

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the first day of May 2017 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Thomas Buck, Barbara Capalbo, Sylvia Thompson, David Husband; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

A workshop was held with Joe Lindbeck from the RI Attorney General's Office regarding the proposal for legalization of recreational marijuana which began at 6:00 PM. Ms. Lindbeck and Chief of Police David Palmer were present. The Meeting Room lights were turned off and Ms. Lindbeck conducted a power point presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Lindbeck offered to provide the Town Council with sample marijuana ordinances and model resolutions. The Council thanked Ms. Lindbeck for the presentation and information.

The regular meeting was call to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag at 7:10 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

The April 3, 2017 Town Council Meeting Minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda for corrections.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2017; Set May 15, 2017 as a hearing date for a Class F Liquor License filed by Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Landolfi

SO VOTED

Council President Landolfi abstained as he had not been present.

The votes on the Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017 were corrected delete “Buck” and replace with “Capalbo” throughout as Councilor Buck had been absent; adjustment made on page 5, line 1, 2nd sentence, strike “added that” and replace with “asked if” as her statement had been presented as a question and was answered further down in that same paragraph.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2017.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Buck

SO VOTED

Councilor Buck had abstained as he had not been present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Scott Bill Hirst, 20 Maple Court commented he hoped for a good turnout at the May 2, 2017 Financial Town Assembly where he would be serving as Moderator; he noted he hoped the Council would pass a resolution opposing the use of public funds for a new Pawsox Stadium; he noted he took exception to the inclusion of a donation to Community 2000 as the government should not be funding a private scholarship; it was his recollection that when this organization began the Town was promised the donation was to be a one-shot deal. He noted Richmond was cutting back this year. Council President Landolfi clarified that the Council agreed to fund it during budget workshops. Mr. Hirst requested the Council adjourn in memory of Jenarita F.

Aldrich and Reverend Henry Pendleton, Sr.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Council President Landolfi reported he attended the Hope Valley Ambulance Corp Banquet on April 25, 2017 at the Haversham in Westerly which had been well attended. He presented citations prepared by the Town Clerk’s Office; He reported

the as a result of the workshop with the Chariho Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention & RI DOH regarding tobacco use by minors, the Town Council may consider adopting some type of ordinance to help with policing the issue.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager William McGarry reported during the third week of April, he worked with Richmond Town Manager Karen Pinch, Hopkinton EMA Director Ron McDonald and RIDOH officials to continually keep the Council members, Town Solicitor, Department Heads and the 50 water line customers informed about the initial town water outage and the subsequent boil water advisory. We notified personnel via email, along with public notices on our website and four Code Red messages to each of the 50 water line customers. Finally, on Friday April 21, 2017 the RIDOH informed Richmond and Hopkinton that they had lifted the boil water advisory as all the sample tests taken were negative and the situation was back to normal. He thanked Karen Pinch from the Town of Richmond for keeping the Town informed, as Richmond and the Department of Health were driving the bus and we were only providing the process of notification which is consistent with the Town not being a public water system. With regard to the ongoing double utility pole wire transfer issue, he reported considerable progress has been made and although the number of double utility poles has remained relatively the same, Verizon has transferred 31 sets of cables off the wires and another 8 were finished last week. He noted that now Verizon is out of the picture it will allow Cox Cable and National Grid to remove their wires and then National Grid can remove all the double poles in town. This is the system and protocol that is in place. Councilor Husband asked how many poles were left. Mr. McGarry indicated about 84. He commented that the Town has 4,600 poles in Town. Councilor Buck asked if the Chief reports to Mr. McGarry when there is an accident and a pole is broken or replaced and felt it would be good information to monitor and have in trying to prevent and manage the occurrence of double poles in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

DIGITAL SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The scheduling a hearing date for a possible amendment to the Digital Sign Ordinance was postponed as the ordinance amendment was not finalized.

PETITION FOR A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND A PETITION FOR A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT FOR AP 3 LOT 53D AN RFR-80 ZONE.

The Town Council set June 5, 2017 as the hearing date for the following: Petition for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment and a Petition for a Comprehensive Community Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment for AP 3 Lot 53D an RFR-80 Zone, filed by RI Solar Renewable Energy LLC & Peloquin Builders.

ACQUISITION OF 24 U.S. FLAG SETS

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider voting to authorize the Town Manager to acquire 24 U.S. flag sets from Rileigh’s Outdoor Décor of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$1,319.76, the lowest written quote, to be placed on utility poles in the village of Hope Valley funded through a private donation from Councilor David Husband. Councilor Husband abstained from discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO ACQUIRE TWENTY-FOUR (24) U.S. FLAG SETS TO BE PLACED ON UTILITY POLES IN HOPE VALLEY FROM RILEIGH’S OUTDOOR DÉCOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,319.76, THE LOWEST WRITTEN QUOTE, FUNDED THROUGH A PRIVATE DONATION FROM COUNCILOR DAVID HUSBAND.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Husband

SO VOTED

The Council thanked Mr. McGarry for his work on this matter and thanked Councilor Husband for his donation.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REINSTATEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE REGIONALIZATION BONUS TO REGIONALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider voting on a Resolution in support of reinstatement of a portion of the Regionalization Bonus to Regionalized School Districts.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION REGIONAL COALITION

OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE
REINSTATEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE REGIONALIZATION BONUS AS
OUTLINED IN R.I.G.L 16-7.2-6

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The Resolution follows:

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI
RESOLUTION
REGIONAL COALITION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE
REINSTATEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE REGIONALIZATION BONUS AS OUTLINED IN
R.I.G.L 16-7.2-6**

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

WHEREAS, when the Regional School Districts were formed, they were provided an incentive to do so in the form of additional State aid and that promise of additional State aid was broken with the passing of the funding formula in FY 2010 which drastically reduced and then phased out the regionalization bonus; and

WHEREAS, the reduction and phase out of the regional incentive is codified in RIGL §16-7.2-6(f)(2)&(4) which states “the regionalization bonus in the first fiscal year shall be two percent (2.0%) of the state’s share of the foundation education aid for the regionalized district and the regional bonus in second fiscal year shall be one percent (1.0%) of the state’s share of the foundation education aid for the regionalized district as calculated pursuant to §§ 16-7.2-3 and 16-7.2-4 in that fiscal year”; 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkinton Town Council joins with other members of the Regional Coalition to:

1. Request that our State Legislatures introduce legislation that modifies RIGL §16-7.2-6(f) to provide a regionalization incentive at the reduced rate of two percent (2.0%) to all regional districts beginning in FY 2018;
2. Request that this regionalization incentive be available to all existing regional districts and any future regional school districts as an incentive to regionalize and maximize the use of resources;
3. Seek the support of all Town Council and Legislators that comprise the Regional School Districts regarding this matter of mutual interest to the schools and taxpayers of our regional districts; and
4. Request that our State Legislature act on the proposed legislation in the 2017 legislative session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chariho Regional District School Committee, the Charlestown Town Council, the Richmond Town Council, Regional Districts State Senators and Representatives and the Governor.

The Resolution shall take effect on May 1, 2017.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO LEGISLATION IDENTIFIED AS H-5890

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider voting on a Resolution of Support to legislation identified as H-5890. Explanation: This act would revise the

timing and process for calculating a foundation education aid bonus to regionalized school districts. The act would provide for a two percent regionalization bonus to all regionalized school districts commencing in FY 2018. This act would also remove the language which provides for the reduction and elimination of the bonus to regionalized school districts over a two year period.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO LEGISLATION IDENTIFIED AS H-5890.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The Resolution follows:

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR H 5890**

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

RESOLVED: The Hopkinton Town Council hereby endorses and supports H 5890, an act that would revise the timing and process for calculating a foundation education aid bonus to regionalized school districts. The act would provide for a two percent regionalization bonus to all regionalized school districts commencing in FY 2018. This act would also remove the language which provides for the reduction and elimination of the bonus to regionalized school districts over a two year period.

PUBLIC FORUM

Scott Bill Hirst, 20 Maple Court commented that the Council should consider funding the Director of Public Welfare budget adding that the current Welfare Director George Abbot is a retired social worker.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FORMER TOWN CLERK JENARITA F. ALDRICH AND PASTOR HENRY PENDLETON, SR.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk