

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hopkinton Town Council hereby gives notice that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday evening, August 21, 2017 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833 on an ordinance in amendment of Chapter 19 Taxation of the Hopkinton Code of Ordinances, as amended, entitled: Tax on Renewable Energy.

1. In accordance with RIGL sec. 44-5-3[c], the Town of Hopkinton hereby authorizes its assessor to levy a tax on renewable energy tangible property as defined in RIGL sec. 39-26-5 in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated and executed thereunder by the Rhode Island Officer of Energy Resources.
2. In accordance with RIGL sec. 44-3-21 the Town of Hopkinton hereby exempts from taxation commercial net-metered renewable energy systems whose sole purpose is to offset electricity bills and not to sell power back to the electric distribution system.
3. Property owners installing renewable energy systems are required to provide a copy of the interconnection application between the renewable energy developer and the electric distribution company as well as a copy of any documentation of program enrollment, to the Town of Hopkinton tax assessor indicating if the renewable energy system is net-metered or if the system is selling a portion of all the energy produced back to National Grid under the Renewable Energy Growth Program. Copies of the final interconnection service agreement executed between the renewable energy developer and the electric distribution company shall be provided to the Town of Hopkinton tax assessor and to the Hopkinton building official prior to construction of any renewable energy system.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

The proposed Ordinance is available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website at www.hopkintonri.org.

Said proposed ordinance may be amended as a result of further study or the views expressed at the public hearing without further advertising. The amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.

The Town of Hopkinton does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Anyone requiring special services or devices, please call 377-7777 (V) or 377-7773 (TDD) 48 hours prior to the hearing.

PER ORDER: Hopkinton Town Council
Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Town/Council Clerk