

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 16, 2016
BUSINESS AGENDA

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

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

HEARINGS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Render a decision re: proposed amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Plan concerning energy consumption and production, natural hazards, and planned improvements to Langworthy Field. Public hearing held February 1, 2016.

Council Deliberations.

Consider motion and vote to adopt the amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2016; Set March 7, 2016 as a hearing date for a Solar Energy Collection Facilities Tangible Property Tax Abatement filed by Stano Trombino for property located at 45 Bank St. - AP 028/00122; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve refund due to overpayment submitted by the Tax Collector. Approve Tax Collector's request to adjust off two 2011 accounts as uncollectable.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- February 3, 2016 USDA meeting re: Potential Water Line Extension
- February 9, 2016 Meeting with Senate President Theresa Paiva Weed re: Categorical Transportation Funds to be Reimbursed to the District

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Waterline Extension Funding
- RILCT Disability Pension Seminar

OLD BUSINESS

Consider, discuss and vote to authorize the Town of Hopkinton to accept the terms and conditions of the \$300,000 loan and financing offered through the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (the "RIIB") under the Community Septic System Loan Program, and to authorize the Town Solicitor to review and execute the necessary loan and related documents on behalf of the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and vote to authorize the Town Council President to execute a Purchase and Sales Agreement providing for the Town's purchase of that portion of Palmer Circle currently owned by the State of Rhode Island for one dollar (\$1.00), and to go forth and prepare the instruments necessary for the closing transaction, which is the responsibility of the Town, as specified in the Purchase and Sales Agreement.
2. Discuss, consider and vote on a Resolution Relative to Transportation Categorical Aid to Regional School Districts. See attached.
3. Discuss, consider and vote on a Resolution Relative to the Transfer of the Chariho Career and Technical Center. See attached.
4. Discuss and consider submittal of comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service re: the draft plan for a proposed Federal Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Consider reappointment to the Land Trust.
2. Consider reappointment to the Affordable Housing Partnership.

PUBLIC FORUM

ADJOURN

If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation by any person, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 377-7777 (V) or 377-7773 (TDD) at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

Posting Details: Town Hall, Police Station, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website. Posting date: February 12, 2016

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO TRANSPORTATION CATEGORICAL AID
TO REGIONAL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton (the "Town") is a member of the Chariho Regional School District along with the Towns of Charlestown and Richmond; and

WHEREAS, TITLE 16 Education, CHAPTER 16-7.2 The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act, SECTION 16-7.2-6 clearly says the law was originally implemented to offset the loss of the regional incentive that all regional school districts are eligible for Transportation Categorical Aid; and

WHEREAS, Second, RIGL § 16-7.2-6 e (2) states this fund requires that the state and regional school district share equally the student transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, Chariho is being deprived of \$289,048 in funding for Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the four regional school districts of Chariho Regional, Bristol-Warren Regional, Exeter-West Greenwich Regional, and Foster-Glocester Regional are being deprived of a total of \$727,320; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton, respectfully request that the General Assembly demand the Rhode Island Department of Education reinstate what funds are due for Chariho for FY 2017 and future years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Town of Hopkinton's State Senators and State Representative in the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Towns and School Districts of Hopkinton, Richmond, Bristol Warren, Exeter, West Greenwich, Foster and Glocester and the Director and Board of the Rhode Island Department of Education for consideration of their support.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect on February 16, 2016.

By resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council
At a meeting held on February 16, 2016

Attested to by
Elizabeth Cook-Martin, Town Clerk

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF THE
CHARIHO AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton (the “Town”) is a member of the Chariho Regional School District (the “School District”) along with the Towns of Charlestown and Richmond; and

WHEREAS, at its January 19, 2016 meeting, the School District Committee voted to authorize a communication to the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton objecting to the reduction in tuition-based revenue to the Chariho Area Career and Technical Center; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2010, the School Committee, the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), the Department of Administration, and the State Properties Committee each agreed to terms that resulted in the transfer of the Chariho Area Career and Technical Center to the School District; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Transfer Agreement, RIDE agreed that “For as long as Chariho operates a career and technical center, RIDE warrants that it will not approve the establishment of any career and technical center in the towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, Richmond, South Kingstown, and Westerly (collectively, the “South County Communities”); and

WHEREAS, RIDE Commissioner Wagner has recently publicly stated that he has no intention of honoring the Transfer Agreement; and

WHEREAS, there have been two recent developments that conflict with the Transfer Agreement, namely, approval of a cosmetology program in Westerly and an agricultural sciences program in Narragansett.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton, respectfully request that the General Assembly require the Rhode Island Department of Education to honor their commitments to the Chariho Regional School District relating to the transfer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Town of Hopkinton’s State Senators and State Representative in the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Towns of Charlestown, Richmond, the Chariho School Committee and Superintendent, and the Commissioner and Board of the Rhode Island Department of Education for consideration of their support.

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