

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, October 16, 2021  
11:00 AM

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 Saturday October 16, 2021. The meeting was called under the Warrant dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 which was posted in accordance with Town By-Laws. Moderator Eugene N. Phillips called Annual Town meeting to order at 11:09 AM. There were fifty (50) registered voters recorded as present [a quorum being fifty (50) registered voters].

Eugene N. Phillips, Moderator, welcomed all residents, and lead the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was brought to the attention of the Moderator that one resident had left the meeting, so a quorum has not been met. Mr. Phillips read the names of residents who have passed this year and dedicated this day and Town Meeting to Matthew Masnik. At 11:13 the quorum was met, and the meeting was declared officially open.

Eugene N. Phillips, Moderator, opened the Special Town Meeting and entertained a motion to dispense the reading of the Special Town Meeting warrant.

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

Brian R. Keyes, Select Board Chairman thanked the residents of Hopedale for coming out and investing their time for the Special Town Meeting. He also went ahead and thanked the Boards and Town Employees for making this day a success.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from current year expense funds, the sums of money necessary to pay the prior year bills remaining from FY21, or take any other action related thereto.

***Brian R. Keyes, Select Board Chairman, moved to transfer from current year expense funds, the sums of money listed, necessary to pay the prior year bills remaining from FY21.***

\$29.38	<i>Staples (Manager, acct# 01-123-5400-5420)</i>
\$398.50	<i>Central Mass Signal (Highway, acct# 01-422-5200-5292)</i>
\$1,018.44	<i>Gatehouse Media (Planning Board, acct #01-175-5700-5780)</i>
\$139.56	<i>Town of Hopedale W&amp;S (Little Red Shop, acct# 01-693-5200-5230)</i>
\$200.00	<i>Town of Mendon (Ambulance, acct# 01-231-5700-5780)</i>
\$158.13	<i>Sprint (Ambulance, acct# 01-231-5700-5780)</i>
\$510.14	<i>Stryker (Ambulance, acct# 01-231-5700-5780)</i>
\$5,957.99	<i>KP Law (Legal, acct# 01-151-5200-5300)</i>
\$7,179.39	<i>KP Law (Legal, acct# 01-151-5200-5300)</i>
\$1,008.42	<i>KP Law (Legal, acct# 01-151-5200-5300)</i>

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from COA Expenses to COA Salaries/Wages to adjust the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto.

***Louis J. Arcudi III, Select Board, moved to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from COA Expenses to COA Salaries/Wages to adjust the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget.***

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

Glenda Hazard, Select Board, remembered her father who passed away earlier this year.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$15,000, to fund the Treasurer/Collector Salaries/Wages account, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Glenda Hazard, Select Board, moved to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$15,000, to supplement the amount appropriated at the May 22, 2021 Annual Town Meeting for the Treasurer/Collector Salaries/Wages account.***

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

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$7,000 to adjust the Bancroft Memorial Library Salaries/Wages account, or take any other action related thereto.

***Brian R. Keyes, Select Board Chairman, moved to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$7,000, to supplement the amount appropriated at the May 22, 2021 Annual Town Meeting for the Bancroft Memorial Library Salaries/Wages account.***

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$5,000 to adjust the Board of Health Expenses for FY22, or take any other action related thereto.

***Louis J. Arcudi III, Select Board, moved to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$5,000, to supplement the amount appropriated at the May 22, 2021 Annual Town Meeting for the Board of Health Expenses for FY22.***

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization, sums of money to fund equipment and capital purchases, or take any other related action thereto.

***Glenda Hazard, Select Board, moved to transfer from General Stabilization, the sum of \$143,022, to fund equipment and capital purchases listed below.***

<b><i>Fire/EMS</i></b>	<b><i>SCBA (AFG Grant Match 5%)</i></b>	<b><i>\$14,567</i></b>
<b><i>Fire/EMS</i></b>	<b><i>CCTV Security System for Fire Station</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,000</i></b>

<i>Fire/EMS</i>	<i>PPE Equipment</i>	<i>\$43,755</i>
<i>Police</i>	<i>5 Patrol Rifles</i>	<i>\$7,200</i>
<i>School</i>	<i>School Van</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>Tree Warden</i>	<i>Tree preservation/storm damage protection</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>
<i>Town Administration</i>	<i>Computer Network Server</i>	<i>\$7,500</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$143,022</i>

*The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to fund the purchase of a Leaf-Vac machine for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Brian R. Keyes, Select Board Chairman, moved to appropriate, the sum of Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$218,000) to fund the purchase of a Leaf-Vac machine for the Highway Department, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. The motion was seconded and carried 2/3rds vote.*

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the purchase a small dump truck with plow for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

*2/3rds Vote Required.*

*Louis J. Arcudi III, Select Board, moved to appropriate, the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars (\$72,000) to fund the purchase of a small dump truck with plow for the Highway Department, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Public Safety Dispatchers MCOP

Local 164 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Glenda Hazard, Select Board, moved to transfer from General Stabilization account to the Dispatch Salaries account, the sum of \$16,552, to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Public Safety Dispatchers MCOP Local 164 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.***

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

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Highway Water and Sewer on behalf of the Public Employees Local Union 272 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Brian R. Keyes, Select Board Chairman, moved to transfer from General Stabilization account to the Highway Salaries account, the sum of \$17,765, to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Highway Water and Sewer on behalf of the Public Employees Local Union 272 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.***

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

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Clerical Staff on behalf of the Public Employees Local Union 272 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Louis J. Arcudi III, Select Board, moved to pass over article.***

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

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Fire Fighters IAFF Local 2225 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Glenda Hazard, Select Board, moved to pass over article.***

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

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Hopedale Call Firefighters Association covering the period of July 1, 20 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Brian R. Keyes, Select Board Chairman, moved to pass over article.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.***

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent and/or temporary easements, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining ways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Mendon Street Intersection Project and for any and all purposes incidental or related thereto, in, on and under certain parcels of land located on or near Mendon Street (Route 16) and Hopedale Street and approximately shown on plans entitled "Hopedale - Mendon Street (Rte. 16) at Hopedale Street Easement Plan," prepared by BSC Group, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels; (b) transfer the care, custody, and control of a portion or portions of the Town-owned property or properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Select Board for public way and utility purposes and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to the foregoing purposes, and, if applicable, authorize the Select Board to submit petitions to the General Court to allow the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise; (c) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; and, further (d) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes, or take any other action related thereto.

***Brian R. Keyes, Select Board Chairman, moved to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent and/or temporary easements, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining ways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Mendon Street Intersection Project and for any and all purposes incidental or related thereto, in, on and under certain parcels of land located on or near Mendon Street (Route 16) and Hopedale Street, all as printed in the warrant, and to transfer from General Stabilization, the sum of \$23,000, to fund the costs thereof, including appraisals.  
The motion was seconded and carried 2/3rds vote.***

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Conservation Commission to transfer a parcel of land, located at 187 Freedom Street, containing 3.75 acres, more or less, currently held for the purposes of conservation and open space, said parcel identified as Assessor's Map 9, Lot 103, described as Parcel 8 in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 15009, Page 353, to the Select Board, for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, in the form set forth below; provided,

however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, and to authorize the Select Board to approve such amendments, or take any other action related thereto.

*2/3rds Vote Required.*

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form:

**An Act Authorizing the Town of Hopedale to transfer a parcel of land currently held by the Conservation Commission for conservation and open space purposes to the Select Board for a water tank.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the authority of the town of Hopedale conservation commission to transfer a parcel of land held for the purposes of conservation and open space to the Select Board for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Hopedale may transfer from the conservation commission a parcel of land, containing 3.75 acres, more or less, currently held for the purposes of conservation and open space, said parcel identified as assessor's map 9, lot 103, described as Parcel 8 in a deed recorded with the Worcester south district registry of deeds in book 15009, page 353, to the Select Board, for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, subject to the requirements of sections 2 through 5 and to such additional terms and conditions consistent with this act as the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, may prescribe. Prior to finalizing the transaction herein, the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may make minor modifications to the bill in order to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 2. To mitigate impacts to public lands protected for natural resources, the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may, in her discretion, require the town of Hopedale to compensate the commonwealth for the interests in land described in section 1 through the dedication of other land for conservation and open space purposes and/or the transfer of funds, the value of such compensation, if any, to be determined

by the commissioner. Any funds shall be deposited in a fund dedicated to conservation of land in the town of Hopedale.

SECTION 3. The commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may commission an independent appraisal of the value of the parcel of land described in section 1, which shall be prepared in accordance with the usual and customary professional appraisal practices by a qualified appraiser. Consideration for the grant of the above-described property interests may be the value of the property interests, or some lesser consideration, including nominal consideration, as determined by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in her discretion.

SECTION 4. The town of Hopedale shall assume any and all costs associated with engineering, surveys, appraisals, deed preparation and other expenses deemed necessary by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance to execute the transfer authorized by this act.

SECTION 5. No instrument executed pursuant to this act shall be valid unless it provides that the parcel of land shall be used solely for the purposes described in section 1.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Donald Cooper, Water & Sewer Commissioner, moved to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Conservation Commission to transfer a parcel of land, located at 187 Freedom Street, containing 3.75 acres, more or less, currently held for the purposes of conservation and open space, said parcel identified as Assessor's Map 9, Lot 103, shown as "Open Space #4" on a plan entitled "'Pinecrest II' Definitive Plan of Land in Hopedale, Mass.," dated November 3, 1987, recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 593, Plan 111, to the Select Board, for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, in the form set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, and to authorize the Select Board to approve such amendments.*

*The petition for special legislation shall take the following form:*

*An Act Authorizing the Town of Hopedale to transfer a parcel of land currently held by the Conservation Commission for conservation and open space purposes to the Select Board for a water tank.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

*Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the authority of the town of Hopedale conservation commission to transfer a parcel of land held for the purposes of conservation and open space to the Select Board for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** *The town of Hopedale may transfer from the conservation commission a parcel of land, containing 3.75 acres, more or less, currently held for the purposes of conservation and open space, said parcel identified as assessor's map 9, lot 103, shown as "Open Space #4" on a plan entitled "'Pinecrest II' Definitive Plan of Land in Hopedale, Mass.," dated November 3, 1987, recorded with the Worcester south district registry of deeds in plan book 593, plan 111, to the Select Board, for the purposes of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water tank, subject to the requirements of sections 2 through 5 and to such additional terms and conditions consistent with this act as the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, may prescribe. Prior to finalizing the transaction herein, the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may make minor modifications to the bill in order to carry out the purposes of this act.*

**SECTION 2.** *To mitigate impacts to public lands protected for natural resources, the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may, in her discretion, require the town of Hopedale to compensate the commonwealth for the interests in land described in section 1 through the dedication of other land for conservation and open space purposes and/or the transfer of funds, the value of such compensation, if any, to be determined by the commissioner. Any funds shall be deposited in a fund dedicated to conservation of land in the town of Hopedale.*

**SECTION 3.** *The commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance may commission an independent appraisal of the value of the parcel of land described in section 1, which shall be prepared in accordance with the usual and customary professional appraisal practices by a qualified appraiser. Consideration for the grant of the above-described property interests may be the value of the property interests, or some lesser consideration, including nominal consideration, as determined by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in her discretion.*

**SECTION 4.** *The town of Hopedale shall assume any and all costs associated with engineering, surveys, appraisals, deed preparation and other expenses deemed necessary by the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance to execute the transfer authorized by this act.*

***SECTION 5. No instrument executed pursuant to this act shall be valid unless it provides that the parcel of land shall be used solely for the purposes described in section 1.***

***SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.***

***The motion was seconded and carried 2/3rds vote.***

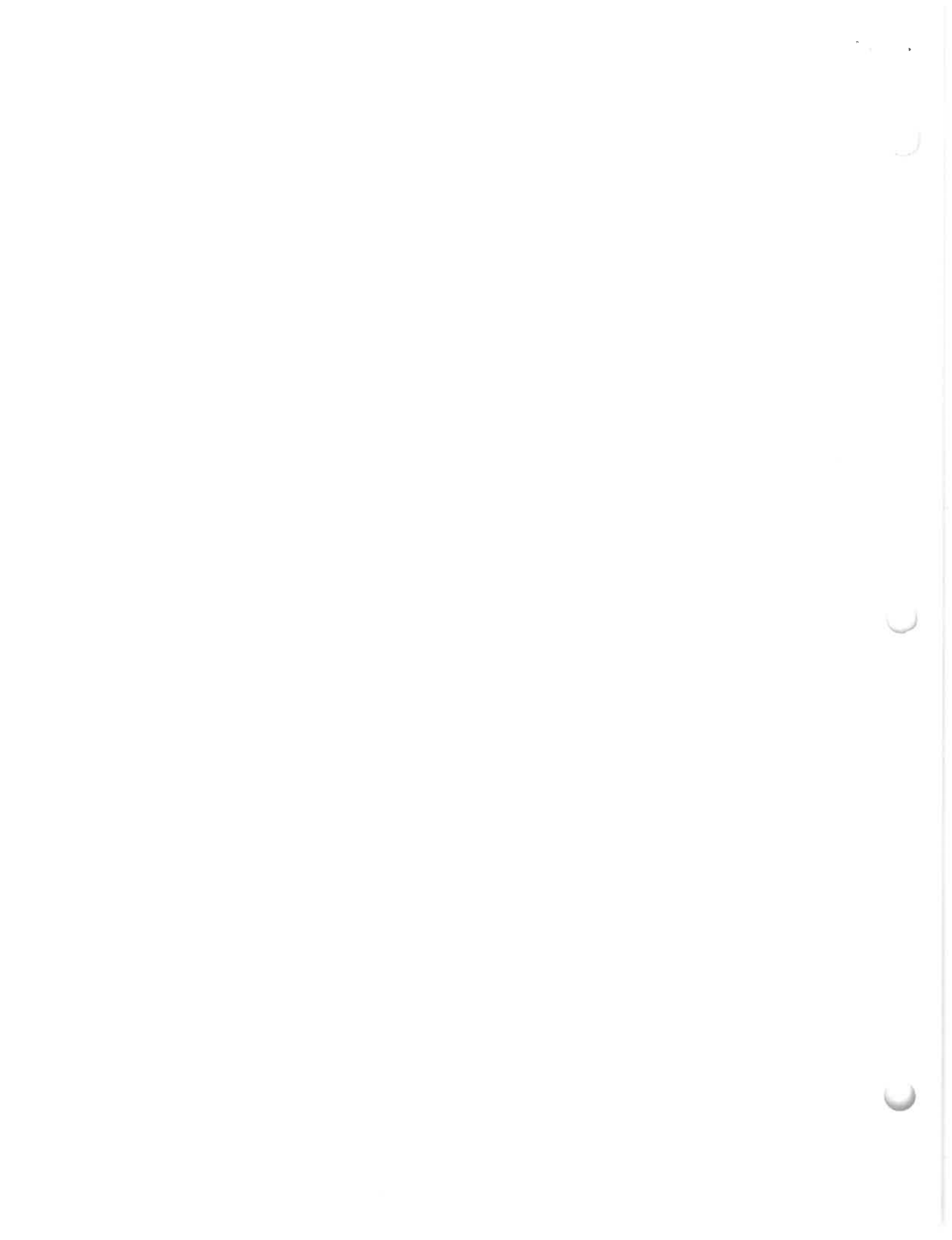
Eugene Phillips thanked the town residents and town officials for their attendance. A motion to dissolve the Warrant was made, seconded, and carried. Meeting was dissolved at 11:46 AM.

A True Record

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa M. Pedroni".

Lisa M. Pedroni, Town Clerk





## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Town Administrator**  
Diana M. Schindler

June 15, 2021

Hi Lisa,

Please note in the FY21 Special Town Meeting warrant, Article 2, the Fire Department Expenses were incorrect in the chart provided, although the total amount \$227,448 was correct. The Fire Department Expenses highlighted below should have read **\$25,000**.

Acct #	Acct Name	Amount
151	Legal	71,775
192	Town Hall	10,350
220	Fire	35,000
423	Snow & Ice	22,300
424	Streetlights	31,350
912	Workers Comp	3,616
913	Unemployment	25,000
915	Health Ins	33,876
945	Liability Ins	4,181

Please let me know if you need anything further. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Diana M. Schindler*

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Town Administrator

