



Wednesday, September 29, 2017  
Public Forum and Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Hopkins Academy – 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 Hopkins Academy Cafeteria, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; Donald Pipczynski, Member, Gerald Devine, Member Absent -John Waskiewicz, Member

Also present: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Todd Ford, HCOG Director; Linda Sanderson, Treasurer; Tom Pitta, Fin Com; Jane Nevinsmith, COA; Michael Spanknebel, Fire Chief; Jennifer Sanders James, Licensing Coordinator; Amy Fyden, Fin Com; Terry Yusko, Fin Com; Marlo Warner, DPW; Stephen Mumbrow, Resident; Patricia Bril, Resident; David Strong, Resident; Suzanne Waskiewicz, Resident; David Waskiewicz, Resident; Mike Mason, Chief of Police; Annie McKenzie; Schools; Joanne Goding, Resident; Tim Neyhart, Building Inspector; John Earle, Resident

**1. Call to Order**

**1.1 7:00 p.m. Call to order**

The public forum and the Select Board meeting were called to order at 7 pm by Molly Keegan, Chair.

Molly Keegan welcomes everyone to the forum an those at home who are watching for taking the time to learn about the articles for the October 5 Fall Town Meeting. Also, thank you to everyone for their hard work for putting this together. We are offering people a preview of the Fall Town Meeting.

There was another town meeting in August and several of those articles are moving forward to an election on November 14.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**2.1 Consent Agenda**

Minutes	August 9, August 16, August 23
Warrants	AP1812, PR1812, AP1812-2
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus- Mullins Center - Hockey Games, 10.14.2017;10.20.2017,10.21.2017,10.27.2017, 11.04.2017,11.09.201711.25.2017,12.01.2017
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus - Mullins Center- South Concourse- Reception 10.26.2017
Hadley Housing Authority Appointment Request	Kristen Yeziarski
Change Order	WWTP Clarifier
Resignation of Full Time Officer	Daniel Fernandes
Appointment of Full Time Officer	Joel Kupeyan



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Use of the Town Common	Hopkins Academy Cross Country Team - Road Race
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Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 5-0-0

Molly Keegan invites Chief Mason to speak to the appointment of full time officer Joel Kupeyan.

Chief Mike Mason states that Joel Kupeyan was appointed as a Special police officer back in February. He comes to us with lots of experience, he was a police officer in San Diego, a deputy sheriff in Maine, he works for GCC right now and he was a special investigator for the State Attorney General's office for a time. I recommend Joel Kupeyan for appointment to full time officer.

Motion to approve Joel Kupeyan as a full time officer.

Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 5-0-0

Donald Pipczynski ask for the DPW Director to explain the change to the clarifier.

Marlo Warner briefly explains the clarifier project.

Motion to approve the change to the clarifier project.

Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 4-0-1

John Waskiewicz abstains.

**3. Public Comments: 7:00 - 7:15 pm**

**3.1 Public Comments**

**4. Town Administrator Report**

**4.1 Town Administrator Report**

David Nixon presents the highlights of the Town Administrator.

The Bay Road Bridge project is down to punch list items.

The Lake Warner Dam project there was a small delay.

Zatyrka Park is substantially complete and ready for Phase 3.

The DPW will be conducting smoke testing over the sewer system, everyone who is in the area will be notified. The smoke is not harmful.

Upcoming events:

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Craft Fair on the Commons

October 15<sup>th</sup>- 5k for Farmland on the Commons

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Rabies Clinic being held at the DPW

November 14<sup>th</sup> - Special Town Election

Gerald Devine asks for an update on the Pride Station.

David Nixon states that the stop work order is still in effect and at the minimum they must supply us with updated plans for all departments.

Gerald Devine states that Donald Pipczynski states to him that he thought that Pride should come in and get this all resolved.



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Molly Keegan states that there is all the fact that there was a split vote on their liquor license and that it is coming up for renewal.

Donald Pipczynski states that they are representing that the town is not pro-business and that is not true. We are pro-business but you (businesses) have to follow the rules.

David Nixon states that he will invite them in and points out their liquor license is coming for renewal in November. If they are not in compliance that is something to consider.

### **5. Appointments**

#### **5.1 7:05 p.m. Public Forum on the Special Town Meeting**

The Select Board and the Finance Committee present the following slide show.

A slide show presentation with a yellow background and blue text. The top slide features a photograph of a red barn in a rural setting. The bottom slide contains text welcoming attendees to a hearing and providing information about a warrant review.

Special Town Meeting  
Oct 5, 2017

Select Board  
Public Forum  
Special Town Meeting  
Review

Welcome to the Hadley Select Board hearing to discuss -  
*Special Town Meeting - Warrant Review*

We appreciate your taking the time to be here. A copy of this warrant is available on the table.



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### 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 of the Special Town Meeting
- Improve voter's understanding of individual warrant articles,
- offer voters an opportunity to ask questions.

### Intent of the Forum (cont'd.)

- 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.



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### Article 1

Article 1 amends the FY 2018 Budget by:

- Increasing the Fire Department staff by 3 positions;
- Adjusting budgets to reflect changes in expenses that were known after the Annual Town Meeting;
- Adjusting budgets downward to meet the requirements of Prop. 2 ½;
- Using funds that were unavailable at the Annual Town Meeting (e.g., enterprise reserves and Free Cash);

### Article 1 (Cont.)

- Restoring funds to keep pace with our OPEB funding strategy;
- Reducing the stipends paid to part-time elected officials; and
- Providing non-union employees with a 1.5% COLA.

### Article 2

Article 2 is a house keeping article that is placed on the Consent Agenda.

- Balances from old articles are transferred back to their original funding source.
- Debt is adjusted to reflect true borrowing costs.

This article ensures that money is made available for more productive uses.



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### Article 3

The Department of Revenue now requires revolving funds to be adopted as a local bylaw, rather than voting annually to renew them.

Revolving funds provides services through fees and other monies at no cost to the taxpayer.

This article is placed on the Consent Agenda.

### Article 4

Article 4 transfers Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Article 5 pays for the capital projects for the year.

### Article 5

Article 5 pays for the capital projects, including:

- Vehicles and equipment for DPW, Police, and Fire.
- Infrastructure improvements for Sewer.
- Improvements to the Public Safety Complex and DPW Garage.
- A State-mandated sewer and water rate study.



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**Article 5 (Cont.)**

Article five includes borrowing that will be voted in a series of motions.

Borrowing strategies are still being assessed.

**Article 6**

Article 6 amends the restriction placed on money that requires that the Town build a fire substation only on the North Hadley Village Hall ballfield. The amendment allows the money to be spent for a fire substation on any Town-owned parcel.

**Article 7**

Article 7 ends Hadley's membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments, effective July 1, 2019.

The Select Board and Finance Committee are concerned about the long-term solvency of the Council and are seeking services from other regional providers.



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### Article 8

Article 8 creates a veterans' tax work off program, whereby qualifying Hadley veterans can work for the Town in exchange for a reduction on their residential property tax. This program works in coordination with the senior tax work off program.

This article is on the Consent Agenda.

Questions about Article 8.

Unknown speaker asks how veterans qualify.

David Nixon responds that there are income limits and the veteran must be resident of own home. If they are disabled, they may designate someone to work for them.

Jane Nevinsmith asks for the exact numbers for the senior tax work off program.

### Article 9

The next three articles are placed on the warrant by the Community Preservation Act Committee.

Article 9 raises \$190,000 for the final restoration of Zatyрка Park, located at the intersection of Breckenridge and Huntington Roads. Private funds are being raised by the Friends of Zatyрка Park to be used on this project.

### Article 10

The Community Preservation Act Committee provides \$35,000 for a pavilion near the Elementary School playground area. Private funds raised by the PTO will also be used on this project.





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**Article 11**

The Community Preservation Act Committee provides \$400,000 for the Hopkins Academy Athletic Fields. Other funds are being raised by the School Department and will also be used for this project.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**October 5, 2017**

**at 7 pm**

**Hopkins Academy  
Gymnasium**

Donald Pipczynski addresses his concerns for the FY19 budget.

Molly Keegan thanks everyone for attending and begins the Select Board meeting. Molly Keegan briefly discusses the scheduling a meeting for October 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss items for the upcoming Select Board meeting.

**6. Announcements**

Gerald Devine states that the Fragile X Foundation is hosting a wine tasting at Esselon Café, this Saturday.

**7. Adjournment**

**7.1 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Devine      Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James