# 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**  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  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