

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – March 20, 2017  
BUSINESS AGENDA

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

**6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order.**

Motion to enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (1) Board/commission interviews – Zoning Board of Review.

Statement by the Council President that the person or persons being discussed have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they have the right to have the discussion held in open session.

Reconvene in Open Session.

Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

**7:00 P.M.**

**Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.**

**HEARINGS**

**MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD**

**MULTI -EVENT PERMIT**

Open a hearing on an application for a Multi-Event Permit for a series of three Free Concert's filed by Christine Anderson on behalf of the Friends of the Hopkinton Land Trust scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017, Saturday, June 10, 2017 and Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM to be held at Depot Square Park, 1 Mechanic St., Hope Valley, RI 02832 identified as AP 27 Lot 176.

Applicant or representative present.

Application complete/consider waivers.

Discussion.

Decision.

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**

Open a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit filed by Martin Liese on behalf of the Ashaway Sportsmen's Club, 45 Gun Club Path, P.O. Box 257, Ashaway, RI 02804 to hold the annual Huck Finn Day scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2017 from 8:00 Am to 3:30 PM (rain date June 11, 2017) at Crandall Field, 188 Main St., Ashaway, RI 02804.

Applicant or representative present.

Application complete/consider waivers.

Discussion.

Decision.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND  
RECONVENE AS COUNCIL**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2017; Executive Session Minutes of March 6, 3027; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve refund due to an overpayment at closing submitted by the Tax Collector; Approve request of National Grid/Verizon for an anchor on a joint-owned pole located on Lynch Lane.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Mr. DelBene Letter of Thanks re: Tax Assessment Assistance
- 03/09/17 Town Council Budget Workshop w/Non-profit Agencies
- 03/16/17 School Committee Meeting

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

- PRISM Project
- Deputy Town Clerk Position

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Budget discussions re: proposed FY 17/18 budget:  
Grants & Contributions Budget: Ashaway Ambulance Assoc., Inc.
2. Discuss Transit HUB update meeting held with DOT Officials on 03/15/17.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss, consider and vote re: Resolution in support of restoration of Categorical Transportation Aid to Regionalized School Districts, see attached.

## **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: March 17, 2017

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE FULL  
FUNDING  
OF TRANSPORTATION CATEGORICAL AID AS OUTLINED IN R.I.G.L 16-7.2**

**The Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton, Rhode Island hereby resolves the following:**

**WHEREAS,** The regional incentive was promised to local districts when the regional districts were formed; and

**WHEREAS,** The regional incentive was phased out in 2010 with the passage of the new funding formula; and

**WHEREAS,** Transportation Categorical funds were provided to regional districts to partially offset the loss of the regional incentive by partially reimbursing the higher transportation costs of regional districts; and

**WHEREAS,** R.I.G.L. 16-7.2-6e “requires that the state and regional school district share equally the student transportation costs net any federal sources of revenue for these expenditures”; and

**WHEREAS,** The Transportation Categorical funds allocated in fiscal years FY 2010 through FY 2017 did not result in the full funding of R.I.G.L. 16-7.2-6e and were often less than the allocation the RI Department of Education had predicted for a given fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS,** The Transportation Categorical funds requested to be allocated in FY 2018, the final year scheduled increases in the funding formula, do not result in full funding of Transportation Categorical Aid to “share equally” transportation costs as outlined in R.I.G.L. 16-7-.2-6e; and

**WHEREAS,** The Regional School Districts have designed and implemented a number of innovative educational programs that meet the learning needs of students; and

**WHEREAS,** The investment of resources in our regional school districts has yielded positive education results and innovative educational programs and services for students and adults that have been a wise investment of local and state resources; and

**WHEREAS,** To ensure that students attending the regional school districts continue to receive a high quality public education and to reduce the burden on regional taxpayers, that the Bristol-Warren Regional School District, the Chariho Regional School District, the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District, and the Foster-Glocester Regional School District formed a Regional Coalition in 2016; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton joins with the Chariho Regional School District School Committee and members of the Regional Coalition to:

1. Request our State legislatures introduce legislation that codifies in state law the full funding “equal sharing” of transportation costs between the State

and Regional Districts to protect the interests of regional school districts and advance the educational mission of our schools; and

2. Seek the support of all town councils and legislators that comprise the Regional School Districts regarding this matter of mutual interest to the schools and taxpayers of our regional districts; and

3. Request that our State legislature act on the proposed legislation in 2017 legislative session.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin  
Town Clerk