

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – June 6, 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

CDBG AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION SET ASIDE REQUEST

Open a hearing on a request by Canonchet Hills (CH), L. P. (aka Canonchet Cliffs III) asking the Town of Hopkinton to submit on its behalf an application to the R. I. Commerce Secretary, Office of Housing and Community Development OHCD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. OHCD has established a CDBG set aside fund at the state level for affordable housing development or preservation. CH is seeking funding in the amount of \$499,000 under the preservation category.

Council Discussion.

Public Comment.

Discuss, consider and vote upon CDBG Affordable Housing Preservation Set Aside request submitted by Canonchet Hills (CH), L. P. (aka Canonchet Cliffs III).

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Open a hearing on a zoning ordinance amendment request filed by Kevin Murphy, Esq. on behalf of Home Loan & Investment Bank, FSB, One Home Loan Plaza, Warwick, RI 02886 for property owned by Home Loan & Investment Bank, FSB and located at 1100 Main Street, Hope Valley, RI 02832, identified as Assessor's Plat 27 Lot 150 a Commercial Special Zone continued from May 16, 2016 for receipt of Building & Zoning Official's opinion.

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 16, 2016; Accept the May 16, 2016 Allied Court Reporters transcript as the record pertaining to the Home Loan & Investment Bank, FSB Zoning Text Amendment Hearing; Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2016; Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2016; Set June 20, 2016 as a hearing date for a Multi-Event Permit filed by Holly Tree Campground; Set July 5, 2016 as the first Town Council Meeting in July due to Independence Day Holiday; Set September 6, 2016 as the first Town Council Meeting in September due to Labor Day Holiday.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Chariho Centennial Lions Club (formerly Richmond Lions Club)

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- RI Commerce Corporation Meeting
- USDA Meeting
- RIDEM Wetlands Permit

OLD BUSINESS

RIDOT Transit Hub Update – Council President Landolfi.

Discuss and consider setting a hearing date re: draft Solar Ordinance introduced and sponsored by Councilor Thompson.

Discuss and consider setting a hearing date re: an amendment to the Chapter 173 Farm Viability Ordinance further identified as Hopkinton Ordinance Chapter 5.5 to include a new Section VII. Farm-Based Photovoltaic Solar Energy System (PSES) introduced and sponsored by Councilor Thompson.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss, consider and vote to award a bid for Applied Emulsified Asphalt Chip Sealing to Comer Contracting, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$150,419.78.

Discuss, consider and vote to award a bid for Winter Sand to Morrone Trucking Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$10.00, per cubic yard (picked up) and \$15.60, per cubic yard (delivered).

Discuss, consider and vote upon a proposed resolution of the Council to temporarily stay enforcement of Chapter 225, Ordinance, Chapter 134, Section 27, Appendix A Zoning, entitled, "Signs" of the Town's Code of Ordinances as it relates to the Best Way and Spicer gasoline stations – see attached.

Discuss, consider and vote re: HB 8075 relative to Farmland Preservation.

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 2, 2016

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL TO TEMPORARILY STAY ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 225, ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 134, SECTION 27, APPENDIX A ZONING, ENTITLED, "SIGNS" OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO THE "BEST WAY" AND "SPICER'S" GASOLINE STATIONS.

WHEREAS, On June 25, 2012, the Hopkinton Town Council did adopt an amendment to Chapter 225 an Ordinance to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 134, Appendix A. Zoning, Section 27, entitled "Signs" (hereinafter referred to as the "Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, The intent of said amendment to the Ordinance was to prohibit the use of Light Emitting Diodes (LED) screens for the purpose of certain signage; and

WHEREAS, Due to improved technological advances in the use and regulation of LED signage since the adoption of the above mentioned amendment to the Ordinance, it is the intention of the Hopkinton Town Council to update and re-write said amendment; and

WHEREAS, A gasoline station in Hopkinton known as "Spicer's" recently was inadvertently allowed to install a LED screen sign that otherwise would be in violation of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, A separate gasoline station in Hopkinton known as "Best Way" recently installed and would like to use a LED screen sign that would be in violation of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, It is the belief and expressed intention of the Hopkinton Town Council that these two gasoline stations should be treated equally and fairly with regard to the enforcement of this Ordinance while a comprehensive review and potential amendment of the Ordinance is in the process of being completed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Hopkinton Town Council, do hereby encourage and support the Town Administration to implement a policy staying the enforcement of the Ordinance as it relates to both the "Spicer's" gasoline station and the "Best Way" gasoline station until such time as the comprehensive review and potential amendment of the Ordinance by the Hopkinton Town Council is completed.