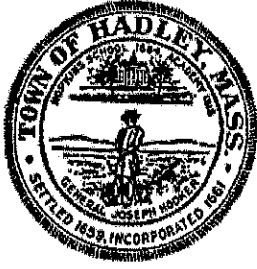


Hopkins Academy Repair. On April 5, 2015, a steam pipe burst in the library at Hopkins Academy damaging the room, equipment, and books. Insurance will cover \$83,651.85, but MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 prevents the Town from expending an insurance payment in excess of \$20,000 without a Town Meeting vote. Upon advice of our auditors and DOR, we can request authorization to spend in an emergency situation under MGL Chapter 44, Section 31. This requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Select Board, not the School Committee.

An article has been prepared for the Special Town Meeting to address this matter. There is no cost to this vote, as the insurance money is in hand.

We conferred with Anne McKenzie and Chris Desjardins on this matter, and they concur with this approach.



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July 15, 2015

Mr. Mark Nunnolley, Commissioner
Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 7044
Boston, MA 02204

Re: Request to Expend Funds As Per MGL Chapter 44, Section 31.

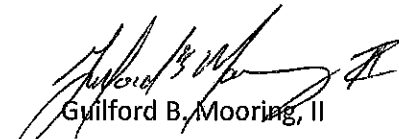
Dear Commissioner Nunnolley:

Please accept this letter as a request from the Town of Hadley to authorize emergency expenditures in the amount of \$83,651.85 to repair the Hopkins Academy library as per the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 31.

On April 5, 2015, a steam pipe burst in the ceiling of the Hopkins Academy library room and caused damage in the amount of \$83,651.85 to the library, equipment, and book collection. The damage is eligible to be covered by insurance, but the amount of the insurance payment exceeds the statutory maximum of \$20,000. The Town will seek authorization from Town Meeting to utilize the insurance proceeds to repair the library, but advance authorization from the Department of Revenue is necessary to open the library in time for the beginning of the school year.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call (413) 586-0221.

Sincerely,



Guilford B. Mooring, II
Chair, Select Board

Cc: Terry Williams, Bureau of Accounts
Anne MacKenzie, Superintendent of Schools
Chris DesJardins, Business Manager, Hadley School Department