State of Rhode Island
County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the sixteenth day of July 2018 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Chariho Middle School, 455A Switch Road, Wood River Jct., RI 02894.

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

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO REARRANGE THE AGENDA TO HANDLE THE TOWN BUSINESS AHEAD OF THE HEARING.
IN FAVOR:  Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson
OPPOSED:  None
SO VOTED

OLD BUSINESS

SCHEDULE WORKSHOP RE: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SOLAR ORDINANCES

The Council set July 23, 2018 as the date for a joint workshop with the Planning Board to discuss proposed revisions to Solar Ordinances beginning at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

NEW BUSINESS

AWARD BID RE: DPW PICK-UP TRUCK, WITH A 9-FOOT SNOWPLOW

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote to award a bid for a DPW pick-up truck, with a 9-foot snowplow and 5-year warranty to Tasca Ford of Berlin, CT in the amount of $39,591 funded through the FY 2018-19 CIP account #02-620 entitled DPW - Equipment and Vehicles. Two bids had been received in response to the advertised RFP: Tasca Ford, Berlin, CT in the amount of
$39,591.00 and Stoneham Motor Company, Stoneham, MA in the amount of $40,842.00. There was no discussion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO AWARD THE BID FOR A 4-WHEEL DRIVE PICK-UP TRUCK WITH A 9-FOOT SNOWPLOW AND 5-YEAR WARRANTY TO TASCA FORD, BERLIN, CT IN THE AMOUNT OF $39,591.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE TOWN’S FY 2018-2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) ACCOUNT #02-620 ENTITLED DPW – EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

AWARD BID RE: REPLACEMENT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOFING SHINGLES

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote to award a bid for the replacement of police department roofing shingles to Pawcatuck Roofing Company, Inc., of Pawcatuck, CT in the amount of $34,081.25 funded through the FY 2018-19 CIP, account #02-400, entitled Police Station Improvements.

Two bids had been received in response to the advertised RFP: Pawcatuck Roofing Company, Inc., Pawcatuck, CT in the amount of $34,081.25 and Martone Service Company, Inc., Narragansett, RI in the amount of $77,000.00. There was no discussion

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOFING SHINGLES TO PAWCATUCK ROOFING COMPANY, INC., PAWCATUCK, CT IN THE AMOUNT OF $34,081.25 FUNDED THROUGH THE TOWN’S FY 2018-2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) ACCOUNT #02-400 ENTITLED POLICE STATION IMPROVEMENTS.

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

OPPOSED: None
SO VOTED

AWARD BID RE: MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL OPERATIONS OF THE TOWN’S THREE WATER SYSTEMS

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote to award a bid for the management and technical operations of the Town’s three water systems to LaFramboise Water Services of Thompson, CT in the amount of $569.00, per month, with a fee of $85.00, per hour, for work performed outside the scope of normal operations funded through the Town’s waterline accounts. One bid had been received in response to the advertised RFP.

Councilor Buck questioned what would be considered outside the scope. Mr. McGarry referred to the specifications outlining a specific scope of services that would be required of the vendor to perform as well as additional services that would be available, but would be billed out separately. Councilor Thompson questioned what the $569.00 per month fee would encompass. Mr. McGarry responded they would be responsible for all of water testing of the well at the Town Hall, the water testing of the well at the Crandall House and the water testing for the one mile water line in Hope Valley; and the delivery of the water test samples to the lab in compliance with State schedules and regulations. He explained that in the past Mary Sawyer had performed these duties for the Crandall House well and Town Hall well; she will no longer do this work. Leon Millis had performed this duty for the water line; he will no longer do this work. The company will also be responsible for taking the quarterly meter reading of the 50 users on the water line and will provide the information to the Finance Office for billing purposes. Councilor Thompson asked if there was a time limit. Mr. McGarry indicated there was no time limit in the specifications. Councilor Buck questioned if the income from the water line users would cover the monthly fee and not come from the rest of the residents. Mr. McGarry explained the testing of the Crandall House well and Town Hall well would be covered by the operational budget; the water line quarterly testing would come from the water line account; the $569.00 monthly fee would be pro-rated accordingly by how the company bills the town for the quarterly testing of the water line. He indicated he will be monitoring this closely. Councilor Capalbo asked if the company would be
working in cooperation and corroboration with the Town of Richmond. Mr. McGarry responded in the affirmative; that Richmond uses the same company for their water line testing. Councilor Husband asked if this was a one year contract. Mr. McGarry responded there was no specific date in the RFP; it is an open ended contract. Councilor Husband asked how the Town could be assured there would be no increase in the $569.00 monthly fee. Mr. McGarry reported the bid documents had been signed by the company which serves as a contract.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL OPERATIONS OF THE TOWN’S THREE WATER SYSTEMS TO LAFRAMBOISE WATER SERVICES, THOMPSON, CT IN THE AMOUNT OF $569.00 PER MONTH WITH A FEE OF $85.00 PER HOUR FOR WORK PERFORMED OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF NORMAL OPERATIONS FUNDED THROUGH THE TOWN’S WATERLINE ACCOUNTS.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

SET HEARING DATE RE: ZONE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT LR6-A OWNER, LLC RE: BRUSHY BROOK SOLAR

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider scheduling a hearing date regarding a Zone Ordinance Amendment filed by LR6-A Owner, LLC re: Brushy Brook Solar. Solicitor McAllister noted this matter involves a zone change and the statute requires the Planning Board to render an advisory opinion and they are trying to place this matter on the August 1, 2018 Planning Board Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE AUGUST 6, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED
INTRODUCTION OF TOWN MANAGER’S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Francesca Macaione, the Town Manager’s new Administrative Assistant was introduced. Ms. Macaione noted she lives in the Town of Westerly. She stated she was happy to have the opportunity to work in Town Offices and looked forward to working with Mr. McGarry, Town Council and members of the community.

HEARINGS

Zone Amendment & Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment – RI Solar Renewable Energy III, LLC

The Council continued the hearing on applications for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment and a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment filed by Rhode Island Solar Renewable Energy III, LLC, 43 Creston Way, Warwick RI 02886 for property owned by George Townsend, Rose Townsend & Carleen Bowen, Trustee, 350 Woodville Alton Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832 for property located at 350 Woodville Alton Road identified as Assessor’s Plat 11 Lot 57 zoned RFR-80; Stephen M. Delpozzo, Jr., 18 Grantville Extension, Hope Valley, RI 02832 for property located at 18 Grantville Extension identified as Assessor’s Plat 15 Lot 11 zoned RFR-80; Paul & Mary Dijulio, 6 Townsend Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832 for property located at 6 Townsend Road identified as Assessor’s Plat 11 Lot 57D zoned RFR-80. The Zoning Ordinance Amendment is filed in accordance with Section 16 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton as amended. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment is filed in accordance with Ch. 2, Art. II, Div. 5, § 2-116(a), continued from July 2, 2018.

The applicant is proposing to change portions of the properties from RFR-80 Zone to Commercial Special Zone with a limitation to solar use for the portions of the properties to install a Solar Array to allow the erection and installation of solar panels to generate approximately 20 megawatts of energy per year utilizing 97.5 acres of the 97.5 acres of Assessors Plat 11 Lot 57; utilizing 4.8 acres of the 28.5 acres of Assessors Plat 15 Lot 11; and utilizing 2.8 acres of the 5 acres of Assessors Plat 11 Lot 57D.

Vincent Naccarato, Esq. was present representing the applicants.
Council President Landolfi indicated the public would be allowed time to speak because the July 2, 2018 hearing ran so late there had not been an opportunity for the public to do so. The following persons came forward to speak: Steve Wiehl, Joe Moreau, Sharon Davis, Rosemarie Terio, Steve Brophy, Wayne Suits, Fred Stanley, Eric Bibler, Sheri Lynn Cotter, Bill Cotter, Douglas Doe, Mrs. Moreau, John Clark, Pat Shimkis, Sylvia Stanley, Tammy Walsh, Luther Davis, Heather Wiehl. A stenographer was present to record the proceedings. A copy of the transcript will be attached and made part of this record.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO CONTINUE THE HEARING.
IN FAVOR:  Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson
OPPOSED:  None

SO VOTED

The hearing was continued to August 6, 2018 at the Chariho Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER (1) RIGL SEC. 42-46-5(A)(7) FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AND/OR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHERE THE PREMATURE DISCLOSURE WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

POLL VOTE:

IN FAVOR:  Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson
OPPOSED:  None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.
IN FAVOR:  Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson
OPPOSED:  None

SO VOTED
Council President Landolfi reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

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

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk

*The consent agenda had not been approved. Any items listed will be added to the August 6, 2018 Town Council Agenda.