

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – August 21, 2017  
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 MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD**

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**

Open a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit filed by Karen Windsor on behalf of Foster Parrots, Ltd. for their Annual Fundraiser with tour, live music and buffet, scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Foster Parrots, Ltd. facility located at 87 Woodville Alton Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832.

Applicant or representative present.

Application complete/consider waivers.

Discussion.

Decision.

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

**ORDINANCE HEARING RE: TAXES ON RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Open a hearing on a proposed ordinance in amendment of Chapter 19 Taxation of the Hopkinton Code of Ordinances, as amended, entitled: Tax on Renewable Energy introduced & sponsored by Councilor Thompson.

1. In accordance with RIGL sec. 44-5-3[c], the Town of Hopkinton hereby authorizes its assessor to levy a tax on renewable energy tangible property as defined in RIGL sec. 39-26-5 in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated and executed thereunder by the Rhode Island Officer of Energy Resources.
2. In accordance with RIGL sec. 44-3-21 the Town of Hopkinton hereby exempts from taxation commercial net-metered renewable energy systems whose sole purpose is to offset electricity bills and not to sell power back to the electric distribution system.
3. Property owners installing renewable energy systems are required to provide a copy of the interconnection application between the renewable energy developer and the electric distribution company as well as a copy of any documentation of program enrollment, to the Town of Hopkinton tax assessor indicating if the renewable energy system is net-metered or if the system is selling a portion of all the energy produced back to National Grid under the Renewable Energy Growth Program. Copies of the final interconnection service agreement executed between the renewable energy developer and the electric distribution company shall be provided to the Town of

Hopkinton tax assessor and to the Hopkinton building official prior to construction of any renewable energy system.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Council discussion/public comment.

Motion to continue hearing or close hearing and set date to consider adoption of the ordinance.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2017; Executive Session Minutes of August 7, 2017; Set November 6, 2017 as the hearing date for renewals of Liquor Licenses and Victualling Licenses; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve abatements due to tax value change adjustments and/or corrections to veterans exemptions, tax exempt foundations and motor vehicles submitted by Tax Assessor.

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Receipt of FEMA Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps: Community Coordinator Officer Meeting scheduled for 09/12/17.

#### **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: August 18, 2017