# TOWN OF HOPEDALE – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 28th & 29th 2016 at 7:00 o’clock in the evening

in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

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

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

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

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Mark Giovanella, Police Chief

Brian Riley, Town Counsel

Steve Sette, Town Administrator

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

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

Health and Life Insurance $101,334.00 Free Cash $101,334.00

The motion was seconded and carried.

* 1. Donald Comastra, Finance Committee, moved to pass over this article. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

A True Record

Attest:

Lisa M. Pedroli, Town Clerk