



Wednesday, October 24, 2019
Select Board Public Forum 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 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria, Hopkins Academy, 131 Russell Street, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Christian Stanley, Chair; David J. Fill, II., Clerk; Molly Keegan, Member; Joyce Chunglo, Member arrives at 7:15
John Waskiewicz, Member - Absent

There was a large crowd present.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Christian Stanley, Chair at 7:00 pm

2. Consent Agenda

There was no consent agenda.

3. New Business

3.1 Fire Substation, Library, and Senior Center Building Projects

Motion to approve Change Orders PCO 008R2, PCO 027, PCO 017 for the Senior Center.

Motion: Keegan Second: Fill
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to approve line item 44.

Motion: Keegan Second: Fill
Vote: 4-0-0

Brief update of the meeting from last Friday with the Senior Center project.

Molly Keegan offers the library update that they are moving along.

David Fill offers the fire substation update is that they held their groundbreaking last night and the project is moving along.



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3.2 Public Forum on the Special Town Meeting

**Special Town
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Warrant
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**TOWN OF HADLEY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT REVIEW**

**Special Town Meeting
November 7, 2019**



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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 Special 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.
- Please refer to the public forum handout for rules and procedures.
- And please attend the Special Town Meeting, Thursday November 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Hopkins Academy

Article 1 General Fund Budget

Article 1 amends the General Fund Budget:

- Free cash will be used to support the budget in accordance with the Select Board's Free Cash policy.
- Adjustments to certain departmental budgets are in line with the Select Board's priorities for public services.
 - Supports all spending approved at the Annual Town Meeting.
 - Contract obligations.
- Funding transitions in Human Resources, Senior Services, and Inspection Services.
- Reorganization of administrative support in Town Hall for Human Resources, Board of Health, and Town Clerk.
- Reorganization of divisions within DPW to enhance services in building maintenance, cemetery maintenance, and highway operations.
- Use the savings in debt interest payments to pay down more principal.



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Article 2

Enterprise Fund Budgets

Article 2 amends the three Enterprise Fund Budgets:
Sewer, Water, and Hadley Media.

- Enterprise fund reserves will be used to mitigate impacts on sewer and water rates.
- Adjustments are in line with the Select Board's priorities for public services.
 - Contract obligations.
 - Increased services as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for water and sewer.

Article 3 Transfers

- Transfer of funds from completed and unproductive articles.
- Transfers of cash back to the original funding sources.
- Reducing borrowing authorizations to help clean up the chart of accounts.

This is a house-keeping article.
There is no impact on taxes or utility rates.



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Article 4

Transfer of Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund

- This article is still under review by the Finance Committee and Select Board. The amount will be determined by final certification of Free Cash by the Department of Revenue.
- The purpose of the article is to maintain a capital stabilization account for future capital needs.

Article 5 Capital Projects

This article addresses most of the Town's capital needs for FY 2020. Funding for these capital requests will include cash payments, borrowing within the levy, and borrowing outside of the levy.

1. The Police Department requests a cruiser, dash cameras, and equipment to maintain training.
2. The Fire Department requests an emergency generator for the Public Safety Complex, safety equipment to comply with new requirements, and an emergency response extrication device.
3. Town Hall requests IT equipment, and upgrades to the building.
4. The School Department requests a school bus, parking lot improvements, and IT equipment.



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Article 6

North Hadley Village Ball Field and Zatyrka Park

The Select Board seeks authorization from Town Meeting to petition the Massachusetts Legislature to transfer recreation protection from North Hadley Village ballfield to Zatyrka Park.

Article 7

Holyoke Range Conservation Restriction

- The Town is participating in a multi-jurisdictional effort to preserve land on the Holyoke Range. A conservation restriction has been negotiated and needs Town Meeting approval.



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Article 8

Health Insurance Shared Savings

The Town saved approximately \$93,000 in health insurance costs last year. By law, we are required to share a quarter of those savings with employees and active retirees. This article raises \$23,250 for that purpose.

Article 9 Hadley Kids, Inc. Gift

Hadley Kids, Inc., (a non-profit organization) is giving a gift to the School Department to underwrite the costs of providing an after-school program. This article accepts that gift for that purpose.



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Articles 10 through 13 Community Preservation Act Projects

The Community Preservation Act Committee presents four articles:

1. \$25,000 for gravestone preservation at Plainville Cemetery.
2. \$82,000 for gravestone preservation at Old Hadley Cemetery.
3. \$5,000 for a preservation study of the stone fence at Hockanum Cemetery.
4. \$8,000 to preserve the roof at Russell School.

Article 14 Water Division Regulations

The DPW proposes to amend the existing water regulations to help improve operational practices with water meter technology.



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Articles 15 & 16

Planning Board: Stormwater Requirements

These articles amend a General Bylaw and a Zoning Bylaw to comply with state and federal mandated stormwater requirements (MS4). The intent of the bylaws is to reduce the amount of contaminated run-off water reaching streams and rivers.

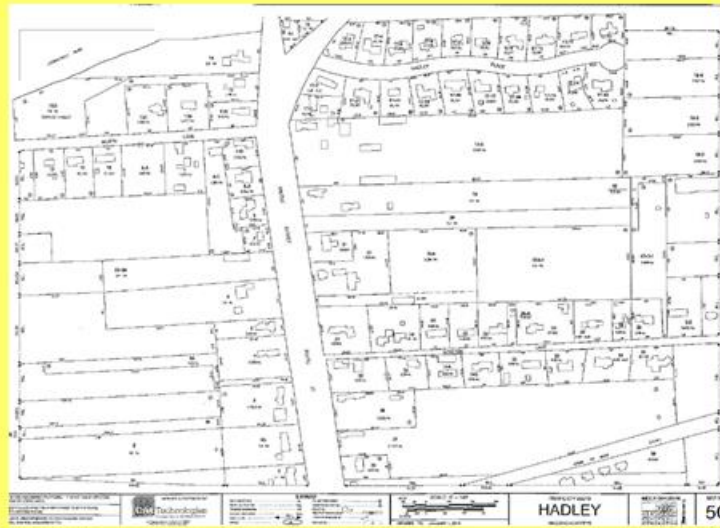
Article 17

Petition: Senior Housing Overlay District Extension.

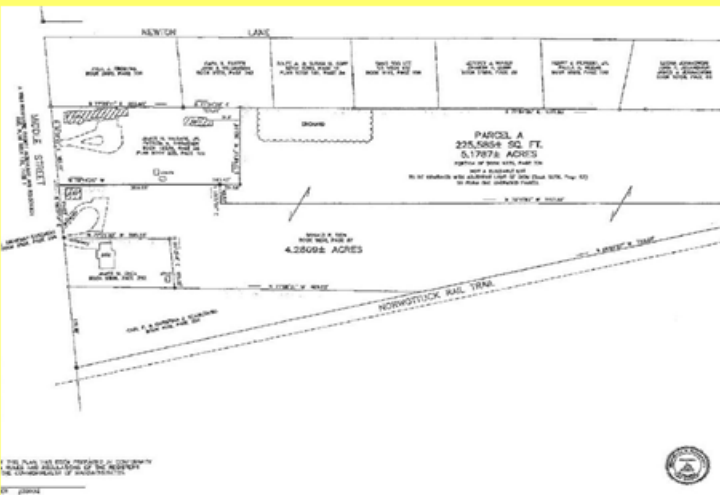
This article proposes to extend the existing Senior Housing Overlay District north on Middle Street.



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Map 1 provided to Town Clerk



Map 2 provided to Town Clerk



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4. Other

David Nixon discusses the change order for the Cemetery project.

Motion to approve the change order for the cemetery project.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Fill

Vote: 3-0-0

5. Announcements

Special Town Meeting on November 7th at 7pm.

6. Adjournment

6.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn .

Motion: Keegan

Second: Fill

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James