

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING –July 17, 2017
BUSINESS AGENDA

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

6:30 P.M. 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.

Reconvene in Open Session.

Statement by the Council President that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

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

HEARING:

1. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: FFY's 2018-2027

Open a hearing regarding future road repair projects for inclusion into Rhode Island Department of Administration's Statewide Planning Transportation Improvement Program, (TIP) for Federal Fiscal Year's 2018-2027. The TIP is a multi-year program consisting of various road repair projects to State-owned and local roads on the Federal Highway System eligible to receive Federal Funding.

Council discussion.

Public comment.

Consider and vote on a motion to approve selected projects and authorize the Town Manager to submit the application.

DECISIONS:

1. RE: DIGITAL SIGN ORDINANCE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Render a decision on an amendment to Chapter 249 Digital Sign Ordinance, in Code of Ordinances, Chapter 134 – Appendix A “Zoning” Section 27. Signs, introduced & sponsored by Council President Frank Landolfi. The hearing was held on June 19, 2017 with one recommended change highlighted in bold text below.

The proposed amendment would add language to Section T (p)(1) as follows:

p. The following colors shall be used in digital signs:

1. Blue, Green or Amber for digital signs in Commercial, Neighborhood Businesses, Industrial or Manufacturing Zones, *with the added allowance of the use of red digital numbering of posted gasoline prices “illuminated” ~~included~~ on digital signs located at licensed gasoline facilities that are subject to regulation under RIGL secs. 31-37-11 – 31-37-13, inclusive;*

2. All other Sections of Chapter 134. Section 27 to remain in full force and effect.
3. This amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Council deliberations.

Consider motion and vote to adopt the ordinance amendment.

2. RE: RI SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY & PELOQUIN BUILDERS PETITIONS

Render a decision on a Petition for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment and a Petition for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment to Map 10 filed by Rhode Island Solar Renewable Energy LLC, 43 Creston Way, Warwick RI 02886 for property owned by Peloquin Builders Inc., 58 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804 located on the south side of Route 91/Alton Bradford Road identified as Assessors Plat 3 Lot 53D, an RFR-80 Zone. The hearing was held on June 5, 2017.

The applicant is proposing to install a Solar Array requiring the vacant land to be cleared to allow the erection and installation of solar panels to generate approximately 13.3 AC and 18.8 DC megawatts of energy requiring a Zone change from RFR-80 to Manufacturing–Special and is filed in accordance with Section 16 (A) – (E) of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton as amended.

Council deliberations.

Consider motion and vote to adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2017; Executive Session Minutes of June 19, 2017; Accept the June 5, 2017 transcript as the record of the hearing re: RI Solar Renewable Energy LLC & Peloquin Builders, Inc. Zoning Ordinance amendment & Future Land Use Map amendment; Set September 5, 2017 as the first meeting in September due to Labor Day Holiday; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve Petition of National Grid & Verizon to install a new utility pole and anchor to be attached to Pole #35-S located on Oak Street.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- WWII Polish American Memorial relocated to Polish Park

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Hazardous Mitigation Plan Meeting #5
- RIDEM Land Trust Grant

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and vote to adopt the revised FY 2017 Tax Resolution to include Motor Vehicle tax revenue as recommended by the Auditors.

2. Discuss, consider and vote to adopt a revised Resolution authorizing the purchase of street lights, the conversion of fixtures to light-emitting diode (LED) technology, and the financing thereof through a Lease Purchasing Agreement or other Appropriation Obligation in an amount not to exceed \$290,000.00 and determining other matters in connection within.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review/approve Kenyon Earth Removal Registration Renewal Application.
2. Discuss and consider support to the cultural and historical mission of the Tomaquag Indian Museum, requested by Councilor Capalbo.
3. Discuss and consider scheduling a workshop re: proposed Farm Viability Ordinance amendments by the Hopkinton Conservation Commission.

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.

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