to the motion to add “and to authorize the Water and Sewer Commission to engage special counsel for the purpose of representing the Hopedale Water Department in its motion to intervene in the land taking matter before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities Docket 19-39”, the Moderator ruled the motion was out of order and reverted back to the original motion which was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will allow and approve the Town to subdivide land, Parcel ID# 14-146-0, currently owned by the Town and under control of the Water and Sewer Commission and to allow for an RFP for the sale of the property.

*Eugene N. Phillips, Moderator, moved to pass over this article.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**Article 9:** To see if the Town Hall will vote to allow the School Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with DCF (Department of Children and Families), EOHHS (Executive Office of Health and Human Services), and DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) for the Federal reimbursement of transportation expenditures for children in foster care under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

*Karen Crebase, Superintendent of Schools, moved to authorize the School Department, acting through its duly authorized representative, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for the Federal reimbursement of transportation expenditures for children in foster care under the Every Student Succeeds Act, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate this vote.*

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the sum of \$43,603.80 approved for a Highway Department Project for Villa Drive (STM 6/15 Art. 2) to additional paving projects for Catherine St. and Overdale Parkway.

*Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectman, moved to transfer the sum of \$43,603.80 from the balance remaining under Article 2 of the June, 2015 Special Town Meeting, originally appropriated for a Highway Department paving project for Villa Drive, which project is now complete, for paving projects for Catherine Street and Overdale Parkway, including any incidental and related expenses.*

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

Eugene N. Phillips, Moderator, thanked the residents and Town Officials for their attendance. A motion to dissolve the Warrant was made and seconded. Meeting was dissolved at 7:37pm.

A True Record

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Pedroli". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Attest:".

Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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

**Town Moderator**

Eugene Phillips

To: Hopedale Town Clerk  
Cc: Diana Schindler, Town Administrator  
Board of Selectmen

**RECEIVED**

By Lisa M. Pedroli at 12:19 pm, Jun 24, 2020

### Declaration of Recess and Continuance

After consultation with the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and our Public Safety officials in accordance with M.G.L. c.39, §10, and with knowledge there remains a health crisis, namely the Covid-19 virus, a determination is made that it remains unsafe to conduct a Special Town Meeting on June 25, 2020. Therefore, the Special Town Meeting currently scheduled for June 25, 2020, shall stand in recess and be continued to Tuesday July 21, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the afternoon on the Community House lawn, at which time the warrant posted shall be considered. Please note the Board of Selectmen has also scheduled the Annual Town Meeting at the same location and date.

Respectfully,

Eugene Phillips  
Town Moderator

A true copy, ATTEST  
Town Clerk

Constable 06/24/20



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
FISCAL YEAR 2020**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**WORCESTER SS**

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

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in town affairs to **meet outside on the lawn of the Community House** located at 43 Hope Street, Hopedale, MA 01747 on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at five o'clock in the afternoon, or on Friday, June 26, if event is postponed and notice provided, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote transfer from Free Cash, a sum of money to be added to the Health Insurance account to fund additional costs for FY20; or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash, a sum of money to be added to the Board of Health account to fund additional costs of trash removal for FY20; or take any action relative thereto.

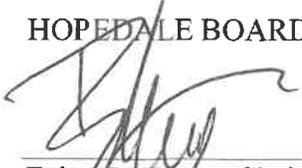
**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash, a sum of money to be added to the Fire Department account to fund salaries and wages for FY20; or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash, a sum of money to be added to the Fire Department account to fund expenses for FY20; or take any action relative thereto.

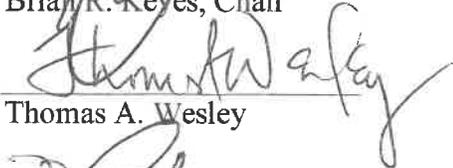
You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the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

Given under our hands this eighth day of June 2020.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



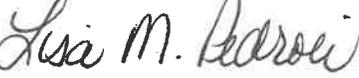
Brian R. Keyes, Chair



Thomas A. Wesley



Louis J. Arcudi III



A True Copy, ATTEST:

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

  
Constable

06/10/20  
Date



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
FISCAL YEAR 2020**

**Rescheduled from THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M. to**

**JULY 21, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.**

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met on the lawn of the Community House located at 43 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747 on Tuesday July 21, 2020. The meeting was called under the Warrant dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 which was posted in accordance with Town By-Laws. Moderator Eugene Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM. There were two hundred eighty five (285) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being fifty (50) registered voters].

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief  
Mark Giovanella, Police Chief  
Brian Riley, Town Counsel  
Karen Crebase, School Superintendent  
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer/Collector  
Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, BVT School Superintendent  
Diana Schindler, Town Administrator

Moderator Eugene Phillips welcomed all residents and lead the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for all that have passed before us.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense the reading of the warrant.

Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, welcomed and thanked residents for attending the meeting in these unprecedented times.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote transfer from available Free Cash, a sum of money to be added to the Health Insurance account to fund additional costs for FY20; or take any action relative thereto.

***Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved to transfer from Stabilization, the sum of \$248,000.00, be added to the Health Insurance account to fund additional costs for FY20. The motion was seconded and carried 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote.***

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash, a sum of money to be added to the Board of Health account to fund additional costs of trash removal for FY20; or take any action relative thereto.

*Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectman, moved to transfer from Stabilization, the sum of \$35,000.00 to be added to the Board of Health account to fund additional costs of trash removal for FY20. The motion was seconded and carried 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote.*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash, a sum of money to be added to the Fire Department account to fund salaries and wages for FY20; or take any action relative thereto.

*Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved to transfer from Stabilization, the sum of \$36,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department account to fund salaries and wages for FY20. The motion was seconded and carried 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote.*

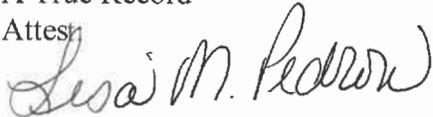
**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash, a sum of money to be added to the Fire Department account to fund expenses for FY20; or take any action relative thereto.

*Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$54,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department account to fund expenses for FY20. The motion was seconded and carried 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote.*

A motion to dissolve the Warrant was made and seconded. Meeting was dissolved at 5:28 pm.

A True Record

Attest



Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Immediately following Special Town Meeting  
on the lawn of The Community House, beginning no earlier than 5:30 pm

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 on the lawn of the Community House located at 43 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747, on July 21, 2020, immediately following the Special Town Meeting, beginning no earlier than 5:30 pm, or on Wednesday, July 22, if event is postponed and notice provided; then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to 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 elected Town officers in fiscal year 2021, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Clerk \$ 58,994

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

*Commentary: This article will fix the annual compensation for elected Town Clerk, while the actual funding takes place in omnibus budget funding 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, §5B, 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 to appropriate monies from the Stabilization Fund will require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s majority vote of Town Meeting.*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to approve annual spending limits for FY21 for revolving funds established in the Town Bylaws, in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s.53E1/2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>FY21 Spending Limit</u>
Recycling Center	\$ 8,000
Animal Control	\$ 3,500
School Transportation	\$100,000
Inspectional Services	\$ 25,000
Senior Van	\$ 1,000
COA Programs	\$ 10,000
Library Revolving	\$ 2,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

*Commentary: Pursuant to MGL, c 44, s53E 1/2, this authorizes annual spending limits for the Town's revolving funds.*

**ARTICLE 5:** 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 2021, 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 2021.*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money 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 2021.*

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 2021 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 for the fiscal year 2021, which will appropriate funds and set the spending limits for most departments not funded by offset receipts.*

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town of Hopedale will be allowed to assess an additional amount of funds in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Town's Operational Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, with such additional amount to be contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a Proposition 2 ½, so-called, override question, pursuant to G.L. c.59, §21C, or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by: Finance Committee**

*Commentary: An override vote to fund the Town operating budget is necessary for FY 21; this is the first step of a two-step process; if this article is approved, a ballot referendum vote will also be necessary for the override to be in effect.*

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to determine the amount of such surcharge on real property as a percentage of the annual real estate tax levy against real property; to determine whether the Town will accept any of the exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act; or to take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

*Commentary: This will allow the Town to adopt the Community Preservation Funding (CPA) surcharge that creates a local dedicated fund for open space preservation, preservation of historic resources, development of affordable housing, and the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational facilities, which is matched with available state funding.*

**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 2021 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 2021 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 2021 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 2021 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 2021 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 2021 operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts.*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to G. L. Ch. 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 \$758.33 to \$775.77, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by: Board of Assessors**

*Commentary: This will increase the amount qualifying seniors receive toward their fiscal year 2021 tax bill. The increase in COLA is 2.30% as found in Informational Guideline Release (IGR) No. 20-6.*

**ARTICLE 14:** 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 G. L. Ch. 59 § 5, Clause 17D, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$254.28 to \$260.13, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by: Board of Assessors**

*Commentary: This will increase the amount qualifying persons receive toward their fiscal year 2021 tax bill. The increase in COLA is 2.30% as found in Informational Guideline Release (IGR) No. 20-6.*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills, or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

*Commentary: This article will authorize payment of bills received after July 1, 2020 for goods and services incurred during the previous fiscal year. If funds for such purposes were available at the time the expense was incurred or service provided, but the bill was received after the close of the fiscal year, only a majority vote is required for approval. In the alternative, if no appropriation for such purposes existed at the time the expense was incurred, or service provided, approval of this article requires a 4/5 vote.*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 64N Section 3 which will allow the Town to impose a local sales tax upon the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town to anyone other than a marijuana establishment at a rate not greater than three (3) percent of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

*Commentary: This will accept MGL Chapter 64N Section 3 which allows local sales tax for marijuana retailers.*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to enact a chapter of the Town of Hopedale's General Bylaws, to be inserted and numbered sequentially, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2021, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen**

*Commentary: This will create a General Bylaw that accepts Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments, or modifications. This action is necessary for the Town to receive its Green Communities designation.*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund capital repairs to the Police Station roof and the Bancroft Memorial Library roof, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by: Finance Committee**

*Commentary: This will fund these capital items out of the Town's available reserve funds.*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws and its Zoning Map accordingly for Parcels known as 4, 6, and 8 Charlesview Road currently zoned GB-A, which shall be zoned Commercial, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Planning Board**

*Commentary: This will change land use zoning for the area(s) described above.*

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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. Here of fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this sixth day of July 2020.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thomas A. Wesley

*Susi M. Pedraza*

A True Copy, ATTEST:

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

*Brian R. Keyes*  
Brian R. Keyes  
Chair

Louis J. Arcudi III

*Mal A. Ginnell*  
Constable

*July 13, 2020*  
Date

Signature: *Thomas A. Wesley*  
Thomas A. Wesley (Jul 10, 2020 18:59 EDT)

Email: twesley@hopedale-ma.gov

Signature: *Louis J. Arcudi III*  
Louis J. Arcudi III (Jul 10, 2020 19:32 EDT)

Email: larcudi@hopedale-ma.gov

## TOWN OF HOPEDALE - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met on the lawn of the Community House located at 43 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747 on Tuesday July 21, 2020. The meeting was called under the Warrant dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 which was posted in accordance with Town By-Laws. Moderator Eugene Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. There were three hundred twenty-nine (329) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being fifty (50) registered voters].

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief  
Mark Giovanella, Police Chief  
Brian Riley, Town Counsel  
Karen Crebase, School Superintendent  
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer/Collector  
Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, BVT School Superintendent  
Diana Schindler, Town Administrator

Eugene N. Phillips, Moderator, asked for a motion to dispense the reading of the warrant.

*The motion was seconded and carried.*

**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.

*Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved to pass over this article.*

*The motion was seconded and carried*

Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, gave some brief remarks regarding his 15 years of residency in the Town of Hopedale. Mr. Wesley has sold his home and will be moving so will be resigning as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He thanked the residents for their support over the years and will continue to advocate for the Town of Hopedale until his final day.

Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectmen Chairman, thanked Selectmen Wesley and said what an honor and privilege it has been while serving with him on the Board of Selectmen. He wanted to recognize the efforts of the people that serve in this community. He started by thanking the First Responders and Fire Chief Daige and Police Chief Giovanella. He also thanked Chris Nadeau, Superintendent of the Highway Dept, for doing an absolute magnificent job, always available and on call. Lastly he thanked Karen Crebase, Superintendent of Schools, and the entire School Dept. for their efforts during these challenging times.

**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 elected Town officers in fiscal year 2021, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Clerk \$ 58,994

***Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved to fix the annual salary and compensation for elected Town officers in fiscal year 2021. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.***

**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, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

***Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to transfer from available Free Cash, the sum of \$373,000.00 into the Town's Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B. The motion was seconded and carried 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority***

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to approve annual spending limits for FY21 for revolving funds established in the Town Bylaws, in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s.53E1/2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>FY21 Spending Limit</u>
Recycling Center	\$ 8,000
Animal Control	\$ 3,500
School Transportation	\$100,000
Inspectional Services	\$ 25,000
Senior Van	\$ 1,000
COA Programs	\$ 10,000
Library Revolving	\$ 2,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

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***Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectmen, moved to approve annual spending limits for FY21 for revolving funds established in the Town Bylaws, in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s.53E1/2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020: The motion was seconded and carried unanimously***

**ARTICLE 5:** 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 2021, or take any other action related thereto.

*Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectmen, 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 2021. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money 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.

*Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money 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. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 2021 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, gave a presentation to the residents

“Town Meeting Speech July 21<sup>st</sup> 2020

Good Evening,

My name is Samuel Hockenbury, and for the last two years, I have served as the chair of your Finance Committee. I have been a member for three years. I graduated at Suma Cum Laude from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with degrees in Economics and Political Science. And while at home and looking to sort out my life, I joined the Fin Com. I hoped to learn from the experience and confirm that I wanted a career in public service.

I severely underestimated the potential of the learning experience. When I started, I was determined to learn, ask tough questions, and I psyched myself up to be willing to make cuts. I did not want to be a pushover; I did not want my age leveraged against me. Day one, my mind was blown. I had never heard of proposition 2 1/2, and it's a confusing law. Even though I lived in Hopedale at that point for nearly 23 years and was engaged in my church, school, and scouting, I had no clue all the things that go on in Hopedale. The first-round robin budget day, I was overwhelmed by the information coming at me—things like the overtime and retention issues in public safety. However, I should add the amount of work that they do day to day is not just speeding tickets on 16 and the occasional fire. Our public safety personnel's time is in high demand. The library building requires new everything,

and the Town Hall is in rough shape. Both of those buildings need to be repointed by the way. But the library offers vital services to both the young and old, and the majesty of the interior alone should fill you with pride. The people who work in the Town Hall, they do the necessary grunt work to even offer the services Hopedale provides. They do so diligently and have shown tremendous effectiveness. The highway department informed me that Hopedale has somewhere around 25 miles of road. HOPEDALE. They are doing their best to hold the streets together, and they completed a Mass Works Grant proposal to redo the intersection of 16 and Hopedale Street. This January, the town was presented with the check to get that work done. The efforts that the department put forward paid off, and the people of this town and the surrounding communities will be better off for it. The Council on Aging started a bus service for seniors. This two-year-old program now helps seniors get to and from the grocery store, and helps others get to cancer treatments in Boston. The parks department works in conjunction with the various athletic programs in town to help maintain our open spaces and preserve the jewel that is the Hopedale Parklands. The Board of Health has gone through a transformation in the last few years. And in this current public health crisis, I feel they have proven their worth. And then there is, of course, the school system.

As a product of the Hopedale school system, I am amazed by how this administration has continued to find ways to advance and deepen the curriculum offered. Our graduates have graduated from one of the best schools in the country. I do not say that as a biased alumnus, but US News and World Report did. The report ranked our Junior-Senior High School 54th in Massachusetts and 1,291 of approximately 18,000 high schools nationally or otherwise stated, in the top 7%. School rankings are based on their performance on state-required tests, graduation rates, and how well they prepare students for college. And in terms of per-pupil expenditure, we are among the lowest in the State. That is a credit to the administration, the staff, the faculty, the students, the parents, and frankly, this community. I say these things because when you look at your tax bill, I understand the impotence to say, well, what am I getting for that? I recognize that people feel their taxes are exorbitant. I also realize that the word override being involved in every discussion around the budget for the last three years makes it seem like we're spinning out of control. And it is that fear that has people's backs up.

Let me briefly explain some of the major trends that have gotten us here. Since 2009, the recommended budget in real terms, which means adjusting for inflation, reflects a 20% growth. This growth has been driven in principal by health insurance, union wages, and contracted services like trash. The tax levy has grown by nearly 50% in real terms over the same period, assuming the budget passes. The issue is with current projections of State aid, reflects a 23% drop in real terms. Our local receipts have also declined with time. It is the losses from non-property-tax based revenue sources that have strained our budgets in recent years. Now I can't sit here and say that Hopedale is blameless and lay everything at the feet of the State. Our masterplan is 13 years old and predates the Great Recession of 2008-2009. A 2006 financial analysis report from the State has recommendations that are still relevant today. The good news is, we have a new master planning committee. The new administrator has the experience and ideas to implement the proper financial planning policies the town needs. That does not mean that everything is hunky-dory, but the pieces are in place to move us forward.

We all want what is best for ourselves and this town. There is something special about Hopedale. I have lived here my whole life but compared to the people who are 3<sup>rd</sup> generation residents, I'm still new here. I have no memory of the mill being anything but an empty building. And while we can talk at great length about Hopedale's past, the good old days, and the mistakes it has made along the way. Tonight, however, is about the here and now. What lies before us, and what does tomorrow bring.

The recommended budget the finance committee voted on, that the Board of Selectmen endorsed, and that I hope this body passes, was a struggle to develop. For me, the tension has been between preserving the shoestring budgets of our departments, paying the bills, surviving the hemorrhaging of receipts from other revenue streams, and not burying the taxpayers with too obscene an invoice. And I know \$1.3 million seems obscene, but I have contemplated overrides over \$2 million during this cycle. There are no right answers. The development of the community, growing out the commercial base, lowering our health insurance costs, potentially finding more work efficiencies, these things are on the need-to-do list. However, this year they didn't make it to the done column. The devastation of the economy from the virus has made this tension all that much harder. This budget demands departments to stop just short of service reduction and job losses. It does not allow for raises, it shrinks expenses by a challenging but not painful 2%, eliminates stipends for elected and appointed officials, and then pays the bills that we owe. That's the budget, that's it. The budget is a 1.6% increase over last year. Last year's budget grew by 3.5%. So, while last year's override seems, in hindsight, to be a reasonable 430k, this year's at three times that covers a

budget that grew at half the rate. That 1.6% growth fits into the calculation of proposition 2 1/2. Had our receipts stayed level, there would be no override with this budget. We suffered at least \$650,000 projected to be lost in State Aid, \$200,000 in free cash is no longer available to float the budget and a loss of \$130,000 in local receipt projections. Just those three revenue streams drying up, amount to more than a million dollars. The increases for BVT, health insurance, and retirement, we found the cuts to pay for them. This year was just awful. What lends itself to hope for the future, is that maybe we don't lose revenue at the same rate for next year, or even get some back. Perhaps the federal government comes through, and we can get more aid than expected. Conceivably, the town can reduce its insurance premium share with employees. Possibly, the cannabis facilities will have a chance to start up soon enough that we can start to count on \*some\* of that money in next year's budget. Things, however, could also be worse, I don't have the crystal ball to tell you the answer. I have faith that the new administrator with a full year can help start leading the way for the town to get out of this quagmire. I think the Selectboard is energized by bringing business to town and has done work to get the white whale of commercial development in town underway. Or maybe I have been a lousy talisman, and with my leaving this post to pursue graduate studies means everything lines up for Hopedale. I don't know. There are things to be optimistic about, and there are still anxieties too. But let's not get caught up in the idea that Hopedale is broke, or living extravagantly beyond its means, because of proposition 2 1/2. We are the deciders. We get to say what kind of budget we want and what we are willing to pay to make that happen. If this body decides that we are living too large and we need to cut back from what we've been doing, so be it. But I urge you all to look around and think critically about what you want to live without. This budget is the price tag, and I am more than happy to answer every question you all may have to the best of my ability. If I don't know, I will call upon someone who can. I don't want anyone here tonight to feel I tricked them, but I cannot help if you sense this information more generally was designed scared you. The material is scary. I have and will continue to be as honest as possible with you. But together, as a community, we will get through tonight, and we will create a better tomorrow. Thank you."

***Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, moved the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,258,361 as deemed necessary to defray town charges for FY 2021 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report. Sam read each line item in the FY21 Budget which totaled \$25,344,877.00. Residents placed holds on Coordinator, Reserve Fund, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, Elections, Computer, Police, Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Dog Officer, School Dept, Highway, Health Officer, Library, Debt Service, BVT, Health and Life Ins. Premiums, and other Unclassified Expenses. All line items without holds were seconded and carried. After some discussion on the Town Counsel and Reserve Fund budgets Mr. Michael Bresciani made a motion that was seconded and carried to reduce Town Counsel by \$10,000.00 bringing it to \$40,000.00 and increase Reserve Fund by \$10,000.00 bringing that line to \$35,000.00. After discussions on all the items put on hold on the Budget that totaled \$25,344,877, a vote was taken, and each was seconded and carried.***

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town of Hopedale will be allowed to assess an additional amount of funds in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Town's Operational Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, with such additional amount to be contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a Proposition 2 ½, so-called, override question, pursuant to G.L. c.59, §21C, or take any other action related thereto.

***Samuel J. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to assess the additional sum of \$1,326,321 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Town's Contingent Budget (Column B, Recommended FY21 Budget) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, with such additional amount to be contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a Proposition 2 ½, so-called, override question, pursuant to G.L. c.59, §21C. the motion was seconded, a resident made a motion for a paper ballot to be used for the vote which was seconded not carried, Eugene Phillips, Moderator, made a motion to close the***

*discussion which was seconded and carried, and returned to the original motion which was then seconded, and carried.*

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to determine the amount of such surcharge on real property as a percentage of the annual real estate tax levy against real property; to determine whether the Town will accept any of the exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act; or to take any other action related thereto.

*Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a one percent (1%) surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; and further to exempt from the surcharge the real estate tax on \$100,000 of the assessed valuation of Class One, Residential parcels. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**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 2021 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

*Edward J. Burt, Water and Sewer Commissioner, moved to amend the original article which read: to appropriate the sum of \$1,205,032.00 for the Town’s Water Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2021, beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources:*

User Fees	\$655,718
Assessments	\$460,714
Connection & Other Fees	\$88,600
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,205,032</b>
To be expended as follows:	
<b>Direct</b>	
Salaries & Wages	\$291,948
Expenses	\$303,040
Capital Outlay	\$32,000
Debt & Interest	\$361,258
Emergency Reserve	\$100,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,246</b>

<b>Indirect</b>	
Retirement/Pension	\$34,996
Workers Compensation	\$6,199
Medicare	0
Health Insurance	\$50,307
Liability Insurance	\$9,155
Accounting Dept	\$5,502
Treasurer	\$10,127
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 116,786</b>

**Total Expenditures** **\$ 1,205,032**

**AMENDED MOTION**

*Edward J. Burt, Water and Sewer Commissioner, moved to appropriate the sum of \$1,280,031 for the Town's Water Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2021, beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44 §53F1/2, amount to be funded from the following sources:*

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

Retained Earnings	\$75,000
User Fees	\$672,528
Assessments	\$460,503
Connection & Other Fees	\$72,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,280,031</b>

To be expended as follows:

<b>Direct</b>	
Salaries & Wages	\$291,948
Expenses	\$403,040
Capital Outlay	\$32,000
Debt & Interest	\$361,257
Emergency Reserve	\$75,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,163,245</b>

<b>Indirect</b>	
Retirement/Pension	\$34,996
Workers Compensation	\$6,199
Medicare	0
Health Insurance	\$50,307
Liability Insurance	\$9,155
Accounting Dept	\$5,502
Treasurer	\$10,127
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 116,786</b>

**Total Expenditures** **\$ 1,280,031**

**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 2021 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

*Edward J. Burt, Water and Sewer Commissioner, moved to appropriate the sum of \$1,483,152.00 for the Town's WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2021, beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources: The motion was seconded and carried.*

User Fees	\$893,000
Assessments	\$580,852
Connection & Other Fees	\$9,300
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,483,152</b>

To be expended as follows:

**Direct**

Salaries & Wages	\$345,515
Expenses	\$465,800
Capital Outlay	\$140,000
Debt & Interest	\$439,699
Emergency Reserve	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,391,015</b>

**Indirect**

Retirement/Pension	\$23,763
Workers Compensation	\$6,199
Medicare	0
Health Insurance	\$36,991
Liability Insurance	\$9,155
Lock Box	\$500
Accounting Dept	\$5,502
Treasurer	\$10,027
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$92,137</b>

**Total Expenditures** **\$ 1,483,152**

**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 2021 by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

*Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, moved to vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Ambulance Department Budget for fiscal year 2021 by offset receipts. The motion was seconded and carried.*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to G. L. Ch. 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 \$758.33 to \$775.77, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectman, moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to G. L. Ch. 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 \$758.33 to \$775.77. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 14:** 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 G. L. Ch. 59 § 5, Clause 17D, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$254.28 to \$260.13, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectman, moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to surviving spouse, minor child, elderly person owning real property pursuant to G. L. Ch. 59 § 5, Clause 17D, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$254.28 to \$260.13. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills, or take any other action related thereto.

*Louis J. Arcudi III, Board of Selectman moved to pass over this motion. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 64N Section 3 which will allow the Town to impose a local sales tax upon the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town to anyone other than a marijuana establishment at a rate not greater than three (3) percent of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Brian R. Keyes, Board of Selectman Chairman, moved to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 64N, Section 3 which will allow the Town to impose a local sales tax upon the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town to anyone other than a marijuana establishment at a rate of three (3) percent of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer. The motion was seconded and carried.*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to enact a chapter of the Town of Hopedale's General Bylaws, to be inserted and numbered sequentially, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2021, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Thomas A. Wesley, Board of Selectman, made a motion to dispense reading the article which was seconded and carried. Mr. Wesley then moved to enact the following chapter, to be inserted and numbered sequentially, into the Town of Hopedale's General Bylaws, draft attached, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2021, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, this motion was seconded and carried.*

**Stretch Energy Code**  
**[Article 17, 7/21/2020 ATM]**

**§ \_\_\_\_\_. Definitions.**

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC) — The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency and is updated on a three-year cycle. Since July 1, 2010, the baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code defaulted to the latest published edition, the IECC 2009, with Massachusetts amendments as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

STRETCH ENERGY CODE — Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 8th edition Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_. Purpose.**

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_. Applicability.**

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, or 51 as applicable.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_. Authority.**

The Town of Hopedale, seeking to ensure that construction within its boundaries is designed and built above the energy efficiency requirements of 780 CMR, mandate adherence to this appendix.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_. Stretch Code incorporated by reference.**

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, and is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Hopedale's bylaws.

**§ \_\_\_\_\_. Enforcement.**

This bylaw shall be enforced by the Building Commissioner in accordance with 780 CMR.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund capital repairs to the Police Station roof and the Bancroft Memorial Library roof, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Samuel I. Hockenbury, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to transfer from available Free Cash the sum of \$12,500.00 to fund capital repairs to the Police Station roof and the sum of \$100,000.00 to fund capital repairs to the Bancroft Memorial Library roof. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws and its Zoning Map accordingly for Parcels known as 4, 6, and 8 Charlesview Road currently zoned GB-A, which shall be zoned Commercial, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Stephen J. Chaplin, Planning Board member, moved to amend the Hopedale Zoning Map parcels known as 4, 6, and 8 Charlesview Road (parcel IDs 24-44-0, 24-43-0, 24-42-0 respectively), currently zoned GB-A, which shall be zoned Commercial. After some discussion the motion was seconded and carried 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote.*

Eugene Phillips thanked the town residents and town officials for their attendance. A motion to dissolve the Warrant was made and seconded. Meeting was dissolved at 9:06 pm.

A True Record

Attest:



Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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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, 2020 and for the year then ended. The financial statements include the combined balance sheet.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Grab, MSM, CGA  
Interim Town Accountant

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
**as of June 30, 2020**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	3,676,121.13	2,345,915.14	638,884.54	651,769.87	825,440.53	-	8,138,131.21
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	130,276.92	-	-	-	-	-	130,276.92
Real estate taxes	260,062.32	-	-	-	-	-	260,062.32
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(521,569.86)	-	-	-	-	-	(521,569.86)
Special assessments	-	-	-	17,852.45	-	-	17,852.45
Tax liens	731,914.15	-	-	-	-	-	731,914.15
Tax foreclosures	71,497.25	-	-	-	-	-	71,497.25
Motor vehicle excise	120,009.55	-	-	-	-	-	120,009.55
User fees	-	-	-	45,805.34	-	-	45,805.34
Utility liens added to taxes	-	-	-	4,289.60	-	-	4,289.60
Departmental	-	351,473.78	-	1,676.32	-	-	353,150.10
Due from other governments	-	-	-	75,826.04	-	-	75,826.04
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	12,436,945.00	12,436,945.00
Total Assets	<u>4,468,311.46</u>	<u>2,697,388.92</u>	<u>638,884.54</u>	<u>797,219.62</u>	<u>825,440.53</u>	<u>12,436,945.00</u>	<u>21,864,190.07</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u></b>							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	372,907.03	181,892.66	98,567.24	112,930.07	5,848.47	-	772,145.47
Accrued payroll	584,166.55	72,759.22	-	-	13,337.50	-	670,263.27
Other liabilities/Withholdings	352,562.29	-	-	-	-	-	352,562.29
Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	(131,230.62)	-	-	-	-	-	(131,230.62)
Special assessments	-	-	-	7,566.34	-	-	7,566.34
Tax liens	731,914.15	-	-	-	-	-	731,914.15
Tax foreclosures	71,497.25	-	-	-	-	-	71,497.25
Motor vehicle excise	120,009.55	-	-	-	-	-	120,009.55
User fees	-	-	-	57,767.77	-	-	57,767.77
Utility liens added to taxes	-	-	-	4,289.60	-	-	4,289.60
Departmental	-	351,473.78	-	-	-	-	351,473.78
Due from other governments	-	-	-	75,826.04	-	-	75,826.04
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	-	12,436,945.00	12,436,945.00
Notes payable	-	-	475,000.00	-	-	-	475,000.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary	Fiduciary	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Types Enterprise	Fund Types Trust and Agency	Groups Long-term Debt	
Total Liabilities	2,101,826.20	606,125.66	573,567.24	258,379.82	19,185.97	12,436,945.00	15,996,029.89
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for encumbrances	696,046.08	-	-	35,156.13	-	-	731,202.21
Reserved for expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for continuing appropriations	79,511.95	-	-	94,774.17	-	-	174,286.12
Reserved for petty cash	220.00	-	-	-	-	-	220.00
Undesignated fund balance	1,590,707.23	2,091,263.26	65,317.30	-	806,254.56	-	4,553,542.35
Unreserved retained earnings	-	-	-	408,909.50	-	-	408,909.50
Total Fund Equity	2,366,485.26	2,091,263.26	65,317.30	538,839.80	806,254.56	-	5,868,160.18
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	4,468,311.46	2,697,388.92	638,884.54	797,219.62	825,440.53	12,436,945.00	21,864,190.07

<b>PROOF THAT BALANCE SHEET IS IN BALANCE</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>PROOF THAT FUND DETAIL OF FUND BALANCE AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET</b>	-	-	-
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<b>AGENCY FUND BALANCE PROOF</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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<b>TRUST FUND BALANCE PROOF</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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**Board of Assessors  
Annual Report for FY2020**

The tax rate for fiscal year 2020 was approved by the Department of Revenue with a residential rate of \$17.41 and the commercial/industrial/personal property rate of \$28.13

Hopedale’s Fiscal Year 2025 re-certification program is in progress. The State has changed the triennial recertification program to a 5-year program. To meet the requirements for recertification the Assessor’s Office will continue property inspections throughout town. The inspection verifies that 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 seven to ten years. The Department of Revenue suggests all properties be inspected at least once in a 10-year period, this is a change from the previous 9-year period. The Assessor’s Office and The Board of Assessors would like to thank the property owners for their co-operation when inspections are requested.

To help with the continued success of property inspections the office sends a post card or letter indicating that the inspection will be in the next few weeks. The postcard asks that you call to schedule an appointment for an interior and exterior inspection. If an appointment is not scheduled, the Assessor visits the property and if no one is available an exterior inspection is completed, and a notice is left asking the property owner to call for an interior inspection.

Town Maps and property record cards are available on the Town website at [www.hopedale-ma.gov](http://www.hopedale-ma.gov) . Property record cards may also be found at [www.patriotproperties.com](http://www.patriotproperties.com)

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 website at [www.hopedale-ma.gov](http://www.hopedale-ma.gov).

**Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Classification**

<b>Tax Classification</b>	<b>Assessed Values</b>	<b>Tax Levy</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>
Residential	\$715,186,746	\$12,451,401	\$17.41
Open Space	0	0	0
Commercial	\$44,902,662	\$1,263,112	\$28.13
Industrial	\$32,060,500	\$901,862	\$28.13
Personal Property	\$25,453,320	\$716,002	\$28.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$817,603,228</b>	<b>\$15,332,377</b>	

**Fiscal Year 2020 Average Single-Family Tax Bill**

Number of Single-Family Parcels	1,476
Assessed Value of Single-Family Home	\$371,233
Average Single-Family Tax Bill	\$6,463

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Hopedale Board of Assessors  
Edward A. Holland, Jr., Chair  
Donald W. Howes  
Matthew M. Dailey**

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District  
Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report  
July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

**A Message from the Superintendent Director**

Thanks to you, our dedicated District School Committee, and our instructional team's consistent work, our students continue to receive an exceptional vocational-technical education. The COVID-19 global health pandemic was an unexpected situation during the fiscal year 2020 that allowed us to adapt and carry out our mission in new ways. To demonstrate our gratitude for your ongoing support, we utilize our Annual Report to go beyond the facts and figures to share vignettes that exemplify our mission. We're proud to be transforming education in exciting, innovative, and impressive ways.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent-Director

**FY20: Another Outstanding Year of Achievements**

Our students continue to display mastery of rigorous academic topics and industry-validated vocational-technical competencies, despite the pandemic, which presented unprecedented circumstances. Students did not take the usual spring AP course exams at school. Instead, they took a revised AP test at home. The short online exam, devised by the College Board in under a month, allowed students to earn college credit for an AP class. Spring of 2020, a total of 352 AP course exams were given to 233 students. The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams have played an important role in the achievement level of students in the Commonwealth. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) instituted the Next-Gen MCAS in 2019, an updated, more rigorous, computer-based test to determine a students' readiness for career and college. In March, the annual MCAS spring testing season was postponed for sophomores in ELA, Mathematics, and Science, and advanced freshmen in Science. Students are required by Federal and State statutes to achieve a level of Competency Determination on a state-mandated test to receive a high school diploma. Our students have a 21-year history of exemplary achievement on the MCAS tests, will have an opportunity to continue that trend during the 2020-21 school year as DESE works to reschedule.

**BVT Budget Leverages Federal and State Funding to Enhance a Positive Learning Environment**

Our School Committee developed the District's FY20 budget in a manner that adheres to strict state requirements while providing unique skill development opportunities to our students through relationships with local business and industry. This year our administration, instructional, and support staff had to find creative ways to deliver education through distance learning. With the help of gifts, grants, private funding, and a minor increase in state aid, the District held the operating budget to a 3.53% increase. To mitigate the state's continued increase of our member town's minimum contributions (4.82% for FY20), our School Committee authorized the use of \$225,000 in available reserve funds to help offset the impact. The FY20 operating budget of \$24,641,915 was funded primarily by \$9,255,717 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$14,962,198 in Member Assessments. We remain committed to further assisting our district towns, fiscal management, austerity, and planning by presenting a single,

consolidated annual request to operate within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

**Class of 2020: Hopedale Graduates**

**NHS: National Honor Society      NTHS: National Technical Honor Society**

Lily Kate Allen, Culinary Arts; Cassandra Lynn Alves (NHS/NTHS), Drafting & Design Technology; Thomas Albert Buckley (NHS), Electronics & Engineering Technology; Kyle Benjamin Day, Plumbing; Edwin Thomas Dykhoff, Information Technology; Camden William LeBlanc, Culinary Arts; Braden Jeffrey Levasseur, Automotive Technology; Eli Linder Moore, Culinary Arts; Norman Eduardo Moreira-Beaupre, Information Technology; Annabelle Louisa O'Reilly (NHS/NTHS), Construction Technology; Caitlyn Judith Paquette, Business & Entrepreneurship; Chloe Amelia Pigeon (NHS/NTHS), Dental Assisting; and Zachary Thomas Welch, Electronics & Engineering Technology.

**Our School Committee**

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

**Chairman:** Joseph M. Hall – Bellingham

**Vice Chairman:** Gerald M. Finn – Millville

**Assistant Treasurer:** Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. – Millbury

**Secretary:** Anthony M. Yitts – Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick – Blackstone

John C. Lavin, III – Douglas

Mitchell A. Intinarelli – Hopedale

Dennis P. Braun – Mendon

Paul J. Braza – Milford

Jeff T. Koopman – Northbridge

Julie H. Mitchell – Sutton

David R. Bartlett – Upton

James H. Ebbeling – 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](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us)] and/or by contacting the Office of the Superintendent-Director at (508) 529-7758 x3037.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020**

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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

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 Jeffrey Ross and Daniel Soares and Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector Joseph Zacchilli and Jeffrey Harris.

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 \$ 6,267,698

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

Building Inspections:	405	Building Permits:	254	Permit Fees:	\$63,977
Electrical Inspections:	338	Electrical Permits:	191	Permit Fees:	\$24,915
Plumbing Inspections	137	Plumbing Permits:	83	Permit Fees:	\$6,925
Gas Inspections:	101	Gas Permits:	64	Permit Fees:	\$3,843

Respectfully Submitted,

*Robert J. Speroni*, C.B.O.  
Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer

## **Conservation Commission Annual Report – FY2020**

The Hopedale Conservation Commission advises, enforces, and ensures local compliance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Our members are volunteers who work to preserve Hopedale's natural resources. As part of the work, our members review all applications for development within resource areas protected by the Wetlands Protection Act, most often in the form of a Notice of Intent (NOI) or a Determination of Applicability (RDA). In addition, the Conservation Commission issues Orders of Conditions (OOCs) and Certificate of Compliances (COCs) to ensure that resource areas have minimal impact from development.

In addition, the Hopedale Conservation Commission maintains and manages 90 acres of open space land throughout the Pinecrest area, and works closely with other departments to ensure the preservation of open space and recreation spaces for the town.

Recently, a few members left the commission, and we would like to extend our gratitude for the many years of service they provided. We wish them luck on their next endeavors. Currently the Conservation Commission has three members, with two open seats.

Respectfully submitted,

Becca Solomon Chair, Hopedale Conservation Commission

# HOPEDALE COUNCIL ON AGING

Annual Report

July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

The mission of the Hopedale Council on Aging (COA) is to identify the needs of Hopedale's older adults (age sixty (60) and over) 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 a wide variety of aging issues. The Council on Aging serves one thousand one hundred and twenty (1,120) Hopedale seniors and their families. Additionally, we are the town's resource for all residents seeking information and assistance with applications for federal programs pertaining to food, health insurance and heating assistance.

FY'20 was defined by the last four (4) months in the year. The impact of COVID-19 on elderly residents presented challenges and opportunities for the Council on Aging. While COVID-19 reduced our program and transportation activity, there was a notable increase in our Outreach services. During the period of March 2020 through June 2020 the COA had four hundred and fifty-three (453) interactions, with two hundred and six (206) individuals. These numbers are two and a half (2.5) times greater than the same period in the prior fiscal year. Throughout this unique year, with the assistance of the Hopedale Board of Health, the COA found solutions needed to carry-out our most critical mandates. Identified challenges with programs and services will continue to be topics for discussion.

The COA confronted the isolation that COVID-19 brought with a simple but intensive program of front lawn visits and regular well-check phone calls. The more difficult challenge was addressing the lack of access to information, classes, and opportunities for socialization many of the oldest population experience because they lack technological skills. Many of Hopedale's oldest seniors may have felt ambivalent about not having a technological skill set prior to COVID-19. However, the advent of Zoom changed perspectives and the disparities were evident. While the COA conducted phone-assisted support for Zoom, clearly it was a stop-gap approach until more structured classes could be conducted. The COA Board has initiated a larger discussion about communication and technology among seniors. These topics will be primary issues in the coming years.

One thousand thirty (1,030) Outreach contacts were made during this past fiscal year. One hundred and seventy-two (172) of those contacts were home visits. Hopedale's seniors are fortunate to be able to receive this level of service. 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 COA has 1.9 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff delivering services to the community. Increasing town-budgeted staff and outreach hours would enable us to provide greater assistance to Hopedale's residents.

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, wellness, podiatry and flu clinics and crisis assistance for elders and their caregivers. Two (2) outstanding assistance programs offered through the Sr. Center are the Veterans’ Services Program and the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) Medicare and Health Insurance Counseling Program. These are highly specialized programs which are invaluable to Hopedale seniors. The success of these programs is due to the efforts of Bob Casali (SHINE) Counselor and Pat Morris our Veterans’ Agent.

The Hopedale Council on Aging and Tri-Valley Inc. (Area Aging Agency) provide monthly congregate meals at the Hopedale Sr. Center and home-deliver meals through the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program. One hundred and seventy (170) communal meals were served at the Hopedale Senior Center during the fiscal year. Six thousand three hundred and sixty-five (6,365) meals were delivered to home-bound elders participating in the MOW program. The COA thanks our dedicated MOW drivers. A hot home-delivered meal may be the determining factor that enables a frail senior to remain in his or her home.

The Council on Aging collaborates with the Hopedale School Department, the Milford Council on Aging, Travelers’ Transit and the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) to provide errand and limited medical transportation services. In FY’2020 we provided a total of three hundred and ninety-seven (397) (medical/local/out-of-town and errand) rides for seniors with no means of transportation. FY’2020 was our twentieth (20) year of medical transportation services collaboration with the Milford COA. Additionally, our partnership with the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority is now two (2) years old. We provided one hundred and seventy-four (174) rides with our van. The challenges remain; building consistent ridership and finding van drivers to work for nominal pay.

Monthly activities at the Hopedale Sr. Center range from programs and services that provide medical, legal, and financial information to those that are culturally or socially enriching. Some of our most anticipated annual events are, the Veterans’ Day Celebration Breakfast, COA Volunteer Appreciation and New Years’ Breakfasts (all sponsored by Atria Draper Place, one of our most valued community partners), the Sr. Citizens’ Barbecue and the Ninety (90) and Older Birthday Party. Through our “Hugs from Hopedale” knitting club, we provide opportunities for senior volunteers to create knitted items for disadvantaged children and adults in long-term care facilities. High School students assist seniors who are facing challenges with their mobile phones and other electronic devices on “Tech Assistance Days”. Community members seeking volunteer opportunities assist us with our monthly newsletter mailing and as activity volunteers at other regularly scheduled weekly and monthly programs. Volunteers gave one thousand one hundred and eighteen (1,118) hours of service to our department, saving the town over \$14,261. We continue our long-standing relationships and joint annual programming with Hopedale High School, Fire, Police, Board of Health,

Emergency Management and the Girl Scouts. The COA keeps connected with our peers by meeting quarterly with area aging agency professionals as 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 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) reduction of their real estate taxes. FY'2020 was the twenty-fifth (25) year of this highly successful program with twenty-four (24) participants holding jobs throughout the town, at a total cost of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000). Hopedale greatly benefits from the work performed by our senior employees. Unfortunately, the FY'20 program was halted due to COVID-19. Nonetheless, the town received five hundred and seventy (570) hours of service hours for a cost of six thousand seven hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$6,783).

Lastly, we want to remind Hopedale residents that our Sr. Center space is made possible through the philanthropy of the private Hopedale Community House foundation. The town pays no rent, no utilities and no fees for staff assistance or janitorial services. We are beyond grateful for their support. Thank-you Bernie Stock, Tara Taglianetti-Chamber, Dru Bivins, Ernie Volpe and Dylan Orchard. Lastly, the Hopedale Council on Aging receives approximately one-hundred and thirty-five thousand (\$135,000) of in-kind services from multiple sources. This amount must be added to our town-funded budget of one hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$115,983) to accurately reflect the cost of programs and services provided by the Council on Aging.

I want to thank Outreach Worker Nancy Mosher, Staff Assistant Jennifer Bethel, The Council on Aging Board, The Hopedale Friends of Elders, President Sally Decelles and Treasurer, Tara Taglianetti-Chambers and all our volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

The Council on Aging Board Members are:

Chair	Cheryl Moreci
Vice-Chair	Bob Casali
Secretary	Dan Malloy

Members	Rebecca Wild-Wesley		
	Nancilee Fuller	Diane Frazier	Eileen Milaszewski

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Mullen  
Director

## **Hopedale Cultural Council July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020**

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated \$5130 for local aid to the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. The Hopedale Cultural Council received 23 applications and awarded grants to the following 14 applicants.

Our own worst enemy: Three Generations Fight for Women's rights.

Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra

BVCC Fall and Spring Concerts

Greater Milford Community Chorus

Hopedale Council on Aging: A St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Bancroft Memorial Library: Family Cabaret

Bancroft Memorial Library: Hampstead Stage Company Hansel & Gretel

Bright Beginnings Center Performance by Scott Jameson

Audio Journal, Radio-Active Theatre

Friends of the Hopedale Library: A Pleasant Pairing-tea and fine chocolate

Friends of the Hopedale Library: 13 things about Ed Carpolotti

We did it for you, Women's Journey through History

Following the Threads: Hopedale and the Fight for Women's Rights

Birch Alley Brass Christmas Concert

The annual Hopedale Day in the Park was held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the town park. Live music and entertainment, a juried art show, craft booths and food concessions provided fun for all ages.

The Town of Hopedale allocated funds to organize a series of 5 summer band concerts at the town park.

A \$300 scholarship was awarded to a graduating Hopedale High School senior.

Theater trips to Boston and Providence were coordinated by the council and funded by those purchasing tickets.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Manning, LCC Chairperson

## Disability Commission

During FY 2020, the Commission submitted a Municipal Improvement Grant in the sum of \$22,000.00 with the Massachusetts Office on Disability. The intention was to bring our Town Hall entrances, exits and interior doors into compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act. Unfortunately, the Improvement Grant was not approved. We have all the intentions of reapplying for FY21 once the Mass. Office on Disability opens up the time frame for the Improvement Grant application process. The Commission is also working towards constructing a public restroom in the Town Hall, which will bring us in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act criteria.

With the Covid-19 virus restraints in place for 2020, the Commission has not had any public meetings and the intent to reduce the risk associated with the virus was taken with full precaution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerard M. Small



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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### **Finance Committee**

Elizabeth Callahan  
Don Comastra  
Christopher Hodgens, Jr., Chair  
Dennis Madigan  
Patrick Maloney  
Derek Piatt  
Colleen Strapponi

To the Residents of Hopedale:

The approved budget for Fiscal 2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) as outlined on the following pages, indicates a spending increase of approximately 3.1% over the prior year. On the revenue side, local receipts along with state funded receipts remained stable. New growth in real estate continued to be minimal. To meet budget demands, voters approved a proposition 2 ½ override. Budget changes over the prior fiscal year varied by departments and expenditure categories as indicated by the following examples:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
BVT County Assessment	17.80%	\$97,890
Medicare	15.20%	\$29,363
Fire <sup>1</sup>	5.88%	\$70,562
Highway	4.00%	\$22,205
Police <sup>2</sup>	3.88%	\$60,657
Hopedale Public Schools	3.00%	\$368,124
General Government <sup>3</sup>	(0.94%)	(\$9,531)
Debt Service	(4.37%)	(\$49,077)

The Town continues to maintain a stable fiscal position. We are continually challenged with modestly increasing revenue -- which forces the Town to consider pausing discretionary spending increases. In order to sustain the town's financial well-being, it is necessary for all expenditure areas to be carefully considered. We continue to pursue areas of potential savings,

<sup>1</sup> Fire Department is inclusive of "Fire" and "Ambulance"

<sup>2</sup> Police Department is inclusive of "Police" and "Dispatch"

<sup>3</sup> General Government is mainly Town Administration, Town Counsel, and Finance/Accounting.

such as collaborative purchasing and consolidating positions/departments. Grant opportunities are another area that we are encouraging town departments to investigate. The Town exercises less control over other expenditures that present significant challenges. For instance, Medicare, county assessments (Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School), health insurance premiums, and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities contribute to a degree of estimation uncertainty in the budgeting process. The Finance Committee and Town Administration continue to investigate all potential savings/cost cutting options.

We have diligently sought additional sources of revenue. Specifically, we seek opportunities to further cultivate investments in the commercial/industrial tax base. To the extent that revenue provided by the State does not meet the needs of the Town, new local sources of revenue are required to maintain existing services. There are substantial investment needs that the Town will face in near- to mid-term, including infrastructure improvements. These needs (and opportunities for improvements) cannot be addressed without a revenue source.

The Finance Committee is working to maintain budget levels that include a minimal reduction (if any) in the services taxpayers rely on; however, as we rely so heavily on State funding, much of our future lies in the State legislators' hands. In the meantime, we will work to maintain stability in the budget and ensure continued investment in the services and resources that we all value.

In Fiscal Year 2020 the Hopedale Fire Department responded to 1,572 incidents. Of those responses, 963 were Emergency Medical Services (EMS) related incidents and 579 were Fire related incidents. The total property loss for the Fiscal Year was \$171,560.00.

The Fire Department staffing continues to consist of a full time Fire Chief, a full time Deputy Chief, eight full-time Firefighter/EMT's/Paramedics and sixteen Call Firefighters.

Staffing continues to be the biggest issue facing our department. There are still just two (2) Firefighter/EMTs (or Paramedics) on each shift. Our second occurring calls continue to climb, averaging an occurrence of once every 10 calls. We plan on applying for the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant through the Department of Homeland Security which would allow the town to hire additional full-time staff at zero cost for the first 3 years to the town.

The firefighters' personal protective equipment, is outdated and needs to be invested in. This equipment which includes the ensemble the firefighters wear for protection from fire and other toxins (coat, pants, boots, helmet, gloves) as well as the self-contained breathing apparatus (air tanks) are in dire need of replacement. The standards, set-forth by NFPA and OSHA, only allow us to use these items for 10 years before having to replace them. Both the gear and air tanks are currently set to expire at the end of 2021.

The Town needs to invest in its employees' well-being and health. Covid-19 has put an extra strain on the Fire Department as it has with all other departments within the town as well as everyone else in their personal lives. Having members respond to incident after incident and be exposed to this disease time after time is daunting to say the least. Many members have contracted the disease, a few even hospitalized with it. Covid is yet another dent in the armor of these men and women. The career members respond to calls (EMS and Fire) with just 2 members to do the job of 4 or 6 members. The mental and physical fatigue is taking its toll on these members. PTSD, Cancer and Covid to name a few big health factors need to be addressed, preventive measures put in place and long-term care assistance planned.

The Fire Department sole purpose has always been and to continues to be; to provide the best service possible to our residents and visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas M. Daige*

Thomas Daige  
Fire Chief

**Board of Health  
Annual Report  
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

The Board of Health is committed to protect the public health, safety, and quality of life of all residents in the community, especially during this challenging time.

In March 2020, the town and state declared a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). The health agent was responsible for reviewing all COVID-19 orders from the governor, and state and CDC guidelines and protocols. He then was responsible for making sure all restaurants and businesses in Hopedale were following the governor's order for mandatory safety standards for the workplace, posting an attestation poster, preparing a control plan, and restaurants were following best practices for food establishments. The office issued protocols, orders, and guidance, some of which included: *Standard Operating Protocols for the Workplace, Occupational Health Exposure Procedures, Town of Hopedale Protection Plan, Protocols for the Workplace, Mandatory Use of Face Coverings for Masks Order, Re-entry to Town Buildings and Departments Order, Summer and Fall Youth Programs Order, Guidance for Places of Workshop.*

During COVID-19, the health agent reviews all town departments reopening plans and approves the same based upon the protocols and guidelines being used and hours of operation. He also worked closely with the school department on its re-opening plan. The health agent continues to review and approve, when appropriate, all groups and youth sports programs that wish to hold events in the Town of Hopedale. The group must first submit a written plan to the Board of Health for approval and shall describe the event and location and must list the safety precautions that will be used for the event.

A COVID-19 information page was added to the town's website where residents could find the latest information and guidelines from the town, state, and CDC. The Board of Health also received \$14,000 in state grant funding used for pandemic supplies.

Some of the issues and activities the health agent and the Board continue to be responsible for include: asbestos issues; air quality issues; abandoned housing issues; housing issues related to minimum standards of the state sanitation code, hoarding, and condemnation orders; review of permit applications; tobacco, vaping and e-cigarette issues; review of public issues which include West Nile, EEE, bird flu, rabies, Lyme disease; emergency calls and wellness investigations and support in cooperation with the police and fire departments; monitoring the Hopedale landfill, testing and monitoring the water quality of the Hopedale Pond, coordinating with the Salmon VNA & Hospice for the annual free flu shot clinics in October; management of the recycle center, conducting an annual emergency preparedness drill with the state to assess the town's response to a public health threat; inspections of restaurants, caterers, churches, coffee shops, convenient stores, elderly housing, residential kitchens, schools, bodywork establishments; special housing, mobile food trucks, and one day/one event food vendor inspections.

Board of Health members are Chairperson Donald Howes, Jason MacDonald, and Walter Swift.

Respectfully submitted,  
William A. Fisher, Health Agent

**Historical Commission Annual Report**  
**Fiscal Year 2020**  
**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

**Historical Commission:** Jonathan Chase, Co-Chairman; Suzan Ciaramicoli, Co-Chairman, and Recording Secretary; James O'Malley, Treasurer; Patrick Giles; Kelly Merchant; Frederick Oldfield, III; and Karen Pendleton. **Little Red Shop Museum Volunteer Curator:** Suzan Ciaramicoli

Since 2009, when our newly renovated and restored Little Red Shop Museum reopened to the public, both the Historical Commission and Little Red Shop Museum have continued to operate with level-funded budgets. For most of FY2020, these limited funds, and a small group of very dedicated volunteers, enabled the Museum to remain open and continue as a viable presence in the Town and as part of the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park. The Museum has remained closed since the COVID-19 Pandemic mandate in mid-March 2020 and remains so due to the need to keep volunteers safe. There is currently no staff, nor funds, available to maintain the required protocols.

**General Agreement between the Town of Hopedale and the National Park Service** – the Agreement was signed by Town Administrator, Steve Sette on August 7th. Jennifer Smith, Acting Superintendent of the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, countersigned it on August 8th. Named in the Park's legislation in December 2014, Hopedale has both an approved local historic district (the Little Red Shop) as well as a General Agreement in place. This completes the steps required to be included in the final proposed park boundary.

**Donation Account** - Hoping to provide an opportunity for the public to assist with the financial needs of the Museum, the Historical Commission obtained approval, from the Board of Selectmen at its September 23, 2019 meeting, to establish a dedicated donation ledger account for the Little Red Shop Museum.

**Facelift** – The Friends of Historic Hopedale funded a severely needed exterior painting of the Museum at the end of the fiscal year. This financial support is tremendously appreciated and so needed to help preserve this historic icon.

**Outreach** - With the onset of FY2020, a conscious effort was made to increase the number of days and hours that the Museum was open to the public. From July 2019, and through the mid-March COVID-19 Pandemic mandated closure of the Museum, volunteers staffed the Museum for more than a dozen Wednesday evenings, a dozen Sundays, and several special events, including Day In The Park, the Friends of Historic Hopedale 5K Spooktacular, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Stroll and Cocoa Crawl. As in years past, the Museum hosted a Ranger Walkabout during the summer of 2019.

Historical Commission members developed a volunteer recruitment form to more actively solicit new volunteers, visited the Needham History Center and Museum, and experienced some valuable networking through attendance at both a preservation conference in Plymouth, and a Digital Commonwealth Workshop in western Massachusetts. The Little Red Shop Museum joined Digital Commonwealth in February 2020.

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**Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program** – The Museum was privileged to have the services of four Senior Volunteers from the Town’s Tax Relief Program. This enabled the Museum to open more regularly, and to begin a project through our new membership in Digital Commonwealth. The goal is to prepare metadata forms to accompany hundreds of the historic Draper Cotton Chats not yet included in the Digital Commonwealth collection. The project should resume once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the Museum can safely reopen to volunteers.

**Samuel Slater Museum (SSM)** – Well on its way to completion in nearby Webster, our Museum worked with Chris Robert, President of this non-profit, to affect the transfer of six of Hopedale’s historic Draper looms from the Noble and Cooley Center for Historic Preservation in Granville, Massachusetts to the SSM in July 2019. It is an excellent alternative for the storage of the looms in an environmentally controlled location. The SSM plans to retain possession of one or two looms in exchange for storing the remaining looms. It plans many exciting and hi-tech exhibits.

**Membership** - The Commission accepted the resignation of Raymond Andreotti and successfully secured the appointment of Karen Pendleton by the Board of Selectmen in February 2020. This appointment maintained membership at a full complement of 7 members, as set forth when the Commission was established at the Annual Town Meeting on March 1, 1971.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan L. Ciaramicoli  
Co-Chairman and Recording Secretary

On behalf of:

Jonathan Chase, Co-Chairman  
James O’Malley, Treasurer  
Patrick Giles  
Kelly Merchant  
Frederick Oldfield, III  
Karen Pendleton

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Bancroft Memorial Library  
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

“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 134<sup>th</sup> year of library service to the residents of Hopedale, the library continues to be a busy community resource providing educational and recreational materials, programs for adults and children, free public Internet access and community meeting space. This year presented unique challenges as the library closed to the public temporarily on March 16, 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The library shifted services to curbside pickup only, which began on June 1, 2020. In order to receive curbside services, patrons call, email or go online to their library account to order materials for pickup. Story hours became virtual and were presented on Facebook Live and on the Bancroft Memorial Library You Tube Channel. The library increased its digital purchases and the size of the OverDrive audio collection and ebook substantially increased. Additional services were added as we entered Fiscal Year 21.

Library statistics for FY2020:

Bancroft Memorial Library physical holdings:

Books	27,194
Audio: Book on CD/cassettes/music CD's	1,973
Video: DVDs/VHS tapes	1,999
Print periodical subscriptions	64
Miscellaneous items	66
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Total items in collection:	31,296

Circulation figures of physical & digital materials for FY2019:

Books	15,058
E-books (OverDrive)	2,970
Audio: Book on CD/cassettes/music CD's	982
Downloadable Audio (OverDrive)	2,211
Video: DVDs/VHS tapes	3,115
Print periodical subscriptions	354
Miscellaneous items	424
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Total items circulated:	25,114

The downloadable audio and e-books collection, a shared resource through C/WMARS (Overdrive) provided free access to 106,034 e-books and 27,204 audio books as of June 30, 2020. In FY2020, Hopedale residents borrowed 2,970 e-books, a 32% increase over FY2019 and 2,211 e-audio books, a 38% increase in use over FY2019.

The e-books and e-audio were about 20% of total circulations for FY2020. Our membership in the C/WMARS consortium allowed Hopedale residents to receive 2,578 items loaned from other libraries in Massachusetts.

The Bancroft Memorial Library subscribes to 64 print magazines and 18 online reference resources, many of which are accessible from home. Our OverDrive collection available through C/WMARS includes 148 online magazines, which may be downloaded anytime and are always available. Other online resources provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) and the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) are accessed through the library website.

Prior to the closure from Covid-19 on March 16, 2020, the library was open 36 hours per week during the fiscal year, including Saturdays in the summer (2019), with an average of 169 patron visits per week. There are 3,153 registered library users in Hopedale. Our terrific volunteers donated in excess of 400 hours and Senior Tax Program workers put in many hours keeping the books shelved and assisting with an assortment of library jobs.

The Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room is always a busy area in the library. During the year, 928 children and adults attended 132 children's programs. Two preschool story times and an elementary age story times were held weekly during the school year with special season-themed programs for holidays. Mrs. Casey's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class won the "Check It Out Challenge" and celebrated with a pizza party and visit from Mad Science with a program called "Robotics." Two 6 week sessions of Robotics Club were held and students in grades 3-6 learned how to build and program VEX robots. Students in grades K-2 and grades 3-5 had fun with activities which encourage having fun with math concepts.

The Summer Reading theme for summer, 2019 was "Universe of Stories." Mrs. Kraimer arranged programs for all ages and interests. Some special programs this year were **Escape Room Challenge** presented by Kevin Tahmoush from Snapology; **Perfect Pancakes Please** presented by Children's Librarian Mrs. Kraimer to a crowded storytime audience complete with a pancake breakfast; **Let's Make Slime!** presented by Librarian Jean Hill was so popular she ran 2 packed sessions; and DJ Dan hosted **Harry Potter Trivia**. Crafts, story times, Reading Buddies and many other activities filled the summer. The annual one week theater camp group presented "Princess and the Pea." Our end of summer program was **Junglebook** presented by the Hampstead Players. This was followed by an ice cream social provided by the Friends of the Hopedale Library. During the 6 weeks of summer reading, 132 children, from preschool to grade 9, attended over 56 library activities.

Ongoing adult monthly programs were the Cookbook Club, and the Helen Symonds Book Discussion Group. The Knovel Knitters met weekly and we welcomed patrons from the Ledges weekly for stories or coloring. The Helen Symonds Book Discussion Group transitioned to a virtual format and has continued to meet by Zoom.

Many thanks go to the Friends of the Hopedale Library for providing more excellent programming this year. We were entertained by Ted Reinstein with "New England Notebook" in September and "Paranormal and Weird" with Sara Hodge Wetherbe in October. A November "Tea Tasting" program. In December, there was a "Holiday Harmony Tea and Concert" with All4One women's acapella quartet to welcome the holiday season. Awbree Caton discussed way to "Green Up Your Home" in January.

February saw a special Tea and Chocolate program held at the Community House. In March we had our last program before the Covid-19 shutdown, “Gardening is Murder” with Neal Sanders. A successful Book, Bake and Raffle Sales was held in November and the spring event was delayed to the pandemic. In June, the Friends held an outdoor book sale that attracted many residents. It was a huge success as all participants wore masks, social distanced and used hand sanitizer before handling items. Funds raised by the Friends were used to provide museum passes and adult and children’s programs.

Many hours of planning and work go into the book sales and other events. The Friends of the Hopedale Library are a special group and are greatly appreciated for the time they devote to the library.

We would also like to thank the Hopedale Foundation for providing museum passes to the New England Aquarium and Museum of Science in Boston – two very popular museums for Hopedale families to visit.

Challenges still remain for the library. Our limited on street parking is especially difficult for older patrons and for parents with young children. For the time being, the Town has leased seven additional spots in the rear of the building, next to our current handicapped spot, to improve the parking options for our patrons. We are grateful for the Town’s support of the roof repair project. We received a \$55,000 grant from the Massachusetts Project Preservation Fund Round 26 Grant, a program run by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and repairs on the roof are expected to commence in spring 2021.

The staff under the direction of Mrs. Robyn York deserves special thanks for the great service they provide to the community. 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

# HOPEDALE PARK COMMISSION

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

In the fiscal year of 2020 the Park Commission members included Don Howes (Chairman – re-elected), Jim Abbruzzese and David Sprowl was appointed in September when David Guglielmi resigned. Mary Arcudi continues to work as the clerk for 4 hours per week.

## **Town Park**

The Town Park enjoyed another successful summer season of kids' activities and tennis lessons for all ages. Proceeds from the summer programs contribute to the maintenance of the playground, bandstand, tennis courts, and basketball court and baseball field.

In March of 2019 we were faced with the impending COVID19 virus that closed the playground and basketball courts per state mandates. Bathrooms were made unavailable due to lack of funds to clean these facilities based on state regulations and the Hopedale Board of Health. Plans for the summer of 2020 tennis and crafts program were put on hold and the Park Commission is hopeful that a reduced summer program will move forward in July of 2020.

Upgrades were made to the playground swings and other apparatus were moved to be safer for the younger children. A portion of the stonewall was repaired in this area along with the concrete near the Bandstand.

Residents rallied to request adding a Bocce Court and to use the tennis courts for Pickleball but both projects are on hold due to COVID19.

The Park Commission was unable to remove or prune trees in the town park that have rotted or were determined to be dead trees due to constraints of the budget.

## **Hopedale Pond and Parklands**

Building from the previous year's significant investment in weed management, maintenance of harmful vegetation in the pond was reduced due to concerns of the budget. The water quality continues to be a focus of the Park Commission.

The pet waste station initiative continues with the installation of the additional stations around the pond, Parklands and Town Park donated by local residents and businesses. Concrete benches were added through donations as well along with upgrades and repairs to current benches.

Hopedale's youth enjoyed another summer of Fin and Feather's Adventure Camp, which is hosted at the Pond and in the Parklands. Fin and Feather also brings canoes and kayaks available for rent during the nights of the Band Concerts and at Day in The Park. The Park Commission would like to thank Jeff Leclaire of Fin and Feather Sports in Upton for the activities and programs made available to the residents of Hopedale.

The Park Commission saw goats in the Hopedale Parklands this spring. Goats from Go Go Goat Mowers were hired to clear the brush along the pond where it is steep and difficult to weed.

Residents were thrilled to see the goats work for two weeks and the improvement to this area was greatly appreciated

The Friends of Historic Hopedale, in collaboration with the Park Commission, held a mural contest and the winner was Carly Smith. She painted a beautiful pair of wings on the north wall of the Bathhouse.

### **Phillips Field**

The Hopedale Youth Softball Association replaced the shed, which was desperately needed. The Park Commission greatly appreciates the continued support of the HYSA. Guardrails were added to the parking area for added safety of residents using this facility.

### **Draper Field**

Earlier in FY 2018, it is important to continue to recognize that the Town of Hopedale accepted a land grant that includes the play and grass areas of Draper Field. The Board of Selectmen appointed administrative control to the Park Commission.

The Hopedale Youth Baseball added new dugouts and a new shed to the Draper Field. The Park Commission greatly appreciates the support of HYB.

### **Recreational Field ad hoc Committee**

This volunteer resident committee received a grant that needed to be used by the end of the FY20 and was determined that these funds were to be used to upgrade and improve the softball and baseball fields at Draper and Phillips Field. The Park Commission is grateful for their funding and time in enhancing these fields.

### **Community Events**

The Park Commission is proud to sponsor or otherwise facilitate various community events such as Band Concerts, Movie Nights, Girl Scout camp out, Spooktacular Run, Gobble Wobble, Hopedale Fairy Walk, fishing tournaments, a winter pond side bonfire, Winter Stroll and Day In The Park.

### **Youth Organizations**

The Parks Commission would thank all those who work closely with us at the Hopedale High School (Soccer, Baseball, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Tennis), Hopedale Youth Softball, Hopedale Youth Baseball and Milford/Hopedale Youth Soccer. Fall sports were successful in their season but COVID 19 prevented many spring athletic teams from practices and the start of their season including Tennis, Lacrosse, Softball and Baseball.

The Park Commission also extends our thanks and appreciation to the entire staff at the Town Hall, the Police and Fire Departments and special thanks to the Highway Department for all their help and support.



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE PLANNING BOARD

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This correspondence concerns the Town Report that is due annually from the Hopedale Planning Board pursuant to Town By-Law § 158-3. As of June 30, 2021, four (4) of five (5) Planning Board seats were occupied as follows: (a) Steven Gallagher (term expiring May 2022), (b) Michael J. Iacovelli, Jr. (term expiring May 2023), (c) Eli Leino (term expiring May 2024), and (d) the undersigned Stephen Chaplin (term expiring May 2025). The remaining vacant seat was filled by the appointment of Kaplan Hasanoglu (term expiring May 2021) at a joint meeting of the Select Board and Planning Board on January 25, 2021. The vote in favor of appointing Member Hasanoglu was by unanimous vote of all voting members in attendance.

During the 2019-2020 year, the Planning Board continued efforts to clarify the Town of Hopedale's Zoning By-Laws with the goal of encouraging future economic development. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the loss of Kathy Ledoux as Chairperson, the Planning Board was able to present a zoning revision for vote at Town Meeting.

Planning Board's expenses for the 2019-2020 year were consistent with prior years. Expenditures included publication of notices and the like. While there were certain items, such as a legal expenditure, that was not expected, these expenditures were de minimis in the context of the Town's annual budget.

Moving forward into 2021-2021, the Planning Board continues to work towards improving clarity and access to the Town's zoning regulations, which will be accomplished in part by taking advantage of grant funds that have been obtained. In addition, the Planning Board will seek to have the Town of Hopedale adopt Stormwater Management By-Laws and Rules & Regulation in compliance with state and national standards. The Board will also formally designate a Member to act as a liaison to the Town's Master Plan Steering Committee in an effort to coordinate with other municipal departments.

Very truly yours,

Stephen J. Chaplin, Chairperson  
Hopedale Planning Board



# *Hopedale Police Department*

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**Mark A. Giovannella**

*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 FY2020 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, the town as a whole has and still is working through a pandemic. As the coronavirus continued to spread across the United States, one thing that has remained the same throughout the uprising of this pandemic, is that the men and women of this department who stood steadfast during this difficult time, taking on active roles in their communities, while putting their own selves at risk. These essential workers, both officers and dispatchers are trying to create a balance between protecting citizens and protecting themselves.

We also had to deal with a financial crisis throughout the town. 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 were difficult this year due to the constraints of the pandemic. We were however able to provide some relief through other creative solutions such as the Birthday Parades, Santa Parade throughout town. We were able to secure free gun locks from the Federal Government to hand out to our citizens who need them. We also able to successfully obtain grant monies through the U.S. Department of Justice for the officer's bullet proof vests. As well as secure a COPS hiring grant that is available nationally and is very competitive. This allowed us to hire one additional officer with the assistance of the Federal Grant to offset monies for a three year period totaling \$125,000.00. With that we would like to welcome to the department and the community Officer Cameron Amaral.

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 FY2020, 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. Giovannella**  
*Chief of Police*

**HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Fiscal 2020 Monthly Stats**

	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	Total
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		For Year
<b>TRAFFIC ACTIVITY</b>														
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Accidents Responded Too	9	6	12	8	7	10	6	3	3	5	5	6		80
Total # Of Parking Tickets Issued	11	3	7	3	55	19	26	9	3	0	9	3		148
Total # Of Vehicles Towed	11	6	18	13	14	15	18	14	8	2	10	8		137
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Lockouts	3	2	4	2	4	3	4	3	0	1	0	2		28
Total # Of Disabled Auto/Public Assist	2	5	9	4	6	8	8	6	2	3	4	4		61
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Stops	217	231	212	210	167	148	264	315	84	7	127	114		2096
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	223	253	238	248	193	158	291	337	93	16	134	124		2308
Total # Of Written/Verbal Warnings Issued	191	218	183	197	166	132	238	287	58	4	109	85		1868
Total # Of Hours Spent On Selective Enforcement	18	39	50	18	27	22	54	45	18	0	23	18		332
Total # Of Hours Spent For School Resource Officer	1	8	25	26	28	11	2	26	11	1	1	0		140
Total # Of Hours Spent On Preventative Patrolling	1099	967	1003	1021	1081	1070	1057	1012	1178	1403	1276	996		13163
Total # Of Hours Spent At Court	2	3	6	19	7	7	5	23	2	1	1	1		77
Total # Of Hours Spent On Community Policing	7	1	4	9	4	7	3	1	3	3	2	8		52
Total # Of Hours Assisting Other Agencies	6	8	7	11	20	10	8	8	8	8	13	10		117
<b>CRIMINAL ACTIVITY</b>														
Total # Of Alarm Calls	18	12	8	12	12	10	12	12	10	15	9	34		164
Total # Of Harassing Phone Calls	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		2
Total # Of Breaking & Entering	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1		9
Total # Of Summons Served / Delivered	4	18	7	9	8	7	11	9	10	1	1	0		85
Total # Of Criminal Damage	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		7
Total # Of Missing Persons / Runaway / Juvenile	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4
Total # Of Property Checks Made	852	432	323	360	337	322	394	359	386	314	264	247		4590
Total # Of 911 Calls	25	19	28	32	28	27	24	17	23	17	29	22		291
Total # Of Disturbance / Fight Calls	9	3	11	13	10	13	10	7	7	10	13	10		116
Total # Of Animal Complaint Calls	9	16	11	11	9	7	13	10	9	11	11	16		133
Total # Of Arrests	11	11	23	25	13	18	22	22	18	6	8	16		193
Total # Of Officer Investigative Cases	280	268	269	291	269	224	333	369	155	39	166	152		2815
Total # Of Field Interviews	15	5	7	7	20	6	7	7	5	6	5	5		95
Total # Of Calls For Service	1331	1473	1357	1444	1352	1213	1464	1390	1178	892	1073	1033		15200

## **Board of Road Commissioners**

7 Depot Street  
Hopedale, MA 01747

### **Annual Report FY2020**

We'd like to take moment to honor the life of Jack Farrar. He was a dedicated member of our community and a staple to the town of Hopedale for many years. He sadly passed away this past April. Just prior, he was an active Road Commissioner for 35 years. The Hopedale Highway Department meant the world to Jack, and he meant the world to them. He is greatly missed, and the Highway Department will never be the same without him.

The Board of Road Commissioners meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Highway Department Office located at 7 Depot Street, and lately via Zoom. The officers for the year were: George Lovewell, Chairman, Larry Embree, Clerk, and John Farrar, Inspector. After Jack passed away, Eli Potty was elected as the Inspector.

Our Department paved 5 roadways this year. Catherine Street, Jones Road, Gayle Road, Tammie Road, and Anthony Road.

Our Department did not purchase any equipment this year.

Our 2020 Leaf Pick up Program was another success for the town. We were able to cover the town three times over the course of the season. Winter for the year was below average. All catch basins were maintained and cleaned for the year. We were able to complete street sweeping throughout the town three times. Roadway lines and crosswalks were repainted throughout the town. We maintained the towns sidewalks, grass cuttings, and trim work in the town parks, town hall, police and library. We replaced street signs around town that were faded or damaged from exposure to the elements. We were also able to do roadside cutting.

Our Engineers, Weston and Sampson were able to complete all permits for Year 1 of MS4 Stormwater.

Respectively Submitted,  
Larry Embree, Chairman  
George Lovewell  
Eli Potty

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Lisa Alberto – Chairperson  
Lori Hampsch – Vice Chairperson  
Craig Adams  
Alysia Butler  
Jennifer McKeon

*One Hundred Thirty Third  
Hopedale Junior-Senior High School  
Graduation Ceremony*

**ADMINISTRATION**

Karen Crebase, Superintendent  
Derek Atherton, Principal  
Timothy Johnson, Assistant Principal  
Megan Ashton, Pupil Personnel Director

*Class of 2019*

*Hopedale Community House  
South Portico*

**CLASS ADVISORS**

Katherine Connors  
Heather Griffin

*Saturday Afternoon  
The First of June*

**HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC**

Anthony Beaudry, Band Director  
Christopher Chatham, Choral Director

*Two Thousand and Nineteen  
Two O'Clock*

**JUNIOR CLASS MARSHALS**

Piper Hampsch  
Daniel Libertore

**CLASS OFFICERS**

President.....Olivia Romano  
Vice President.....Julia Hall  
Secretary.....Matthew Costanza  
Treasurer.....Matthew Crepeau

**Class Flower:** Daisy  
**Class Song:** “My Wish”...by Rascal Flatts  
**Class Quote:** “Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.” - Thoreau



*Program*

*Class of 2019*

Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	Caroline Allain Christopher Ashby Nathanael Ayers-Moores Lucas Bache* Isabella Baci Antonio Bayley Jack Bisceglia Colin Black Dylan Borelli Sarah Boucher Alexa Briggs* Christopher Brunt McKay Calabrese James Casey IV Christephania Charles Matthew Costanza Matthew Crepeau* Anthony DeBoer Brandon Demoura Hannah DiVittorio Isabelle Doran* Mikayla Evans Ashley Fafard Melanie Farina Aimee Figgins Carly Gatewood Kaitlynn Giombetti Taylor Goldstein Luke Gould Julia Hall* Tyler Hammes Elizabeth Hanagan John Hevey Cameron Hodges Madyson Hodges Meghan Holt*	Amy James-Quintana Lauren Keenan Krista Keene Matthew King Julia Lelio* Kayleigh Leroux Matthew Lombardi Hallie Malia Kathleen Maloney* Benjamin Manoli* Alec Martins Anthony Mayo Caleb Merchant Caroline Merten Griffin Nosek Jenna-Rose Oosterman Gianna Pedroli Salvatore Pino Alex Pittsley Jackson Powell Alex Reed* Jenna Riley Rachel Rizzo Wes Rodrigues Lucia Rolo* Olivia Romano* Robert Siefring* Joseph Soares* Hanah Speroni Ty St.Germain Devlin Summers Rachel Swanson Thomas Swanson Jackson Tahmoush* Benjamin Tammara Valerie Tapanainen Gabriel Terando* Zachary Tower* Mikayla Wooding
Pledge of Allegiance	Julia Hall		
National Anthem	A Cappella Group		
Welcome President's Address	Olivia Romano		
Salutatorian	Zachary Tower		
Class Song	<i>My Wish</i>		
Valedictorian	Julia Hall		
Superintendent's Address	Karen Crebase		
Presentation of Awards	Derek Atherton		
Presentation of Diplomas	Derek Atherton Karen Crebase Timothy Johnson		
Presentation of Graduates	Matthew Costanza Matthew Crepeau		
Recessional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>		

\* National Honor Society

Hopedale Public Schools  
Office of the Superintendent

Highlights from 2019-2020 include:

**Fiscal Responsibility**

- The District Budget Book for FY 20 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
- Grant funding provided students with new and innovative opportunities

**Initiatives and Achievements:**

Bright Beginnings Center: Enrollment-104

- Offered a combination of full and partial day programming across six classrooms to meet the needs of the community.
- Continued the offering of extended day programming for families.
- Awarded a grant from the Greater Milford Community Health Network for expansion and enhancement of social emotional programming.
- Continued work and implementation of the Pyramid Model through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Memorial Elementary School: Enrollment-523

- Implemented Social Emotional Learning themed RRICK time, school-wide monthly SEL practice for all students and faculty.
- Continued after school enrichment program (note: discontinued due to Pandemic closure of school in March).
- Flex Center classroom to support students with SEL needs.
- Rising STARS classroom to support students with developmental learning needs.
- Held third annual ESL Family Night--a "Back to School Night" for families whose children do not speak English as a primary language-intimate opportunity for families to meet administration, faculty members, ESL staff and to learn about Memorial School.
- Provided a Computer Science course for all MES students, K-6th grade.
- Instituted online Kindergarten Registration process for families of incoming kindergarten students.
- Memorial Elementary School's Food Pantry provided food to families across the District during holidays and school vacation weeks.
- Instituted virtual, synchronous teaching to all students, starting in March of 2020, immediately at the time of the school closure due to the Pandemic

- Provided personal technology devices (chromebooks, laptops, hotspots, etc..) to students and faculty members in need to sustain virtual learning.
- Organized District and Community Wide Virtual Memorial Day Program in May of 2020.

#### Junior/Senior High School: Enrollment - 450

- Hopedale Jr Sr High School named one of the top 5000 STEM schools in the United States for the second year in a row.
- Members of the class of 2021 and 2022 participated in the annual FinFit Fair. This is the sixth year Mrs. Oliveri and members of DECA organized this authentic learning opportunity for Hopedale students.
- The 2019 - 2020 Hopedale Boys Varsity Basketball Team were the Division 4 Co-State Champions.
- In the month of February 2020 ten Hopedale High School students participated in the Italian Exchange program and seven students participated in the Spanish Exchange program. Students from both Italy and Spain visited Hopedale in the September of 2019.
- In the Spring of 2020, 76 Hopedale students took 123 AP exams. Hopedale High School currently offers eleven different AP courses to students in grades 10-12.

#### District

- Recognized by Newsweek Magazine as a top 5000 STEM High School in the country
- Held a safe, successful, in-person graduation ceremony to celebrate our Senior Class in the midst of the pandemic.
- Food Service Department provided meals for community members during a time of significant food insecurity.
- Implemented a 1:1 technology program so that every student has access
- The district continued to focus on grant submissions in order to positively impact students without impacting the town budget and have been awarded over \$500,000.00 in grant funding throughout the past three years
- Administration, in conjunction with the Curriculum Council, developed and implemented a professional development plan. The plan included thoughtful, relevant professional learning opportunities
- Received a \$50,000.00 Safer Schools and Communities Grant and made facility and security upgrades to each of our buildings
- Upgraded and improved our emergency preparedness systems

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Karen M. Crebase  
 Superintendent

Town of Hopedale - Board of Selectmen  
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

As our new Fiscal Year began in our incredible Community of Hopedale, I don't think anyone could predict what we would be in store for as we made our way through 2019 and the front end of 2020. We would accomplish a great deal once again, but we would also face so many challenges including an unprecedented pandemic hitting our nation and our Town.

As the year began, we would see many things over the first few months. We recently saw the closure of one of our community gathering spots, the Town Common restaurant where many would gather for a great breakfast/lunch, but also to get together and talk about all things Hopedale and beyond. Which brought us to the introduction of a new era, under a new owner Mr. Yancey and the concept of "Beyond Full". We also witnessed several new appointments including the addition of Stephen Chaplin to the Planning Board, where he has inevitably become Chair of that Board. We looked to expand the footprint of commercial business with select folks in the cannabis industry with Lifted Genetics on the cultivation side and Caroline's Cannabis who was looking to expand and already successful organization in our Town. We also opened the door via a public hearing to the petition by the GURR to the DPU to exercise an eminent domain proceeding in regards to West Street property in Town.

As time went on through end of summer and into the Fall season, we learned of an exciting grant awarded to the Hopedale Fire Department, an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), for \$166,667.00 with the help of many folks in the department, especially firefighter Matt Berger. We signed a National Park Agreement in August. On October 25th, it was a sad day as we had to accept the resignation of our Town Administrator, Steve Sette, after over 7 years of great service to this Community. In the coming months, we had our final court date regarding the litigation with Mr. Phillip Shwachman which resulted in a very favorable settlement for the Town and inevitably prompted Mr. Shwachman to proceed his involvement and commitment with a very talented Worcester Business Development Corp. and we forge ahead today to make a difference and work as partners to reshape all of the tremendous Draper nostalgia and plan to better the downtown. In November, we had our Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast and it was followed by a touching Medal of Liberty Ceremony. The families of the following Hopedale service men will receive medals: Francis Gaffney, Henry Rumse, Donald Migley, Francis DeRoche, Thomas Wilson, Lowell Hammond and Fernando Spadoni. Thanks to so many that help put this event on from Carole Mullen, Bernie Stock, Patrick Morris and all of our wonderful honored veterans in the Town of Hopedale.

We had a Special Town Meeting where the sought the approval of an (MOU), Memorandum of Understanding, for Every Student Succeeds Act Transportation, we appointed and introduced a Town Administrator Search Committee and officially engaged Robert Reed as interim Town Administrator and enlisted the partnership with Community Paradigm to search for our next permanent individual to take on the challenge of this very important role. We hired Ann Williams as Principal Assessor, we had our annual Winter Stroll and opened discussion with

CMRPC on three very important initiatives which are the scope of our New Master Plan, the Community Preservation Act and Green Communities.

**On March 18th, in an unprecedented move, we declared a local State of Emergency for the Town of Hopedale in conjunction with that declared by our Governor at the State level in response to a pandemic raging across our nation, Covid-19.**

As we moved into Spring and into early Summer, We signed an MOU for Technical Assistance for Green Communities, we signed host agreements with additional businesses in the cannabis industry with High Hopes and Green River. We hired our new Town Administrator, Diana Schindler, and a new Executive Assistant, Lindsay Mercier as well as hiring new Town Accountant Eric Kinsherf. We engaged in long hours, emotional conversation and debate with the residents and Finance Committee regarding the upcoming budget. There was a huge question on the commitment of State Aid, and how that would impact the prospect of a very large Override. We delayed Town Meeting, we entertained a 1/12th budget and we signed a design contract to fix the Library roof through Spencer Sullivan. We also accepted the resignation of our long time Building Inspector, Robert Speroni after many years of service.

We have had no choice but to take this pandemic straight on, one that we are still in the midst of today. We are all trying to stay employed, keep our kids educated and help our friends and families around us stay safe and healthy. We have tragically had our share of lives lost in town and I offer my sincere and personal condolences to all of you. I want to commend the efforts of our First Responders in Police and Fire, ALL of our Town Employees for the continued work and effort, our many Boards and Commissions who have tried to push through and keep things running, our School Superintendent, Karen Crebase, the School Committee, all of the teachers and faculty, and all the parents and grandparents and aunts and uncles who make educating our kids in very trying times productive and a reality.

My Sincere Best,  
Brian R. Keyes  
Board of Selectmen, Chairman

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF TOWN COUNSEL  
Fiscal Year 2020**

During Fiscal Year 2020, KP Law, P.C. was privileged to serve as Town Counsel to the Town of Hopedale, and we are pleased to present our annual report as follows.

Throughout the year, Town Counsel advised the Town on a number of matters, attended Town Meetings, met with the Board of Selectmen and various other boards and Town officials, and worked closely with the Town to proactively resolve a number of legal matters. Town Counsel also continued to represent the Town in ongoing litigation in various state courts and administrative boards.

During the past year, we advised the Town on a number of labor and employment issues. 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, land use issues, host community agreements, wastewater treatment and facility improvements, procurement, personnel administration, Town Meetings, the Public Records and Open Meeting Laws, and 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 numerous opinion letters to the Town on a wide variety of topics, some of which included legal opinions on bylaw amendments, land use and zoning matters, disciplinary issues, and employment contracts. In addition, throughout the year, Town Counsel assisted in the review of articles for warrants for Town Meetings, and attended Town Meetings and various board meetings to provide legal counsel as needed.

The office of Town Counsel also has continued to work with the Town to reduce municipal legal costs by researching and analyzing various issues of municipal law, and providing client memoranda and email updates to address a variety of subjects at no charge. Through the provision of such memoranda and email updates, we advised the Town on developments in case law, legislative changes and policy updates on evolving issues and areas of law, the majority of which in 2020 involved the wide-ranging and critical developments related to the Covid-19 crisis. These topics included land use permitting extensions, changes to the Open Meeting Law for remote meetings, conducting Town Meetings, postponement of elections, emergency powers of municipalities, Board of Health issues, school operations and closures, limitations on public gatherings and business occupancy, license renewals, labor and employment issues, and many other emergency acts of the General Court and orders from the Governor. Additionally, Town Counsel offers trainings each year, at no charge, to Town officials and employees on various legal issues and topics of concern through our provision of live seminars and electronic webinars.

We would like to 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 that 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, we could not reach our shared objectives on the Town's behalf. Town Counsel looks forward to our continued work with members of the Hopedale town government in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

KP Law, P.C.



## **TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

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### **Town Clerk**

**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:

This has been a CRAZY year, Covid-19 hit and the world we knew had changed making life extremely challenging for everyone. Elections and Town Meetings were changed in many ways including mail in ballots, limited capacity at the polls and outdoor meetings. We were fortunate to have help from the Community House in planning and utilizing the lawn for the first outside Town Meeting Hopedale has ever had. Three Poll Pads were purchased and used for checking in at the meetings and elections which made the process a little quicker, easier and safer for residents and poll workers.

Our office was sad to see the Assistant Town Clerk Beverly Knapik retire. We have since welcomed our new part time Assistant Town Clerk, Ellen Murphy, who will be supporting the office with the daily duties and covering when needed. Ellen worked at the polls for over 20 years and is now serving as the Warden, she is a wonderful addition to the office.

The Town Clerks office was extremely busy this year with Elections and Town Meetings. There were three elections: Special Town Election August 28, 2019, Presidential Primary March 3, 2020 and the Annual Town Election June 16, 2020 which was postponed due to Covid restrictions. We held three Town Meetings: Special Town Meeting on November 12, 2019, on July 21, 2020 we held both our May Annual Town Meeting and June Special Town meeting which were postponed due to COVID.

I would like to once again thank all the election workers and Police Officers for the wonderful job they continue to do year after year. Thank you to the Hopedale Highway Department and Community House Staff for with their help setting up the polls. Minutes and election results are published elsewhere in this report.

During the 2020 calendar year the following events were registered locally and with the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics: 51 (fifty-one) births, 39 (thirty-nine) deaths and 23 (twenty-three) marriages and 500 (five hundred) dog licenses.

I was unable to attend any conferences this year with the restrictions put in place but hope to finish my classes with NEMCI in the upcoming year.

I am honored to serve you and I ask for your comments and suggestions in order to continue the operations of this department.

Lisa M. Pedroli

**STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS**

Fiscal Year 2020

Long Term Debt	Outstanding	+ New Debt	- Retirements	= Outstanding	Interest
Buildings-Fire station	\$375,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$15,125
School Buildings	\$904,211	\$0	\$784,211	\$120,000	\$14,829
Water	\$3,787,079	\$0	\$281,595	\$3,505,484	\$91,594
Sewer	\$910,789	\$675,000	\$910,790	\$674,999	\$18,295
Sewer CWP- 16-34	\$0	\$5,427,318	\$0	\$5,427,318	\$26,255
Sidewalk Construction	\$0	\$423,076	\$0	\$423,076	\$0
Public Way	\$0	\$975,924	\$0	\$975,924	\$0
Dept. Equipment- Fire	\$0	\$347,000	\$0	\$347,000	\$0
Dept. Equipment- Highway	\$0	\$445,000	\$0	\$445,000	\$0
Building Remodeling- Library	\$0	\$139,000	\$0	\$139,000	\$0
Other Inside-Storm Water	\$149,201	\$0	\$20,057	\$129,144	\$2,992
<b>Total Long Term Debt</b>	<b>\$6,126,280</b>	<b>\$8,432,318</b>	<b>\$2,121,653</b>	<b>\$12,436,945</b>	<b>\$169,090</b>

Short Term Debt	Outstanding	+ New Debt	- Retirements	= Outstanding	Interest
BANs Bond Anticipation Notes					
Waterwater Treatment Plant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Freedom Street Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library Building Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Bond	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Departmental Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Road Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Short Term Debt</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Authorized and Unissued Debt					
Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	Less New Issues, Retirements and/or Recissions	= Balance Unissued 06/30/20
Septic betterments	05/17/11	6	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Memorial School Roof	11/19/13	2	\$269,617	\$0	\$269,617
Wastewater Treatment Imprv	05/16/15	22	\$6,600,000	\$5,847,318	\$752,682
Freedom St. Bridge	03/09/16	2	\$500,000	\$423,076	\$76,924
Library Repairs	06/19/18	4	\$150,000	\$139,000	\$11,000
School Bond	06/19/18	4	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$0
Departmental Equipment	06/19/18	4	\$1,025,000	\$792,000	\$233,000
Road Construction	06/19/18	4	\$1,100,000	\$975,924	\$124,076
<b>TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt</b>					<b>\$1,667,299</b>

Stephanie A. L'Etalien  
Treasurer/Town Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR  
Fiscal Year 2020

**RECEIVABLES BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2020**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Fiscal 2017 & Prior	\$61,427.17	
Fiscal 2018	\$2,886.74	
Fiscal 2019	\$29,697.23	
Fiscal 2020	\$36,265.78	
		\$130,276.92

**REAL ESTATE TAXES**

Fiscal 2017 & Prior	\$8,901.84	
Fiscal 2018	\$943.65	
Fiscal 2019	\$7,629.68	
Fiscal 2020	\$242,587.15	
		\$260,062.32

**TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS**

\$731,914.15

**TAX DEFERRAL ACCOUNT**

\$0.00

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE**

Fiscal 2017 & Prior	\$18,729.20	
Fiscal 2018	\$5,836.05	
Fiscal 2019	\$16,280.60	
Fiscal 2020	\$78,993.59	
		\$119,839.44

**TOTAL OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES**

\$1,242,092.83

Stephanie A. L'Etalien  
Treasurer/Town Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

**Non-Interest Bearing Accounts**

Cash in Office	\$250.00	
		<u>\$250.00</u>

**Interest Bearing Checking Accounts**

Rockland - Vendor Account	\$15.93	
UniBank - Payroll	\$93,463.95	
UniBank - Elementary	\$22,350.98	
UniBank - High School	\$93,192.89	
		<u>\$209,023.75</u>

**Liquid Investments**

Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$679.81	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$2,035.96	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$4,131.64	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$12,456.80	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	\$6,134.73	
Bartholomew Operating	\$110,290.26	
Bristol County	\$911,025.28	
Centry Bank & Trust	\$57,514.93	
Dean Bank	\$7,819.51	
Eastern Bank	\$98,330.71	
Eastern Bank Water	\$206.43	
Fidelity Lockbox	\$219,499.91	
Fidelity Lockbox Water & Sewer	\$856,819.56	
MMDT	\$157,885.78	
Rockland Trust General	\$684,268.29	
Rockland Trust Water & Sewer	\$423,637.37	
UniBank Debit	\$1,597.63	
UniBank Depository	\$737,763.82	
UniBank Deputy	\$43,848.58	
UniBank FSA	\$1.41	
UniBank MM	\$1,242,784.45	
UniBank Online Collections	\$47,995.17	
UniBank Online Water/Sewer	\$436,488.81	
UniBank School Lunch	\$16,315.56	
		<u>\$6,079,532.40</u>

**Term Investments**

Bartholomew	\$570,915.18	
		<u>\$570,915.18</u>

**Stabilization**

Bartholomew	\$1,010,706.93	
Bartholomew - Town	\$8,619.28	
		<u>\$1,019,326.21</u>

**Trust Funds**

Bartholomew	\$78,882.72	
		<u>\$78,882.72</u>

**Total Cash and Investments**

\$7,957,930.26

Stephanie A. L'Etalien  
Treasurer/Town Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER  
Fiscal Year 2020

***TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST EARNED***

**INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS**

Century Bank - Water & Sewer	\$3,084.97	
Rockland - Vendor Account	\$487.88	
Unibank - Payroll	\$454.73	
		<u>\$4,027.58</u>

**LIQUID INVESTMENTS**

MMDT	\$2,610.23	
Unibank Student Activities	\$458.94	
Unibank Online Payments	\$512.58	
Unibank FSA	\$10.42	
Unibank Depository	\$1,607.76	
Bartholomew MM	\$3,063.77	
Fidelity	\$1,433.13	
Eastern Bank	\$447.84	
Middlesex MM	\$72.98	
Unibank MM	\$1,536.13	
Century Bank & Trust	\$782.85	
Rockland Trust	\$778.81	
Bristol County	\$7,892.82	
		<u>\$21,208.26</u>

**TERM INVESTMENTS**

Bartholomew	\$15,859.37	
Dean Bank	\$96.72	
		<u>\$15,956.09</u>

**STABILIZATION**

Bartholomew	\$28,076.27	
Bartholomew - Town	\$239.42	
		<u>\$28,315.69</u>

**TRUST FUNDS**

Bartholomew	\$2,897.98	
		<u>\$2,897.98</u>

**TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

**\$72,405.60**

Stephanie A. L'Etalien  
Treasurer/Town Collector

**Veterans' Department**  
**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

Hopedale maintains a Department of Veterans' Services through which the municipality makes available to its residents the services of a Veterans' Service Officer (VSO). Hopedale's VSO is here to assist all qualified veterans and their dependents to access Federal, State and local benefits and services to which they are entitled.

Hopedale supports its residents through a verity of programs. Whether seeking assistance with employment, housing, Massachusetts Chapter 115 benefits, education or numerous other referral programs.

Any veteran or veteran family members are encouraged to contact the Veterans' office in the Town Hall.

We are here to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. Morris

VSO



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**Board of Water & Sewer  
Commissioners**

Ed Burt, Chair  
James Morin

Town of Hopedale Water & Sewer Departments  
Annual Report  
Fiscal year 2020

Dear Residents,

In fiscal year 2020, the Water Department remained very busy with all of its focus being on overall operations of the three segments of the Department—raw water, treatment plant, and distribution system. As the main topic in most of our meetings, we are in dire need of additional water sources. We began the fiscal year exploring for sources behind the Sewer Plant Property. Numerous areas were drilled, but refusal was shallow and no viable source was found at that area. We then went on to explore an existing source location, and although a small quantity of water was found, it was not enough to spend any additional money on it. Then the Department went on a different route—we had an outside source do what is called a trace fracture study. This is a study to use fractures in bedrock, where they intersect, topography, and multiple other factors to identify and pinpoint where they recommend, down to a GPS location, to install new wells. The area that seems to have the best odds was located above the existing Hopedale Pond and parklands. Not only was the focus on potential sources, a lot of time was spent on existing sources as well. All wells were cleaned multiple times both in-house and professionally to ensure they were running at max efficiency throughout the very dry summer. At the plant, the normal day-to-day operations as well as all sampling and reporting were completed along with all of our storage tanks being professionally cleaned as well. The capital project chosen this year out of necessity, was rebuilding the chlorine gas scrubber, which is essentially a large vacuum filter system used to suck chlorine gas out of the airtight room where it is kept, remove the chlorine, thus creating a safe environment in case of a chlorine leak. A sanitary survey was completed by the DEP, which is an audit of the entire system that takes place every 5 years, and the Department did extremely well. The entire distribution system was flushed twice this year to ensure good water quality. Along with all of this, the Department also worked with the School Department to make an interdepartmental parking lot for the school busses and access road to the Recycle Center. The Department aided in the construction (prep, excavation, grading, electrical, light poles, cameras, etc.) and the School Department in turn paid for the paving of it.

As for the Sewer Department, on top of the normal time consuming daily operations, a lot happened thorough the past year. The 5.5-million-dollar plant upgrades were all wrapped up, and the project is officially completed. This consisted of 2 large secondary clarifiers and a new grit room and screener to be installed. Both primary clarifiers were rebuilt as well and the plant is running top notch. To improve the collection system, an Inflow and Infiltration Study (I&I) was conducted and the results were received. The worst section of town appears to be from Adin Street to Freedom Street and all of the downtown area. This area contributes approximately 160,000 gallons a day of infiltration and town wide roughly 649,899 gallons of infiltration during a rain event. Seeing the plant is designed for 588,000 gallons per day, this is very concerning. As a result, a large section of town, 20,000 linear feet, was cleaned and video inspected, and the project to reline the main was put through the bidding process. During the videoing a large section of sewer main was in very bad condition on Northrop Street, which repairs were quoted for over \$14,000. However, the project was handled in-house for under \$1,000. Extensive work was put into both pump stations, including but not limited to new check valves, new pumps, professional vacuuming/cleaning, new alarming system, etc.

We are happy to inform you all that both departments operated within their allotted budgets.

Respectfully Submitted  
For the Hopedale Board of Water and Sewer Commission

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

## Hopedale Zoning Board of Appeals

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

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. Current membership is as follows:

Steve Gallagher	Chairman
Nick Alexander	Member
Sandra Biagetti	Member
Lou Costanza	Member
Christopher Hodgins	Member
Mary Arcudi	Secretary and Alternate

The board is currently looking to fill one open seat as 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. For fiscal year 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals heard four cases, which included granting relief from sections 13 of the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws, along with special permit for an in-law apartment. In November, the ZBA met with the Planning Board to review planning board procedures with KP Law.

FY 2020

Senior Program

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>CURR GROSS</u>
BARTOLOMEO	ROBERT	1000.00
BIANCHI	NANCY	1000.00
BOUDREAU	MARY	1000.00
CURLEY	PATRICIA	1000.00
DOYLE	JANICE	1000.00
ELLENWOOD	SUSAN	1000.00
GEORGE	SYLVIA	1000.00
GILES	PATRICK	1000.00
HENLEY	SUSAN	1000.00
KILCOURSE	CAROL	1000.00
LAWRENCE	RICHARD	1000.00
MCDONALD	BRIAN	582.00
MCDONALD	LORRAINE	1000.00
OLIVERI	CARLA	1000.00
PENDLETON	KAREN	1000.00
ROTHWELL	MARGARET	1000.00
RUSCITTI	ANN	1155.25
SPIVACK	ROBERTA	1000.00
VALENTINE	CATHERINE	1000.00

Elected & Appointed

ALBERTO	LISA M	720.00
ARCUDI	LOUIS	2025.00
BIAGETTI	SANDRA	450.00
BURKE	CHRISTINE H	315.00
BURT	EDWARD	657.99
COMASTRA	DONALD	462.37
COSTANZA	LOUIS J	450.00
DAILEY	MATTHEW	270.00
EMBREE	LARRY	630.00
FARRAR JR	JOHN E	472.50
GIBLER	VERNON	146.64
HOCKENBURY	SAMUEL	811.62
HODGENS	CHRISTOPHER	450.00
HOLLAND JR.	EDWARD A.	585.00
HOPKINS	KARLA	372.61
HOWES	DONALD	1327.50
KEYES	BRIAN	2025.00
LEDOUX	KATHLEEN	405.00
LOVEWELL	GEORGE	720.00
LYONS	LEO	1800.00
MATTHEWS	MARCIA	293.36
MCKEON	JENNIFER	450.00
MORIN	JAMES	315.00
MURRAY	WILLIAM	420.00
NELSON	AMY	834.72
OLDFIELD III	FREDERICK	540.00
PHILLIPS	EUGENE	400.00
PIATT	DEREK	462.37
SPROWL	97 DAVID	347.50

	STRAPPONI	COLLEEN	462.37
	SWIFT	WALTER R	247.50
	WRIGHT	KATHERINE	450.00
<u>Management</u>	SCHINDLER	DIANA	18034.38
<u>Accounting</u>	CIARAMICOLI	SUZAN	35076.00
<u>Assessors</u>	POLECHRONIS	RENEE	41527.50
	WILLIAMS	ANN	24137.82
<u>Treasurer/Collector</u>	L'ETALIEN	STEPHANIE	71296.38
	LAMPHERE	DONNA	48327.64
	SAMPSON	PATRICIA	50612.02
<u>Town Clerk- Asst.</u>	MURPHY	ELLEN	2036.00
<u>Town Clerk</u>	PEDROLI	LISA	58835.86
<u>Registrars</u>	ANDREOTTI	JOANNE	155.25
	COMASTRA	MARILYN	242.75
	DECELLES	SALLY	372.00
	GONSALVES	TERESA	44557.21
	GRADY	MARY	155.25
	LEBLANC	KAREN	998.50
	PASQUAROSA	JENNENE	354.00
	RUSSELL	DOLORES	1000.00
	YANOVITCH	PAUL	166.25
	GUGLIELMI	DAVID	663.13
	MURPHY	HAROLD V	155.25
	OGILVIE	MARILLEE	178.50
	TAGLIANETTI-CHAMBI	TARA	500.00
	YANOVITCH	JOSEPHINE	500.00
<u>Elected &amp; Appointed</u>	CALABRESE-DEMARIN	VANESSA	580.00
	TETREAULT	SANDRA	440.00
	IACOVELLI	MICHAEL	315.00
	ALEXANDER	NICHOLAS	450.00
	GALLAGHER	STEVEN	855.00
<u>Call Firefighters</u>	ALDEN-BURNS	CRAIG	6674.77
	BERGER	MATTHEW	8858.92
	BRODT	MICHAEL	429.48
	CAPPELLA	ALEXANDER	5817.14
	CARNAROLI	JAKE	3132.87
	COFFMAN	ROBERT	2535.15
	HENDERSON	JAMIE	2954.77
	KELLEY	MATTHEW	5508.58
	KRAUSS	WILLIAM	9192.25
	LORENZO	DREW	6060.58
	MCCABE	JOHN	200.00
	MORREALE	SHAWN	8565.74
<u>Police</u>	BEKERIAN	RICHARD	90211.08
	DEAN	JEFFREY	118795.52
	DIROSA	MICHAEL	86281.78
	DOYON JR	ROBERT	73961.48
	FLAGG	JAMES	53278.56
	GIOVANELLA	98 MARK A	140402.43

	LANDRY	CRAIG	104805.32
	LIMA	RICARDO	120489.08
	MAHAN	STEVEN	100118.85
	MARTIN SR	DONALD J	124124.46
	SOUSA JR	MARIO	102625.54
<u>Dispatchers</u>	COLLINS	LISA M	71955.25
	LOMBARDI	AMY	4000.00
	MESSIER	SCOTT	77773.49
	TEBEAU	JOHN	68908.55
	TROWBRIDGE	KYLE	1324.50
<u>Fire</u>	DAIGE	THOMAS M JR	98195.42
	GLEASON JR	RICHARD J	118835.92
	KELLEY	BRIAN	134465.86
	MCMORROW	DAVID J	85762.36
	SAYLES	CONOR	80693.52
	TARANTO	JARROD	75610.41
	WHITE	RYAN	76602.93
<u>Police- Reserves</u>	BAVOSI	ANTHONY	400.00
	DUNLAVEY	PHILIP	732.50
	GRADY	DENNIS	2635.00
	HOUDE	JOSEPH	1665.00
	KLOCZKOWSKI	GUY	812.50
	MINICHIELLO	FRANK	637.50
	POISSANT	RUSSELL P.	5493.75
	RIZOLI	MARK	1805.00
<u>Ambulance</u>	COTE	JEFFREY	19827.64
	JENKINS	RYAN	98651.16
<u>Building Inspector</u>	AICARDI	TIMOTHY	1000.00
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>	FONTANA	JOHN	6930.00
<u>Wiring Inspector Asst.</u>	ROSS	JEFFREY	960.00
<u>Wiring Inspector</u>	SCANZAROLI	JOSEPH	9000.00
<u>Dog Officer</u>	SULLIVAN	KEVIN	6500.00
<u>Highway-plow drivers</u>	ADAMS	CRAIG	450.00
	BUTLER	ALYSIA	450.00
	HAMPSCH	MARY	675.00
	PARMENS	JARED	1262.50
<u>Highway</u>	BROWN JR.	LOUIS	53215.71
	LAMBERT	GERALD	73325.24
	MCCROHAN	MICHAEL	42236.81
	NADEAU	CHRISTOPHER	90966.09
	OZELLA III	VINCENT	56819.39
	POLAND	IAN	23275.28
	WYSPIANSKI	MARK	52831.97
<u>Sewer</u>	BROWN JR	MICHAEL	70216.70
	WILSON	PAUL	57587.44
	WING	MARC	64526.34
<u>Water</u>	BOUCHER	KYLE	49677.13
	BUTLER	DAVID	76877.86
<u>Water/Sewer Clerk</u>	HOLLAND	99 SANDRA	46758.17

<u>Water</u>	SCHREIBER	JOHN T	79436.96
	WATSON	TIMOTHY J	93316.28
<u>Board of Health</u>	BURNS	MASON	1890.00
	PELLEGRINO	ROBERT	1932.00
	SMALL	GERARD	1764.00
	VILLA	CAROL	18655.39
<u>COA</u>	BETHEL	JENNIFER	10496.74
	MOSHER	NANCY	22736.84
	MULLEN	CAROLE	59248.80
<u>VA</u>	MORRIS	PATRICK	3600.00
<u>Library</u>	HILL	JEAN	10347.88
	KRAIMER	ELAINE M	45098.04
	SHEEHAN	KATHERYNE	9418.00
	STAHOLI	VIVIAN	3675.42
	SULLIVAN	WENDY H.	43702.16
	YORK	ROBYN	61170.81
<u>Parks</u>	ARCUDI	MARY	7027.79
	BACHE	TREVOR	172.50
	DUPUIS	BRITTANY	2196.00
	HOLLAND	JENNIFER	3483.50
	KRACINOVICH	JAKE	2671.00
	PHILLIPS	EDDA	2010.75
	TAHMOUSH	BENJAMIN	4392.00
	TERANDO	GABRIEL	1884.00
<u>Terms</u>	ABBRUZZESE	JAMES	431.25
	BROUWER	SUSAN	53044.26
	CARNEIRO	CODY	72994.27
	COSTANZA	MATTHEW	3545.25
	DEPONTE	ROBERT S	38752.80
	FEIJO	EDMUND	1062.24
	FOSTER	CHRISTIAN	55240.92
	HALL	GLENN	456.00
	HICKEY	KATE	12734.45
	HICKEY	BERNARD	784.00
	KNAPIK	BEVERLY	14199.36
	MACDONALD	DEBORA	306.00
	MOUSSOURIS	EDWARD	67593.42
	REED	ROBERT	41250.00
	SEAVER	DANIEL	3846.48
	SETTE	STEVEN	37066.74
	SPERONI	HANAH	1044.84
	SPERONI	ROBERT	36523.00
	WEBB	KENNETH	50380.41
	WESLEY	THOMAS	1800.00
	WILSON	BLAKE	114022.48
<u>Admin. School</u>	CAMPOPIANO	MARK	13232.26
	COSGROVE	KAREN	63484.96
	CREBASE	KAREN	151185.06
	DAVIS	100MARY LYNNE	64325.82

**Bus Drivers**

GROSS	LINDA	47922.86
KOBER	JANYCE	19361.34
MCGUANE	JEANNE	59134.50
POITRAS	KATE	750.00
ROBINSON	THOMAS	28892.16
TOUPIN	NICHOLAS	91159.90
BRACKETT	DEBRA	58816.06
CAMPBELL	SAMUEL	28974.60
CRUZ	TONYA	31452.21
GRIFFIN	ANDREW	5824.16
KARAKEIAN	MARK	28620.54
LANE	DEBRA	17691.06
LEE	HEATHER	25535.37
MAIETTA	JANICE	17524.54
MULLANEY	MICHAEL	23698.13
VERCRUYSSSE	MICHAEL	19027.05
VILLA	SHARON	1000.00
VILLA	CHARLES	7888.14
WEBSTER	DARLENE	15233.30
WINN	PHYLLIS	17348.02
ANDREOTTI	DONNA	390.00
BASSIGNANI	STEPHEN	2737.50
BERTONAZZI	NICHOLAS	625.20
BORDEN	WAYNE	85.02
CASWELL	RYAN	177.51
CHIARELLO	KAREN	75.00
COOK	CHELSEA	2750.00
COTE	HAILEY	851.02
CROWELL	ANNE	1105.26
DELL	SARAH	130.02
DERDERIAN	JOHN	862.50
DRUGAN	JOSEPH P	8875.00
FONTANA	SUSAN	170.04
GOULD	JO ANN	787.71
HALL	CAROL	1590.06
HALLORAN	KATELYN	115.02
HASSAN	GADA	1540.32
HEVEY	SHEILA	3000.00
HIRX	DOLORES	1050.00
HOLT	JULIA	225.00
JOHNSON	TRACY	9344.19
JUTRAS	JULIE	130.02
KELLEY	ALEXANDRA	97.50
LABRODE	ANN	16403.34
LAMBERT	SARAH	1312.50
LELIO	GINA	1095.30
LIBERMAN	REBECCA	4162.50
MAININI	ANDREW	4000.00
MANNING	JULIA	225.00

**Subs**

MARTIN	LYNN	252.57
MCGOWAN	JOHN	2925.00
MCGRATH	DONNA	2338.05
MOSHKOVITZ	JESSICA	587.55
NOFERI	MICHAEL	1445.34
PEDROLI	MICHAEL	435.00
RAJCULA	LAUREN	135.00
RAPP	PAMELA F	1445.34
ROMIGLIO	YVONNE	130.02
ROSSE	DIANE	712.50
ROY	PAULETTE	1125.00
ROZMARIN	LEON	1208.07
RUELAS GARCIA	JUAN FERNAND	2700.00
SALVATORE	LISA	780.12
SANDLER	ELIZABETH	92.52
SULLIVAN	ANNE	130.02
TANT	MARIKATHRYN	420.00
TEBALDI	DEMIAN	55.02
WALDO	CHRISTINA	260.04
WODIN	LAURIE S	85.02
<b><u>BBC - School</u></b>	ABBIUSO	8866.40
	ALLEY	26671.18
	ATKINSON	47436.83
	BIRD	21087.10
	COTE	14328.54
	COWEN	32371.10
	ESPANET	20405.49
	FITZGERALD	24988.96
	FITZGIBBON	26494.81
	GOSSELIN	27482.23
	GRILLO-MANNA	7553.94
	HANAGAN	3260.52
	JACKSON	8564.06
	KAPATOES	11664.38
	KRACINOVICH	9305.13
	MESSIER	18362.97
	MOSSMAN	34720.68
	MULREADY	89126.00
	PEDERSEN	26444.74
	PIGEON	412.50
	POISSON	60630.00
	SMITH	85676.06
	SMITH	337.50
	SPINELLI	9006.58
	WHYTE	112.50
<b><u>Memorial-School</u></b>	ANDOLINA	30325.56
	ASHBY	21950.76
	ATCHUE	99673.81
	AUGER	22105.28

Memorial-School

AUSTIN	REBECCA	77528.99
BAILLARGEON	FREDERIQUE L	49515.60
BARDEN	COLLEEN	55309.18
BERTONAZZI	LISA	85726.00
BLASIE	DONNA	37261.65
BLOOD	JODY	90252.00
BOURGERY	DANIEL	82529.00
BRESCIANI	KATIE	53143.43
CARBONI	JANET	84111.00
CARROLL	AMY	36526.83
CASEY	KRISTEN	77066.93
CASTIGLIONI	MARIA	81027.00
CHENG	MICHELLE	23074.53
COHEN	DAISHA	52056.00
CONSIGLI	MARISA	84351.00
DANIEL	ALEXANDRA	57206.42
DAY	MOLLY	23173.37
DIEMONT	DEBORA	87927.00
DOTZLER	JAMES	18938.82
DUNN	SUZANNE G W	94384.69
FAVREAU	LESLIE	17913.47
FLYNN	CATHERINE	51818.00
FOYE	JADE	46550.00
FRASSA	KATE	58069.99
GANNON	LORI	14813.68
GLENN	SALLY ANN	20020.90
HALLORAN	MEGHAN	14371.96
HAMMER	LAUREN	20796.33
HANSON	LISA	92171.29
HEDTLER	AMY	89168.79
HENNESSY	DONNA	87498.20
HOCKEY	SARAH	49088.06
ISCH	HEATHER	63464.50
JOHNS	ALLISON	17004.65
JONES	ALEXANDRA	15195.38
KASKA	LINDSAY	25572.20
KAVANAGH	KATHLEEN	50339.63
KEANEY	SHANNON	22468.58
KELLEY	ANDREA	69223.00
LABOSSIERE	CLAIRE	19891.40
LATHROP	SHANNA	62544.61
LEPORATI	COLLEEN	20834.35
LOUCKS	JENNIFER	95077.54
LYALL	ANNA MARIE	19778.90
MACDONALD	CHERYL	87793.30
MACDONALD	LILLA	16299.27
MACMANNIS	MEAGHAN	43899.31
MANGANO	BARBARA	27832.39
MARLEY	103AMY	34716.50

MARTIN	KERRI	19732.80	
MARTIN-FENG	MINDY	92737.00	
MAYO	SHARON	26445.70	
MCPHERSON-TODD	KELLY	89037.00	
MEADE	TARYNE	38940.10	
MELLO	REGAN	64233.07	
MILLER	BRIAN	106880.28	
MURPHY	DANA	36404.72	
MYLETT	KELLI	56602.94	
PIGEON	LISA MARIE	38480.98	
POMEROY	AMANDA	87380.88	
POSCH	KAELA	76580.00	
RICHARD	ELEANOR	46215.94	
ROLO	ANN M	94300.00	
ROMASCO	ALEXA	87045.61	
ROMIZA	LORI	31559.22	
ROSSI	NINA	15150.87	
ROSSI	FRANCES	85135.11	
RYAN	SARAH	73318.00	
SANOSI	KATY	9824.22	
SHERRY	ERIKA	61980.87	
SIEFRING	LEAH	51768.57	
SLOOK	LAURA	12874.52	
SLUSARZ	KELSEY	82122.00	
STACKPOLE	KAREN	92922.00	
SULLIVAN	DONNA	15974.91	
SWANSON	JILLIAN	56920.00	
SZARKA -RUBIO	MARIA	18002.22	
TAMMARO	PAULA	59280.87	
TUITE	JULIE	21511.86	
TUITE	LINDA	45947.25	
VERDOLINO	NANCY KELLY	94225.00	
WATERS	AMY	74896.00	
<b><u>Daycare - School</u></b>	ALLAIN	CAROLINE	990.00
	CAUGHEY	MADELINE	2447.44
	COLE	EMILY	9586.50
	DAIGE	KAREN	48956.96
	DAIGE	NICHOLAS	13778.44
	KENNY	MIKAYLA	6054.21
	LEPORATI	MEGHAN	1890.00
	MARTIN	MOLLY	23873.11
	O'DOWD	ALANNA	10804.81
	PIGEON	SOPHIE	2018.75
	VANDERHOOF	PAUL	11519.42
<b><u>Custodians</u></b>	BLACK	COLIN	2058.00
	CREPEAU	MATTHEW	2886.00
	GILBERTSON JR	ROBERT E	44854.02
	GROSS	MARK	22584.00
	HALL	104ANDREW	240.00

Jr./HS. - School

HAMMANN	THOMAS	47155.74
LIBERATORE	JACK	732.00
ORCHARD	DYLAN	528.00
PLICHTA	JOSEPH	36620.08
SIEFRING	ROBERT	1974.50
SUTTON SR	WILLIAM	39742.80
TAHMOUSH	JACKSON	2431.50
ADDUCI	RACHEL	18749.29
ALGER	KARLENE A	49497.96
ARMOUR	PATRICIA	91351.00
ARSENAULT	SUSAN	30518.80
ASSELIN	MEGHAN	64637.24
ATHERTON	DEREK	115030.76
BEASLEY	MAX	52038.50
BEAUDRY	ANTHONY	97135.50
BEDARD	JENNIFER	23199.81
BERTRAND	DAVID	82526.00
BOYAR	JONATHAN	45155.00
BUCHANAN	LAURA	69358.14
CAFARELLI	MARK	40112.35
CHATHAM	CHRISTOPHER	94463.88
CHEN	SARA	73534.12
CNOSSEN	CYDNEY	3218.33
COMEAU	SARAH	69866.99
CONNORS	KATHERINE	73337.76
CORDANI	ANTHONY	94176.00
COYLE-CAMERON	CHRISTINE	25555.39
CRESCENZI	JOSHUA	85043.00
DEMELLO	REBECCA	58477.38
DIANTONIO	JILL	99697.00
DIETER	LAUREN	33769.20
DIETRICH	ANDREW	54189.37
EMUS	MICHAEL	69141.93
FALK	JESSICA	16782.93
FISCHER	MARIA G	109425.00
GAGNON	MATTHEW	29709.17
GOSS	DEBORAH	39186.75
GUADAGNOLI	SHERRI	95667.37
HODGENS	MAUREEN	32835.84
HODGENS	DEBRA	63869.50
IACOVELLI	NINA	12429.52
INGEMI	LAURA	27891.71
IRWIN	JACLYN	17015.29
JOHNSON	TIMOTHY	97009.06
KIESMAN	BRIAN	59170.27
KLEI	SHERYL	19586.70
LABOSSIERE	GREGORY	79871.00
LAPINSKY	LISA	22973.26
LAUMEISTER	DENISE T	31916.82

LEE	SLAVKA	14888.92
LISKA	SARAH	85276.00
LUCHINI	DIANE	65932.00
MAGUIRE	TIMOTHY	92368.70
MANCONE	JOHN	74643.37
MARCOTTE	VALERIE	90389.51
MAYOTTE	LINDSAY	84746.63
MCGRATH	JEANNE	49143.57
MONTAG	EMILY	14087.04
MULRONEY	MARY M	96350.00
MULVANEY	SHARYN	93539.48
OLIVERI	TALITHA	89836.00
PALIN	RONDA L	75651.00
PALMUCCI	CHRISTINA	50850.38
PHILLIPS	COREY	79975.87
RASPALLO	KATHERINE	94237.00
RIDOLFI	STEPHANIE	71000.00
SCANLON	ANGELA	81507.77
SCHRADER	HOLLY	66676.93
SHAH	KATHRYN	84199.92
SNADDON GRIFFIN	HEATHER	96700.00
ST MARTIN	JILL	95169.34
ST SAUVEUR	LORI	27438.04
SWANSON	CATHERINE	32358.57
TAMMARO	JULIE	11448.92
THORNE	MEREDITH	7499.72
URMSTON	MARIE	88803.56
WADEHUL	SARAH	50564.63
WEBB	JENNIFER	77425.87
WERSTED	ALEXANDER	57264.70
WLAZLAK	AGNIESZKA	83380.07
<i><u>Café</u></i> AUGUSTINI	DEBRA	4471.44
BACON	JERILYN	5550.00
BOBER	CHERYL	33578.48
COTE	RITA	7462.00
FONSECA	LAURA	28186.00
HUKANOVIC	MERIMA	7276.00
KENNY	ELLEN	36325.19
MACDONALD	RAYANN	6784.00
WATSON	MADELINE	7306.00
ZELLER	JANE	3486.00
<i><u>Coaches</u></i> BOUCHARD	LAUREN	3700.00
D'URSO	THOMAS R	4000.00
HEALEY	EDWARD	2700.00
LOMBARDI	DENA	2700.00
MCCALLUM	JAMES	4000.00
MERRIGAN	KAYLA	3700.00
MULRY	RYAN	3700.00
PINK	JESSICA	2700.00

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RIFFO	ARTHUR	3700.00
SOLLE	KEITH	3000.00
ALDRICH	ELSIE	92922.00
APICELLA	SUSAN	85361.00
ARBOGAST	JENNA	8496.00
ASHTON	MEGAN	16303.60
BABINSKI	ALLISON	4926.75
BAZINET	STEPHANIE	62953.01
BRITTON	ROBERT	7864.76
BROOKE-SAHAGIAN	JANICE	72658.54
BUCKLEY	JYLL	19291.20
CHASE	LAUREN	12814.55
CHIARELLI	VICTORIA	270.06
COLABELLO	SILVANA	17309.82
COX	KATELYN	38698.13
DOOLEY	PATRICIA	10379.16
ENGLUND	ANN D	49917.06
GALLAGHER	KELLEY	20869.56
GALLERANI	HEATHER	7466.22
GOSSELIN	CAROLINE	3206.76
GUERTIN	PATRICIA	6746.35
HERRICK	RACHEL	17258.70
LECLAIRE	JANE M	101725.00
MACKINTOSH	ABIGAIL	9153.06
MALONEY	RYAN	6812.08
MARTINO	JANICE	1593.04
MAYO	ANTHONY	11299.22
MCGEE	TAMMY	210.00
MOSKWA	ANGELA	60595.49
MOXIM	ERIC	4000.00
NOLAN	DONNA	9836.76
PISANI	KATIE	3769.38
RIVERA	BETHANY	1519.00
ROGERS	HANNAH	24509.17
RUSCITTI	SARA	45359.15
SCOTT	MARIAH	51568.43
SMITH	ANNE MARIE	3555.66
SNELGROVE	REBECCA	24485.00
WASNEWSKI	ANDREA M	45237.53