

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the seventeenth day of April 2017 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council Vice President Thomas Buck at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833.

PRESENT: Thomas Buck, Barbara Capalbo, Sylvia Thompson, David Husband; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin. Absent: Frank Landolfi.

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

HEARINGS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

MULTI EVENT PERMIT

The Council opened a hearing for a Multi-Event Permit filed by Jen Johnson of Holly Tree Campground to hold three events for their campers on the following dates: Saturday, May 27, 2017 music with live Band; Saturday, July 8, 2017 music with a DJ and Saturday August 26, 2017 music with a DJ. The events will be held in the Camp Pavilion at Holly Tree Campground located at 109 Ashaway Rd., Ashaway, RI 02804 from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. The events are not open to the public.

Jennifer Johnson was present. The application is complete and came in with the \$200.00 filing fee and \$100.00 license fee. There are no waiver requests. The matter has been advertised and notice to abutters was sent by regular mail. Ms. Johnson reported there had been no complaints and confirmed they would be finished by 10:30 PM. There were no objectors present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE MULTI EVENT PERMIT FILED BY HOLLY TREE CAMPGROUND.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

COMMERCIAL HAULERS LICENSE

The Council opened a hearing on an application for a Commercial Haulers License: MTG Disposal, LLC, 19 Industrial Way – P.O. Box 70, Seekonk, MA 02771.

The application was in order and was accompanied by the \$200.00 filing fee. Notice had been advertised and a separate advertising fee of \$50.00 was submitted by the applicant. Councilor Husband asked if this covered the advertising expense and Ms. Cook-Martin responded no; but would help to offset the expense.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE COMMERCIAL HAULERS LICENSE FOR MTG DISPOSAL, LLC.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

CONSENT AGENDA

The Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2017 were removed from the Consent Agenda to vote on them separately.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Approve Workshop Notes of January 9, 2017; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve abatement due to motor vehicle adjustment submitted by the Tax Assessor.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2017.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Capalbo, Husband

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Thompson

SO VOTED

Councilor Thompson abstained as she had not been present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Scott Bill Hirst, 20 Maple Court commented on three matters: relative to the possible legalization of marijuana in RI; that it was against Federal Law and added it may be tougher with the new administration in Washington; relative to the Chariho Budget vote, he was disappointed in the media coverage and felt there should be a follow up story; relative to a proposed new Pawtucket Red Sox Stadium he did not support the use of public monies for this and felt the Council should consider a resolution against it as there were other more important needs in the State such as road repairs.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager William McGarry reported. On April 5, 2017, he conducted a town-wide department head staff meeting held in the HPD conference room. We discussed the status of many ongoing projects in town, and department heads brought everyone in attendance up-to-date on their respective activities. He reported during the last two weeks, he worked closely with Brian Rosso and PRISM CEO Tom Gentz to assemble the necessary documents to forward to

National Grid and the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, regarding the purchase of the 539 streetlights, the subsequent transition to LED lights and the financing of the entire project. This is a work in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

**SCHEDULE WORKSHOP W/ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE RE:
LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA**

The Council set a workshop for 6:00 PM on May 1, 2017 with Joe Lindbeck from the RI Attorney General’s Office re: the proposal for legalization of recreational marijuana.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the second public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk