

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – July 5, 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**

**1. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE: PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS (PSES)**

Open a hearing on an amendment to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 134 “Zoning” to add a proposed new ordinance entitled “PHOTO-VOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS (PSES)” introduced and sponsored by Councilor Thompson.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems (PSES) and includes the following sections:

Sec. - Definitions.

Sec. – Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems Purpose and Applicability.

Sec. – Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems (PSES) Requirements that include: General Requirements; Roof Mounted Solar Panel Requirements.

Sec. - PSES Design Guidelines that include Land Clearing and Environmental Impact; Appurtenant Structures; Lighting and Signage; Planning Board Review; Operation and Maintenance Plan; Landscape Plan; As-Built Plan; Financial Security.

Sec. - Post PSES Approval Regulations that include: Maintenance; Abandonment; Decommissioning; Removal Requirements.

All other parts of Chapter 134, to remain in full force and effect; and

The Amendments 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.

**2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO FARM VIABILITY ORDINANCE**

Open a hearing on a proposed amendment to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.5 Farm Viability Ordinance to include a new Section VII. Farm-Based Photovoltaic Solar Energy System (PSES) introduced and sponsored by Councilor Thompson.

Proposed new section: VII. Farm-Based Photovoltaic Solar Energy System (PSES).

Intermediate and Large Farms, as defined herein, may install PSES as an accessory use that meet the following requirements:

1. Intermediate Farms may use up to one (1) acre of land for PSES.

2. Large Farms may use up to two (2) acres of land for PSES and may use up to three (3) acres for farms in excess of fifty (50) acres.
3. Intermediate and Large Farms shall adhere to Chapter 246 - Photovoltaic Solar Energy System (PSES) in Chapter 134 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Hopkinton entitled "Zoning."

All other parts of Chapter 5.5 to remain in full force and effect; and

The Amendments 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 June 6, 2016; Accept the June 6, 2016 Allied Court Reporters transcript as the record pertaining to the Home Loan & Investment Bank Zoning Text Amendment hearing; Executive Session Minutes of June 20, 2016; Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2016; Accept the June 20, 2016 Allied Court Reporters transcript as the record pertaining to the Home Loan & Investment Bank Zoning Text Amendment hearing; Workshop Notes of May 31, 2016.

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

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Categorical Transportation Funding Update
- Low and Moderate Income Funding Discussions with Senator Whitehouse and Representative Langevin Staff

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

- CDBG LMI Funding Meeting
- Richmond Town Hall Meeting
- Double Utility Poles

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Review/approve Turrisi Earth Removal Registration Renewal Application.

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator:

- Accept resignation of Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator.
- Discuss, consider and vote to appoint Senior Planning Clerk Sean H. Henry as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator.

RIDOT Transit Hub:

- Discuss, consider and vote on whether to support a resolution for a non-binding ballot question re: Travel Hub.
- Council discussion and vote on support or opposition to the project.

Water Meter Update: Richmond Town Council has given permission for Hopkinton to use their water meter reading software for one half the annual software support fee amounting to \$750.00.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss and consider correspondence from the Rhode Island Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), in which they have prohibited the Town from using the 2010 Decennial Census survey data to qualify the village of Hope Valley as a low-moderate income area, pursuant to policy guidance from HUD.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

## **ADJOURN**

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