# TOWN OF HOPEDALE – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20th , 2017 at 7:00 o’clock in the evening

in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday June 20, 2017. The meeting was called under the Warrant dated the 5th day of June, 2017 which was posted in accordance with Town By-Laws. Moderator Judge Francis P. Larkin called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM. There were fifty one (51) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being fifty (50) registered voters].

Moderator Francis J. Larkin lead the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Russell Dennett, a long time resident of Hopedale.

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

Ann Fields, Director Bancroft Memorial Library

Steven Sette, Town Administrator

**Article 1:** Karla J. Hopkins, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to transfer the following sums of money to and from the following accounts to adjust the fiscal year 2017 operating budget:

**To Account Amount From Account Amount**

Health and Life Insurance $160,000.00 Free Cash $160,000.00

Fire Wages $ 60,000.00 Free Cash $ 60,000.00

Fire Expenses $ 10,000.00 Free Cash $ 10,000.00

Town Police Details $ 2,000.00 Free Cash $ 2,000.00

Medicare $ 25,000.00 Free Cash $ 25,000.00

Board of Health Expense $ 13,000.00 Free Cash $ 13,000.00

**Total $270,000.00 Total $270,000.00**

***The motion was seconded and carried.***

**Article 2:** Brian R. Keyes, Selectman, moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/16).

**To Account Amount From Account Amount**

FF Chris Maloney$ 1,369.12 Fire Wages-Part Time $ 1,365.12

***The motion was seconded and carried.***

Resident Eugene Phillips pointed out the discrepancy between the two amounts in the article and a revote was taken with the amended amount being $1,369.12***.***

***The amended motion was seconded and carried.***

**Article 3:**  Karla J. Hopkins, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to transfer from Free Cash the total sum of $144,796 to be expended for the following projects and purposes, including all costs incidental and related thereto:

* Free Cash to Highway Dept., Villa Drive Project $ 25,000
* Free Cash to School Dept., School Bus Lease $ 46,769
* Free Cash to Fire Dept., Turn Out Gear $ 28,000
* Free Cash to Police Dept., Police Cruiser (acquire/equip) $ 45,000

In the reading of the article Karla verbally amended the article with a correction to the total sum amount-the corrected amount is $144,769.

***The motion as amended was seconded and carried.***

**Article 4:** Thomas A. Wesley, Selectman, moved to augment the FY 2017 Ambulance Department Budget, using offset receipts, specifically by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved the total sum of $ 140,000 to increase the following lines: Salaries $ 105,000; Expenses $ 35,000.  
***The motion was seconded and carried.***

Moderator Judge Larkin mentioned how proud he was of the efforts of the Hopedale Sports Teams. He also made mention of the Flag Day Ceremony Tribute, it was a wonderful night and great turn out, he also gave accolades to Suzan Ciaramicoli.

**Article 5:** Thomas A. Wesley, Selectman, moved to pass over this Article.

***The motion was seconded and carried.***

Moderator Francis Larkin thanked the town residents and town officials for their attendance. A motion to dissolve the Warrant was made and seconded. Meeting was dissolved at 7:30pm.

A True Record

Attest:

Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk