

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the seventh day of August A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO CONVENE OPEN SESSION AND RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER RIGL SEC. 42-46-5(A)(7) FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AND/OR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHERE THE PREMATURE DISCLOSURE WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST; AND, RIGL SECS. 42-46-5(A)(2) DISCUSSIONS AND/OR WORK SESSION PERTAINING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – PUBLIC WORKS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

POLL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Council President Landolfi reported no votes were taken in Executive Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

SESSION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

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

**CAPTAIN MARK J. CARRIER CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Hopkinton Police Chief David Palmer thanked the off-duty police officers and Police Commission members that came in to support Captain Carrier. Members of his family were also in attendance. Chief Palmer noted Captain Carrier began the para-military, dorm-like academy on April 3, 2017 and graduated June 7, 2017; officers from 20 different countries participated. He stated Captain Carrier had taken difficult classes, earning four A's and two A+'s and some of the courses will apply to his master's degree which he has been working on. Chief Palmer presented him with a Certificate of Accomplishment in recognition of his graduation from the 268th session of the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Captain Carrier thanked the Chief, Town Manager and Town Council for their support and indicated he made invaluable contacts while there.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2017 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Accept the transcript of July 17, 2017 as the record of the decision re: RI Solar Renewable Energy LLC & Peloquin Builders, Inc. Zoning Ordinance amendment & Future Land Use Map amendment; Executive Session Minutes of July 17, 2017; Set August 21, 2017 as hearing date for a Special Event Permit filed by Foster Parrots, Ltd.; reconsider/approve a petition from National Grid & Verizon to install a new utility pole numbered #35-S and attached anchor on Oak Street; consider/approve a petition from National Grid & Verizon to relocate Pole #12 fifteen feet in a southeasterly direction toward Pole #13 on Oak Street.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Corrections were made to the July 17, 2017 Town Council Meeting Minutes on page 6, fourth paragraph, fourth line to insert “AC” after “13.8” and before “Megawatt”; on page 9, second paragraph, last sentence, to add “Department of Public Works” at the end of the sentence.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2017 AS AMENDED.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No one spoke during the first public forum.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

Council President Landolfi reported on the Federal Rail Road Administration’s decision regarding the NEC FUTURE Tier 1, that it was not going to happen as initially proposed which was a testament to the efforts of the people in Charlestown and the Narragansett Tribe; that some of the expansion would have run through the backyards of residents so the momentum stayed with the group. He reported on a chance meeting he had with Senate President Dominic Ruggerio before the State Budget had passed; that he had seen him at the bank where he works so he took the opportunity to let him know that if they did not pass the budget it would cost the Town dearly because there was increased State Aid to Education in the budget. He noted the State Budget has since been approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **APPROVE CONTRACT RE: HOPKINTON & LOCAL 808 OF LIUNA**

This item had been scheduled to consider and vote on a motion to approve the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Hopkinton and Local 808 of LIUNA representing the Public Works Department Employees.

A motion was made by Councilor Buck and seconded by Councilor Thompson to accept the contract as written: Council President Landolfi reported the fiscal impact of the Department of Public Works contract for all three years totaled \$51,175.00; the healthcare co-share increases for employees over the term of the contract were 20%, 21,% & 21%; employee raises over the term of the contract were 1%, 2% & 3%. He thanked Finance Director Brian Rosso and Town Manager William McGarry for a great contract that will minimize the impact to the taxpayer and that makes the employees happy. The Council proceeded to vote:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR BUCK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT AS WRITTEN.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**SET DATE FOR WORKSHOP W/STATE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES**

The Council scheduled a workshop to discuss the recent changes in renewable energy, which will be in a presentation by Christopher Kearns, Chief of Program Development, for the State Office of Energy Resources for Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE: TAX ON RENEWABLE ENERGY**

The Council set a hearing date for an ordinance regarding Taxes on Renewable Energy Systems introduced and sponsored by Council President Landolfi for Monday, August 21, 2017. Councilor Thompson asked to be included as a sponsor.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Two Resolutions were scheduled before the Council to discuss, consider and possibly vote on: 1). Resolution in Opposition to H-5601a and S-0896a an Act Relating to Towns and Cities-Optional Retirement for Members of Police and Firefighters and 2). Resolution in Opposition to H-5593 and S-0285 an Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations—Arbitration—continuance of Contractual Provisions. Council President Landolfi explained that the Council had initially received three resolutions from the Town of Barrington but he had only scheduled two for consideration because the General Assembly had since adopted the State

Budget. He reported the Governor had vetoed H-5593 and S-0285 (continuation of labor contracts) as reported to him by the Town Clerk after checking RI General Assembly website and H-5601a and S-0896a (optional retirement for police & firefighters) was effective without Governor's signature. No action was taken on either Resolution.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

**PLANNING BOARD**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO REAPPOINT ALFRED DIORIO TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO REAPPOINT RICHARD PRESCOTT TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one spoke during the second public forum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council would adjourn in memory of homicide victim John A. Gardiner, nephew of Councilor Sylvia Thompson.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN ANDREW GARDINER.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk