

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 1, 2016
BUSINESS AGENDA

Town Hall, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833

6:30 P.M. **Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5A (2) Existing Litigation.**

7:00 P.M. Call to Order – Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

HEARINGS MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

Open a hearing on the renewal of the following commercial haulers licenses:

Republic Services, 1080 Airport Rd., Fall River, MA

Applications and filing fees received/notice posted.

Discussion.

Decision.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND
RECONVENE AS COUNCIL**

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Open a hearing to consider and act upon an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan concerning energy consumption and production, natural hazards, and planned improvements to Langworthy Field.

Council Discussion.

Public Comment.

Motion to continue hearing or close hearing and set date for decision.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Minutes of January 19, 2016; Approve abatements submitted by Interim Tax Assessor.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Budget Preparation

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Attendance at the Rhode Island Interlocal Dinner on January 21, 2016
- Meeting with House Representative Speaker Nicholas Mattiello on January 28, 2016

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss, consider and possibly vote to adopt a Resolution opposing Truck Tolling Gantries proposed throughout the State of Rhode Island.

**THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON'S RESOLUTION
IN OPPOSITION TO TRUCK TOLL GANTRIES PROPOSED
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

WHEREAS: The Governor's Proposal will add additional financial burdens to families by increasing the already high cost of goods and services in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's Proposal will place additional burdens on all Rhode Island businesses resulting in more direct/indirect loss of jobs in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's Proposal will likely be viewed nationwide, as yet another Rhode Island anti-business/anti-consumer tax; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's Proposal ignores other alternative, and substantially more fiscally sound, pay-as-you-go proposals or an increase in the fuel tax; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's Proposal increases our state's already high bonded debt by at least another \$1.3 billion; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's Proposal is widely regarded as a "gateway" tax that will eventually lead to the tolling of ALL vehicles; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's Proposal includes a tolling gantry on Interstate 95 at the Hopkinton/Richmond town border, causing a negative economic impact on these municipalities; and

WHEREAS: To avoid the tolls, trucks will use alternate routes leading to increased local traffic and the accelerated degradation of local roads.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopkinton Town Council views the Governor's Proposal as an unwarranted encroachment on intrastate commerce & transportation that places additional, significant and unnecessary burdens on Rhode Island businesses, consumers and municipalities. We strongly encourage all cities and towns of the State of Rhode Island to oppose this and any other similar plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town's State Legislative Delegation, General Assembly, Speaker of the House, Senate President, Governor, and the other Rhode Island municipalities requesting support of our OPPOSITION to the Governor's Proposed Truck Toll Gantry Plan.

This Resolution was read and adopted by the Hopkinton Town Council on Monday, February 1st, 2016.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF HOPKINTON

Elizabeth Cook-Martin
Town Clerk

Frank T. Landolfi
Town Council President

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC FORUM

ADJOURN

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Posting Details: Town Hall, Police Station, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website. Posting date: January 29, 2016