

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – May 1, 2017
BUSINESS AGENDA

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

6:00 P.M. **Workshop w/Joe Lindbeck, RI Attorney General's Office, re: proposal for legalization of recreational marijuana.**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2017; Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017; Set May 15, 2017 as a hearing date for a Class F Liquor License filed by Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Hope Valley Ambulance Corp Banquet
- 04/25/17 Workshop w/Chariho Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention & RI DOH re: complex issues of youth usage of tobacco and electronic cigarettes

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Town Water Outage/Boil Water Advisory
- Double Utility Pole Wire Transfers

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider scheduling a hearing date for a possible amendment to the Digital Sign Ordinance.
2. Set 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.
3. 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.
4. Discuss and consider voting re: Resolution in support of reinstatement of a portion of the Regionalization Bonus to Regionalized School Districts, see attached.
5. 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, see attached.

PUBLIC FORUM

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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: April 28, 2017.

**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.

Adopted: May 1, 2017

ATTEST: _____
Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Town Clerk

**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.

Adopted: May 1, 2017

ATTEST: _____
Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Town Clerk