

**BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

**October 20, 2014**

Hopedale Town Hall

Chairman Robert J. Fleming; Selectman Kenneth Picard; Selectman James Brochu; Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson.

1 The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Hopedale Chairperson Jacaruso opened the meeting  
2 and reviewed the agenda.

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4 **INVITED GUESTS**

5 The Board of Selectmen was invited guests of the Hopedale Board. Chairperson Jacaruso  
6 informed the audience that the Upton Selectmen had asked to attend their meeting to talk about  
7 shared opportunities. She turned the discussion over to Chairman Fleming. Mr. Fleming told the  
8 board that the purpose of our request was to open dialog about ways that the two towns might  
9 work together more in the future. He discussed how well the shared dispatch of 911 calls is  
10 going, and what things we've done with other towns (shared Conservation Agent with Ashland).  
11 He said that our board is trying to reach out to more of our neighbors to develop relationships so  
12 that sharing is more likely. Selectmen Picard and Brochu also spoke, reiterating Mr. Fleming's  
13 comments and their own thoughts on future opportunities and their interest in working together.  
14 Mr. Picard noted that sometimes a shared opportunity doesn't cost less, but it might result in  
15 better services to our residents.

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17 Ms. Jacaruso thanked the board for suggesting the joint meeting. She and the other Hopedale  
18 board members commented about how well the dispatch program was going, and told the Board  
19 they would be very interested in discussing other opportunities that may arise. Both the Town  
20 Coordinator and Town Manager noted that they speak fairly often and would let their boards  
21 know if something came up that should be discussed further.

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24 **ADJOURN MEETING**

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26 **Motion #1:** At 7:20pm motion was made by Selectman Brochu to adjourn the regular meeting.

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28 Second: Selectman Picard, Unanimous: Chairman Fleming

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30 Respectfully submitted,

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33 Blythe Robinson  
34 Town Manager  
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