

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – June 5, 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Open a hearing to consider the transfer of the \$39,981.31 remaining balance in the 2014 CDBG Program for the Crandall House Generator Project to the Langworthy Field Recreational Upgrade Project.

The Town of Hopkinton made application to the CDBG Hurricane Sandy Disaster Recovery (DR) program for an emergency generator for the Crandall House in Ashaway due to its use as an emergency shelter during periods of power outage or severe storms. For reasons of timing on the award of these funds, application was also made to the “normal” CDBG Program for federal fiscal year ’14 funds. Both applications received awards. Having more severe expenditure requirements, the DR money was invested first in the project, followed by the CDBG money. The generator has been installed and that activity has been successfully completed. There is a balance of \$39,981.31 in the ’14 CDBG line item. The Town of Hopkinton wishes to transfer this balance to the Langworthy Field recreational upgrade project also funded in ’14 CDBG and with DEM recreation money.

Council discussion.

Public comment.

Discuss, consider and vote to authorize the transfer.

RI SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY & PELOQUIN BUILDERS PETITIONS

Open a hearing 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 Pelouin 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 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.

Applicant or representative present.

Filing fees paid and notice posted.

Council discussion.

Public comment.

Motion to continue hearing or to close hearing and set a date for a decision.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2017; Executive Session Minutes of May 15, 2017; Approve refunds as a result of overpayment by Financial Institution, submitted by the Tax Collector; Request of Tax Collector to adjust off uncollectible Motor Vehicle and Tangible Taxes for 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Hazardous Mitigation Plan Meeting;
- Town-wide Shredding Project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding the Hopkinton Historic District Commission's recent activities and interest pertaining to efforts to preserve Rhode Island's indigenous tribal ceremonial stone landscapes located within the Town of Hopkinton, as well as the recent request received by the Hopkinton Historic District Commission to consider entering into a formal memorandum of understanding with four regional tribal organizations and a company named Ceremonial Landscapes Research, LLC.
2. Discuss, consider and vote to award a bid to Bacon & Company, Certified Public Accountants, of Warwick, RI to provide professional auditing services for fiscal years ending June 30th, 2017, 2018 and 2019, in the amounts of \$24,750, \$25,245 and \$25,750, respectively.
3. Discuss, consider and vote to award bids to Crossman Engineering of Warwick, RI and VHB Engineering of Providence, RI to provide professional on-call engineering and related consultant services for fiscal years ending in 2018 and 2019, which may be extended for one (1) additional fiscal year at the Town's discretion.

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: June 1, 2017