

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the nineteenth day of March 2018 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 6:45 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(A) (1) BOARD/COMMISSION INTERVIEW – PLANNING BOARD.

POLL VOTE:

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Council President Landolfi reported 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. There were no votes taken in the executive session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The regular meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag at 7:00 PM.

HEARINGS

PETITIONS FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

The Council opened a hearing on Petitions filed for a Zoning Ordinance amendment and an amendment to the Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map filed by Rhode Island Solar Renewable Energy LLC, 43 Creston Way, Warwick, RI 02886 and Maxson Hill LLC, 10 Wicasta Farm Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832 for property owned by Maxson Hill LLC and located at 310 Main Street identified as Assessor's Plat 4 Lot 25 an RFR-80 Zone. The applicants are requesting an amendment to the zoning map and comprehensive plan map to allow for a rezone of the subject property from RFR-80 to Commercial Special, limiting the use to solar energy collection, to allow for the installation of a solar array and is filed in accordance with Appendix A; Zoning; Section 16 (A) – (E) of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton as amended. This matter had been continued from February 20, 2018. The Planning Board had rendered an advisory opinion.

Vincent Naccarato, Esq. was present. The filing fees had been paid and notices posted. Also present: Anthony DelVicario/RI Solar Renewable Energy, LLC; David Russo/DiPrete Engineering; Kevin Alverson/Kevin M. Alverson Landscape Architecture, Nicole Mulanphy/Sage Environmental, Inc.; Servar Soytok/Karbone, Inc.; Jeffrey C. Hanson/Millstone Engineering; Joseph Lombardo/JDL Enterprises; Peter Scotti/Peter M. Scotti & Associates Real Estate. A stenographer was present to record the proceedings. A copy of the court transcript will be attached and made part of this record.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND SET A DATE FOR A DECISION.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The Council set May 7, 2018 as the date to render a decision.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018, Town Council meeting Minutes of February 20, 2018 and Budget Workshop Notes of February 12, 2018 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Approve Workshop Notes of March 5, 2018; Budget Workshop Notes of February 22, 2018; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve refunds resulting from the Motor Vehicle Phase-Out Program and from overpayments of 2017 real property tax submitted by the Tax Collector; Approve abatements due to motor vehicle adjustments submitted by the Tax Assessor.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The March 5, 2018 Town Council Meeting Minutes were amended on page 2, to add the name of the Councilor who seconded the motion for the approval of the Consent Agenda, on page 7, to insert “Councilor Capalbo was reseated” after the votes relative to the Oak Square Partners/Eminel Holdings as she had recused herself and stepped down. The February 20, 2018 were amended on page 2, to insert “Councilor Capalbo was reseated” after the hearing matter related to Oak Square Partners/Eminel Holdings as she had recused herself and stepped down. The February 12, 2018 Budget Workshop Notes were amended on page 6, under Town Council Budget to strike the word “wages” and substitute “stipend”.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2018; TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

FEBRUARY 20, 2018; BUDGET WORKSHOP NOTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018 AS AMENDED.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the first public forum.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Council President Landolfi reported he had attended the March 08 and March 14, 2018 Budget Workshops as well as the March 6, 2018 Chariho Financial School District Meeting; he noted Hopkinton narrowly achieved the quorum requirement.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager William McGarry reported during the first week in March, he worked with Deputy Zoning Official Sherri Desjardins and Clerk Lisa Cook-Martin on FEMA's Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Washington County. In addition to notices placed by FEMA in the Westerly Sun and the Chariho Times, the Town placed a separate notice in the Westerly Sun and on the Town's website informing residents that the proposed flood maps were available for public viewing in the Clerk's Office and the B/Z department to ascertain whether any proposed changes may affect their property. Notices were also placed in all Town buildings and on our website.

NEW BUSINESS

MAY 1, 2018 FINANCIAL TOWN ASSEMBLY LOCATION

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider holding the Annual Financial Town Assembly scheduled for May 1, 2017 in the Town Hall Council Chambers, rather than in a local elementary school.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO HOLD THE MAY 1, 2018 ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN ASSEMBLY IN THE TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

WATERLINE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote to approve the water line capital improvement infrastructure debt service surcharge. Finance Director Brian Rosso was present. Council President Landolfi reported the Town Council held a workshop on the subject and all concurred to using the former debt service formula and reinstitute it for Hopkinton's obligation to Richmond for the new water tank. He asked Mr. Rosso to comment. Mr. Rosso concurred and explained he had provided the Council with a few options for the workshop; one option would provide \$9,101.20 annually which would have equaled the payment to Richmond; the other older rates would provide \$12,211.77 annually and would provide a cushion for future water line capital expenses; this latter calculation is what the Council supported. Councilor Thompson noted this particular rate structure is exactly the same rate structure from the prior debt service.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ADOPT THE WATER LINE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DEBT SURCHARGE AT THE OLD CAPITAL VARIABLE RATE.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Zoning Board of Review

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote to elevate Zoning Board of Review Alternate Michael Geary to Full Term Member and allow Zoning Board of Review Full Term Member Philip Scalise to serve as Alternate Member and was requested by the Zoning Board of Review. Michael Geary was present. Council President Landolfi reported he had contacted Mr. Geary to speak to him about his intent to run for office and learned yes, he potentially will seek an elected office. Council President Landolfi noted Mr. Geary had a year of

experience on the Zoning Board and the second alternate was very new. He had no problem supporting Mr. Geary for the full term position at this time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO ELEVATE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW ALTERNATE MICHAEL GEARY TO FULL TERM MEMBER AND ALLOW ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW FULL TERM MEMBER PHILIP SCALISE TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE MEMBER AND WAS REQUESTED BY THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the second public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Adjournment was at 10:50 PM.

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk