

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

Minutes

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



MONDAY, May 10, 2021

7:00 P.M.

**Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
85 Wilbraham Road
Hampden, Massachusetts**

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Minutes of the Town of Hampden Annual Town Meeting at **Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, 85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden**, on **Monday, May 10, 2021** at **seven o'clock in the evening**. Moderator Richard R Green opened the meeting at 7:08p. 112 in Attendance

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ARTICLE 1 TOWN REPORTS

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2020, be accepted as printed.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 2 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled "Fiscal 2022 Draft Recommendations" of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee be raised and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes, each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

		Fiscal 2022 Draft Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
1.0	Accountant	
	1.1 Salary	41,844
	1.2 Assistant	10,514
	1.3 Expenses	14,500
	1.4 Software	7,500
	Total Accountant	74,358
2.0	Advisory Committee	
	2.1 Clerical	5,563
	2.2 Expenses	200
	Total Advisory	5,763
3.0	Appeals, Board of	
	3.1 Clerical	6,449
	3.2 Expenses	300
	Total Appeals	6,749
4.0	Assessors, Board of	
	4.1 Salaries	17,090
	4.2 Principal Assessor	55,632
	4.2.2 Clerical	23,835
	4.3 Expenses	4,500
	4.5 Software Support	8,708
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	1,950
	4.7 Utility Valuations	8,000
	Total Assessors	119,715
5.0	Building Department Expenses	
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	22,216
	5.2 Inspector	66,647
	5.3 Clerical	25,904
	5.4 Inspectors Expense	2,000

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	5.5 Office Expense	1,860
	Total Building Dept.	118,627
6.0	County Retirement	706,975
7.0	Insurance	
	7.1 Property and Liability	125,000
	7.2 Employee Benefits	314,000
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	10,000
	7.4 Longevity	600
	Total Insurance	449,600
8.0	8.1 Law & Claims	65,000
9.0	Moderator	
	9.1 Salary	0
	9.2 Expenses	100
	Total Moderator	100
10.0	Planning Board	
	10.2 Clerical	28,377
	10.3 Expenses	1,100
	Total Planning Board	29,477
11.0	Registrars, Board of (Voters)	
	11.1 Salaries	800
	11.2 Election Expenses	5,000
	11.3 Street Lists	3,000
	Total Registrars	8,800
12.0	Selectmen	
	12.1 Salaries	10,237
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	50,848
	12.4 Expenses	15,000
	12.5 Legal Advertising	3,000
	12.6 Mapping Maintenance	2,400
	12.7 Temporary Help	12,000
	12.8 Storm Water Management	40,850
	Total Selectman	134,335
13.0	Tax Collector	
	13.1 Salary	41,019
	13.2 Clerical	26,841
	13.3 Expenses	2,750
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	3,750
	13.5 Tax Title Work	2,500
	Total Tax Collector	76,860
14.0	Town Clerk	
	14.1 Salary	41,019
	14.2 Clerical	31,297
	14.3 Record Clerk	7,796
	14.3 Expenses	1,250

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	14.4 Town Publications	100
	Total Town Clerk	81,462
15.0	Town Report	3,000
16.0	Treasurer	
	16.1 Salary	48,311
	16.2 Clerical	10,514
	16.3 Expenses	1,200
	16.4 Certifying Notes	1,000
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	1,610
	16.6 Tax Title Work	11,000
	16.7 Payroll Service	7,500
	16.10 Records Mgt	1,000
	Total Treasurer	82,135
17.0	Veterans' Benefits	20,000
19.0	Town Administrator	87,500
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		2,070,456
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES		
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	4,500
21.0	Cemetery Commission	
	21.1 Clerical	15,301
	21.2 Expenses	500
	21.3 Maintenance	19,500
	21.4 Computer Maintenance	1,500
	Total Cemetery Commission	36,801
22.0	Conservation Commission	
	22.1 Clerical	23,365
	22.2 Expenses	750
	Total Conservation Commission	24,115
23.0	Transfer Station	
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	25,000
	Total Transfer Station	25,000
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	15,000
26.0	Library	
	26.1 Salaries, Materials, Books	172,946
	Total Library	172,946
27.0	Town Events	1,200
29.0	Office Equipment	
	29.1 Acquisition	20,000
	29.2 Maintenance	5,000
	29.3 Supplies	10,000

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	29.4 Postage	17,000
	29.5 Information Technology	30,000
	29.6 Website	2,500
	Total Office Equipment	84,500
30.0	Parks and Recreation	
	30.1 Salaries	46,875
	30.2 Operating Expenses	5,400
	30.9 Spray park	11,000
	Total Parks and Recreation	63,275
32.0	Town House Maintenance	
	32.1 Custodial	17,000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	30,000
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	40,000
	Total Town House Maintenance	87,000
34.0	Ambulance	342,990
35.0	Gasoline	
	35.1 Purchase	50,000
	36.1 Gasoline Expenses	10,000
	Total Gasoline	60,000
36.0	Street Lighting	23,000
37.0	Council on Aging	
	37.1 Director's Salary	70,376
	37.2 General Salary	94,478
	37.3 Expenses	7,000
	Total Council on Aging	171,854
38.0	Senior Center	
	38.2 Utilities	22,115
	38.3 Building Maintenance	16,153
	Total Senior Center	38,268
39.0	Historical Commission	400
Total General Town Services		1,150,849
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	89,838
40.1	Departmental Payroll	268,611
41.0	Tree Warden	
	41.1 Expenses	69,850
	41.1.2 Salary	6,600
	Total Tree Warden	76,450
42.0	Public Grounds	4,385
43.0	Highway Maintenance	
	43.0 Expenses	65,672

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	43.1 Paving	250,000
	Total Highway Maintenance	315,672
44.0	General Highway Expense	15,645
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	100,000
46.0	Contract Services	
	46.1 Street Sweeping	22,800
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	40,900
	Total Contract Services	63,700
47.0	Other Highway Accounts	
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	18,000
48.0	Building Expenses	
	48.1 Expenses and Utilities	15,000
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		967,301
50.0	Animal Inspection	
	50.1 Salary	2,543
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.4 Wildlife Control	2,500
	Total Animal Inspection	5,283
51.0	Emergency Management	5,000
51.5	Traffic Control	15,000
52.0	Dog Officer	
	52.1 Animal Control	12,939
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	700
	Total Dog Officer	13,639
53.0	Fire Department	
	53.1.1 Med Dir Emer Med Svcs	0
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	28,949
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1,500
	53.3 Operation	48,200
	53.4 Equipment	16,500
	53.5 Training Stipend	32,000
	53.6 Radio Service Agreement	0
	015537 Call reimbursement	50,000
	015538 FD Salaries	182,000
	015538.1 Clerical	4,857
	015539 Uniforms	3,500
	53.10 EMS Supplies	3,000
	53.11 Fire Officer Stipends	10,404
	Total Fire Department	380,910
54.0	Forest Fire Control	1,800

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56.0	Health, Board of	
	56.1 Salary	5,706
	56.2 Clerk Salary	58,647
	56.3 Expenses	1,000
	56.4 Health Nurse	7,800
	Total Board of Health	73,153
56.5	Water District	
	565.1 Operations	8,000
	565.2 Testing	2,000
	Total Water District	10,000
57.0	Police	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	100,000
	*Additional Salary of \$20,000 included in Career Incentive line	
	57.2 General Salaries	1,217,274
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	12,760
	57.4 General Expenses	104,405
	57.5 New Cruisers	45,000
	57.6 Training	33,114
	57.7 Equipment	8,700
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,907
	57.9 Building Maintenance & Exp	60,363
		1,656,523
58.0	Other Police Accounts	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	846
	58.2 Towing Clerk	100
	58.3 WMLEC	750
		1,696
	Total Police	1,658,219
59.0	Police/Fire Communications	60,663
TOTAL PROTECTION		2,223,667

SCHOOLS

69.0	Regional School District	
	69.1 Assessment	7,542,467
	Total Regional School District	7,542,467
	LOCAL DEBT	
70.0	Local Government Debt	
	70.4 Green Meadow Bond	183,600
	70.7 Infrastructure Roads	
	70.8 Minnechaug Bond	493,868
	70.9 Minnechaug, retro bond	
	70.10Police Dept	227,250
	70.11 Highway Truck	
	70.12 Air packs	

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Total Local Government Debt	904,718
GRAND TOTAL	14,859,458

ARTICLE 3 PRIOR YEAR BILLS

The Town voted take no action on this article.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 4 FISCAL 2022 SPENDING LIMITS FOR REVOLVING FUNDS

The Town voted to authorize the following total expenditures for the following revolving funds, in amounts not to exceed the following amounts, pursuant to GL c44, Section 53E ½ for the Fiscal Year 2022:

Building Department Fund	\$ 85,000
Board of Health Fund	\$ 25,000
Cemetery Commission Fund	\$ 34,386
Council on Aging Fund	\$ 21,000
Library Fund	\$ 3,000
Conservation Commission Fund	\$ 20,000
Planning Board Fund	\$ 10,000

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 5 ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

The Town voted that the Town appropriate the following amounts for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund:

\$29,562 for Salaries
\$55,500 for Trash Hauling & MRF Contract
\$1,405 for Miscellaneous Expenses
\$14,000 for Purchase of Bags
\$100,467

And that \$100,467 be raised as follows:

Department receipts: \$90,467.

General Fund: \$10,000

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 6 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town voted to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund: 1) \$15,500 for the purpose of reimbursing the Hampden Housing Authority for the replacement and improvement of exterior faucets and interior shutoff valves located within Centennial Commons; 2) \$3,000 for the purpose of regrading and drainage of a portion of the lower ball field at Memorial Park; and 3) \$10,000 for purpose of excavating and grading at the entrance to Mt. Vision located on North Rd

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator;

Motion (4) to appropriate \$9,300 for a consultant to prepare and file a request for designation of Hampden Village as a National Historic District **failed**.

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ARTICLE 7 CONSERVATION FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted and approved at an Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 8 CHAPTER 90 - STATE HIGHWAY AID

The Town voted to accept \$256,039 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L., Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 9 LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

The Town voted that, in fiscal year 2022, if state aid is received for the Hampden public library, this money will be made available to Library Trustees for use at their discretion.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 10 TRANSFER TO THE ASSESSORS' STABILIZATION FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for deposit into the Assessors Stabilization Fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated requirements.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 11 TRANSFER FROM THE ASSESSORS' STABILIZATION FUND

The Town voted to transfer \$10,025 from the Assessors Stabilization Fund for Fiscal 2022 Department of Revenue mandated requirements.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 12 SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION

The Town voted to, pursuant to subsection 3 of the second paragraph of General Laws, Chapter 59, section 5, Clause 41C, increase the maximum allowable gross receipts to \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 13 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$11,034 to fund the School Resource Officer for fiscal year 2021 at Minnechaug Regional High School.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the Advisory Committee Reserve Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 15 HIGHWAY GARAGE EXPANSION PROJECT

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$300,000 to fund the expansion of the Highway Garage.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 16 ACADEMY HALL

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000 to fund the exterior painting of Academy Hall.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

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ARTICLE 17 STORMWATER BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Town voted to amend the Stormwater By-Law by removing Chapter 14(A), Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management, and replace Chapter 14(A) with the new Chapter 14(A) set out in the attachment to this Warrant.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 18 FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$55,384 to fund the purchase of a new truck for the Fire Department.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 19 TOWN WATER ARTICLE

The Town voted to borrow \$900,000 to extend a water main along Main Street, with extensions to the Fire Department and Highway Department, to water to certain residents of Main Street and to the Highway and Fire Departments and the Town House.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 20 SCANTIC WATER DISTRICT EXPANSION

The Town voted to extend a new water main from the Scantic Water District Pump House at 789 Main Street westward to 575 Main Street; and further, to extend an off shoot main at the intersection of Main Street and North Road, north to 19 North Road (the Fire Station), approximately 450 ft.; and further, to extend an off shoot main from 587 Main Street, North to 589 Main Street (the Highway Garage), approximately 400 ft. according to the map attached to this Warrant.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 21 GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 22 REDUCING THE TAX RATE

The Town voted to take no action on this article.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

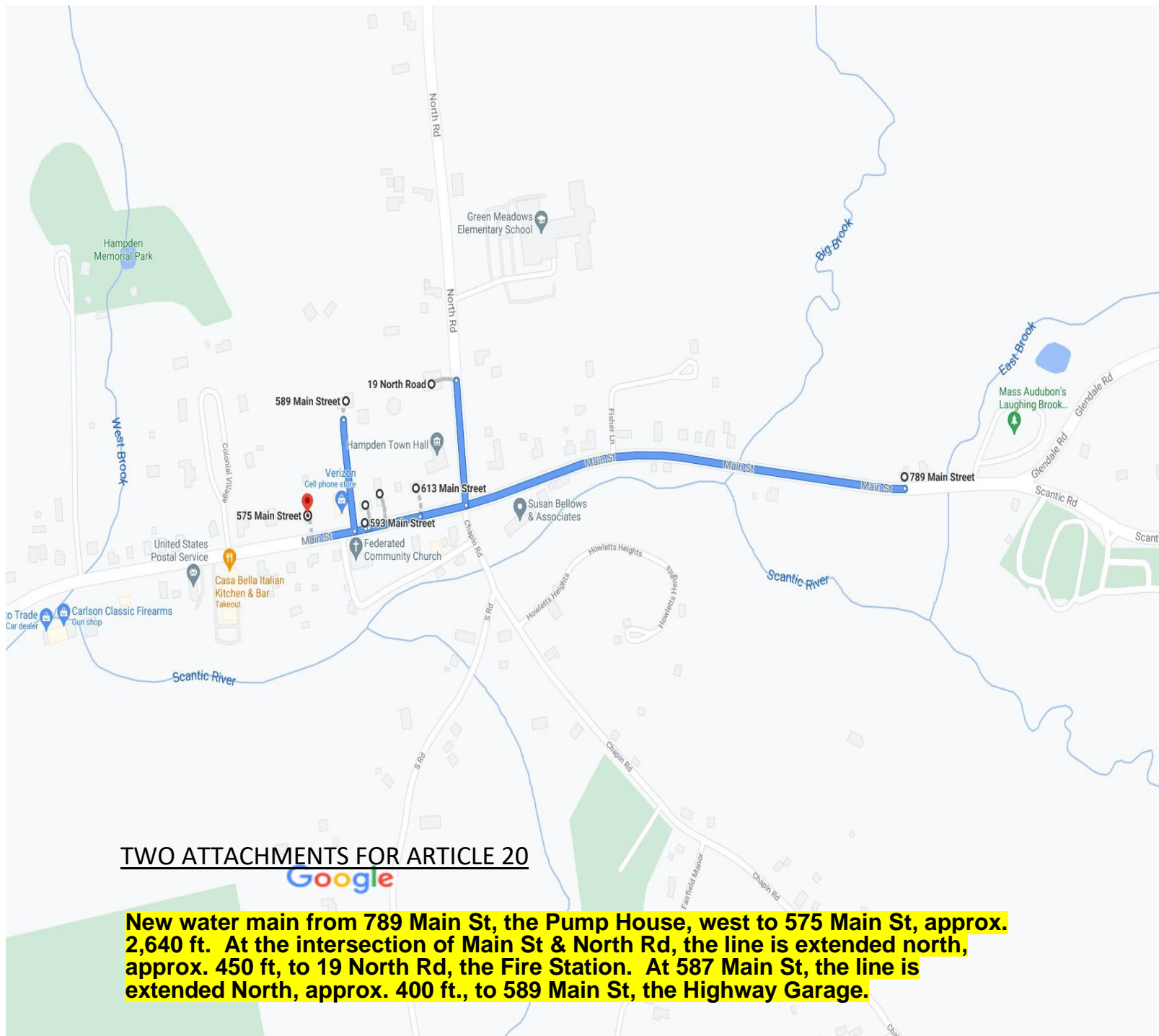
ARTICLE 23 CITIZEN'S PETITION

The Town **defeated** a motion to express formal disapproval of the decision of the Board of Selectmen to move emergency dispatch services out of the Town of Hampden without first obtaining the agreement of the majority of voters present at a town meeting.

Article failed to get a Majority Vote

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 pm was seconded and passed by a declared majority vote.

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TWO ATTACHMENTS FOR ARTICLE 20

New water main from 789 Main St, the Pump House, west to 575 Main St, approx. 2,640 ft. At the intersection of Main St & North Rd, the line is extended north, approx. 450 ft, to 19 North Rd, the Fire Station. At 587 Main St, the line is extended North, approx. 400 ft., to 589 Main St, the Highway Garage.

Proposed New District Services

19 North Road

625 Main Street

613 Main Street

601 Main Street

593/595 Main Street

589 Main Street

575 Main Street

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