

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – May 2, 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 MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

Special Event Permits

Open a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit for a ‘Bioblitz’ filed by Christine Anderson on behalf of the Friends of the Hopkinton Land Trust scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2016 beginning at 9:00 AM through Saturday, June 11, 2016 until 7:00 PM on property owned by the Hopkinton Land Trust located on Collins Road, Ashaway, RI 02804 and identified as AP 4 Lot 61-0.

Applicant or representative present.
Application complete/consider waivers.
Discussion.
Decision.

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 5, 2016 from 8:00 Am to 3:30 PM (rain date June 12, 2016) 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

2nd CDBG HEARING

Open a second public hearing on the 2016 Community Development Block Grant application.

Discussion – ranking of requests.
Decision - Motion to adopt authorizing resolution - see attached.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of March 3, 2016; Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of March 9, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of April 4, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of March 7, 2016; Set May 16, 2016 as a hearing date for a Special Event Permit filed by Ashaway Pack 1 for a Family Camp Out.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Presidential Preference Primary Voter Turnout

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Waterline Review Subcommittee Meetings
- Langworthy Field Meeting
- Hope Valley Waterline Extension
Engineering Services Bid Opening & Review of Bids

OLD BUSINESS

RIDOT Transit Hub:

- Discussion re: RI DOT Transit HUB Meeting.
- Discuss, consider and possibly vote for a representative from the Town to be on the Design Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Request of Hopkinton Land Trust for Town Council to discuss, consider and vote on a Resolution in support of the 2016 Green Economy Bond – see attached.

Discuss and consider authorizing the sole source purchase of 52 replacement water meters in Hope Valley, in an amount not greater than \$15,000, funded through the Town's waterline savings account #05-200-1040.

Discuss, consider and possibly vote on a potential tax refund for lot 20 plat 20 incorrect prior tax assessor measurement dating back to 2005.

Discuss and consider setting a workshop re: proposed Solar Ordinance requested by Councilor Thompson.

Discuss and consider scheduling a workshop, re: an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 134, Section 27, Appendix A Zoning, entitled, "Signs" of the Town's Code of Ordinances, as requested by Council President Frank T. Landolfi.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Discuss, consider and vote on an appointment to Planning Board.

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: April 29, 2016

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said Department/Office to disburse such funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Hopkinton that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON:

That the filing of this application for the amount of \$250,000 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that Frank Landolfi, Town Council President is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the Town of Hopkinton in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

Town of Hopkinton, RI
Town Council Resolution in support of the Green Economy Bond

WHEREAS, state partnership programs to help municipalities protect their special places and farmland, develop parks, establish bike paths, and remediate/redevelop contaminated brownfields sites have long been effective in helping Hopkinton make important economic and quality of life investments in our community's future; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Community Plan for the Town of Hopkinton documents the Town's objectives for open space protection, parks and outdoor recreation facilities, transportation infrastructure, stormwater management and flood prevention; and

WHEREAS, investments in land conservation, parks and hiking paths are fundamental to Hopkinton's quality of life, strengthen our communities, and enhance the health of our community's residents; and

WHEREAS, protected open spaces and parks are a cornerstone of our tourism and outdoor recreation industry that attracts visitors and supports businesses and employment in our community; and

WHEREAS, protecting the remaining farmland in Hopkinton is critical to providing healthy, locally grown food for our residents and retaining the character of our community; and

WHEREAS, completing the state's network of bike paths will: enhance connections between communities, workplaces and parks; promote health and fitness; and increase the State's appeal as a tourist and outdoor recreation destination expanding this sector of our economy; and

WHEREAS, our community needs to leverage public and private resources to improve stormwater management and better protect the waters of our rivers, lakes, ponds, drinking water reservoirs, and to prevent and manage flooding; and

WHEREAS, funding for remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites in our community will create jobs, protect public health, and help us to revitalize our village centers by transforming liabilities and underused or abandoned properties into productive places generating increased local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Hopkinton overwhelmingly voted in November 2012 to approve by a margin of 66.9% in favor the Farmland, Open Space Conservation, Parks and Bay Restoration Bond; and in November 2014 overwhelmingly voted to approve by a margin of 63.3% in favor of the Clean Water Open Space and Healthy Communities Bond; and

WHEREAS, municipal projects financed in part with past state Open Space and Recreation Bond funds have enabled the Town to implement our adopted Comprehensive Community Plan, preserve our community character and enhance our quality of life by protecting the special places and improving parks and outdoor recreation facilities in our community including the Grills Preserve, Grills Wildlife Sanctuary, and Kenyon Crossroads and

WHEREAS, the Governor's fiscal year 2017 budget proposes a \$35 million Green Economy Bond for open space protection, parks and bikeway development, stormwater management and brownfield restoration programs; be it hereby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly include an authorization in the State Fiscal 2017 Budget for the \$35 million Green Economy Bond referendum proposed by Governor Raimondo for voter consideration at the November 2016 General Election.