



Thursday April 26, 2018  
Select Board Minutes  
Hopkins Academy Cafeteria– 7:00 pm

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 7:00 p.m. in the in Room 203, Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; John Waskiewicz, Member; Christian Stanley, Member; David Fill, Member

There was also an audience of about 50 people present.

The Select Board presented the following presentation and accepted questions from the audience, in regards to the presentation.

## **TOWN OF HADLEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT REVIEW**

**Annual Town Meeting  
May 3, 2018**



**Annual Warrant Review**

Select Board Public Forum  
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Welcome and  
Thank you!

- Thank you:
- Municipal employees,
- Volunteers, and
- School maintenance and Hadley Media.

Intent of the Forum

- The Select Board's intention in presenting this forum is to:
- Provide voters with an overview and context for the Annual Town Meeting.
- Improve voters' understanding of individual warrant articles, and
- Offer voters an opportunity to ask questions.



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## Intent of the Forum (cont.)

- The Forum is NOT intended to:
  - Take any vote (favorable or unfavorable),
  - Provide any group or individual the opportunity to advocate for a particular article, or
  - Speak against any article.
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- Please refer to the public forum handout for rules and procedures,
  - And please attend the Annual Town Meeting, Thursday May 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Hopkins Academy

## Consent Agenda

1. The Select Board, Finance Committee, and Moderator identify articles that generate no controversy, need no debate, and can be properly voted by consent.
2. There are 7 consent articles:
  - Article 1: Acceptance of grants.
  - Article 2: Acceptance of roads and bridge money,
  - Article 3: Temporary borrowing by Treasurer,
  - Article 4: Return of money from completed projects,
  - Article 5: Amendment to revolving funds,



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- **Article 6: Funds for the Water Treatment Plant Membranes, and**
- **Article 7: Community Preservation Act housekeeping.**

## Article 8

Transfer of interest payment to principal payment in the current fiscal year.



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**Article 9  
Omnibus Budget  
for FY 2019**

**This article is still  
under review by  
the Finance  
Committee and  
Select Board.**

**The significant features of the  
budget are:**

- 1. Level services.**
- 2. Enhanced public safety,  
particularly for the Fire  
Department and ambulance  
service.**
- 3. Enhanced building  
maintenance.**
- 4. Continued commitment to  
following financial  
management policies.**

## **Article 10 Capital Projects**

- 1. The School Department needs \$170,000 in supplemental money to install HVAC at the Elementary School.**
- 2. The Fire Department requests \$855,400 in supplemental money to build a fire substation in North Hadley**
- 3. DPW needs to replace the broken septage vehicle for \$100,000.**
- 4. The Town asks \$5,000 to redesign the website.**
- 5. DPW requests \$13,000 to replace the broken flashing lights on Route 9 near Hopkins Academy.**



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## **Article 11 Demand Fees**

This article would raise the demand fees for late payments from \$15 to \$30. The demand fee was last adjusted in 2009.

## **Article 12 Local tax on Recreational Marijuana**

The Town previously adopted a 2% local tax on sales of recreational marijuana. The final law allowed a 3% tax, and the Town is trying for the extra percentage point.



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### **Article 13 Senior Tax Relief**

This article proposes that the Town adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, which would provide qualifying seniors with a discount on property taxes.

### **Articles 14 and 15 CPA Historic Building Restoration**

The next two articles provide for Community Preservation Act funds to restore and preserve two historic buildings.

1. Painting the columns at Town Hall, and
2. Renovating and preserving the North Hadley Congregational Church.



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### **Articles 16 and 17 Appointing Treasurer & Collector**

These articles would allow the Town to file petitions for special legislation to change the elected positions of Town Treasurer and Town Collector of Taxes from to appointed positions.

Each incumbent would serve their current elected terms before the appointed term would begin.

### **Article 18 Animal Control Bylaw**

The existing animal control bylaw would be updated and would allow more effective enforcement of dogs by the Police Department.



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### **Article 19**

#### **Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District**

**This article authorizes the select Board to join the newly formed Pioneer valley Mosquito Control District for one year. Grant funding would allow the District to survey and record the prevalence of insects that spread diseases.**

### **Article 20**

#### **Nuisance Bylaw**

**This article amends the Town Code by adding enforcement provisions for dilapidated houses and other nuisances. Enforcement would be by the Building Inspector and Fire Chief.**



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## **Article 21 Zoning Article**

**Article 21 addresses changes in inclusionary zoning and the senior Housing Overlay District.**

## **Article 22 Petitioned Article: Ranked Choice Voting**

This article changes the way the Hadley local elections are to be tabulated for at least 4 annual election cycles. In a nut shell, voters will state their preference for each candidate (e.g., first choice candidate, second choice, third choice, etc.). Candidates who fail to receive sufficient votes to achieve office will be eliminated, and their vote tally will be re-apportioned to the other candidates according to voter second and third preferences.



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**Article 23 Petitioned Article:  
Move the Senior Center to North  
Hadley**

A petitioned article instructs the Select board to move the proposed new Senior Center to North Hadley.

This article is presented exactly as it was written, with no editorial changes of any kind.

**Article 24 Petitioned Article:  
Rescind Funding for the New Senior  
Center**

A petitioned article proposes to rescind \$7.1 million to build a new Senior Center.

The article is presented exactly as it was written, with no editorial changes of any kind.



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## **Annual Town Meeting**

**May 3, 2018**

**at 7 pm**

**Hopkins Academy Cafeteria**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James

APPROVED