

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the first day of October 2018 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 7:00 P.M. in the Hope Valley Elementary School Auditorium, 15 Thelma Drive, Hope Valley, RI 02832.

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

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

Town Manager William McGarry introduced Christopher Scheib as the Town's new IT/GIS Director. He is a resident of North Kingstown; was a graduate of North Kingstown High School and New England Tech and holds a Bachelor's Degree. Mr. Scheib began working for the Town in mid-July. Mr. Schieb stated he was happy to be on board.

Chief of Police David Palmer was in attendance to present a Letter of Recognition from the Hopkinton Police Department to Sergeant Ryan Percival, the Department's Accreditation Manager, for attaining full compliance with Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission's (RIPAC) 204 state-wide accreditation standards. Chief Palmer gave thanks to all involved in the accreditation process with special thanks to Town Manager William McGarry for his assistance. Sergeant Percival was presented the Letter of Recognition.

RIPAC Executive Director Christine Crocker and Richmond Police Chief Elwood Johnson were in attendance to present a Citation to the Hopkinton Police Department for attaining full compliance with RIPAC accreditation standards. The Citation was presented to Chief Palmer and tokens of appreciation distributed to those individuals who had been closely involved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO TAKE THE AGENDA OUT OF ORDER MOVING UP THE TOWNS BUSINESS TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA AHEAD OF THE HEARING BEGINNING WITH THE CONSENT AGENDA.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

CONSENT AGENDA

The Tax Collector request to approve refunds as a result of overpayment 2018 real property tax & motor vehicle tax and the M.V. Phase-Out Program was removed from the Consent Agenda for correction.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2018; Set November 5 7, 2018 (corrected date) as the hearing date for renewals of Liquor Licenses and Victualling Licenses; Approve abatements resulting from adjustments on motor vehicles, tangibles & real property submitted by Tax Assessor.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, 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 RI League of Cities & Towns Annual Meeting on September 24, 2018 at the Inn at the Crossings in Warwick.

NEW BUSINESS

TREE STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE

This matter was scheduled to discuss, consider and to possibly vote to establish a committee that will complete a town wide identification of dead trees that are the

town's responsibility along each street, determine the cost of their removal and when this may be completed.

Councilor Thompson noted all Rhode Island Cities and Towns across the State were experiencing a large increase of dead trees. She reported she had spoken with Town Manager William McGarry who suggested the committee and committee members be comprised of the DPW Director and/or the DPW Foreman, Tax Assessor, Town Manager and she will serve as Council Liaison. She stated every road was impacted and she would like to see the committee conduct its work as soon as it can so it can prepare a report. She indicated the Public Works Department may not be able to remove all trees; some may be the responsibility of National Grid or the State. She suggested identifying the trees by marking them with paint. Councilor Capalbo felt it was a good idea to have a committee and suggested speaking to citizens for their input. Councilor Thompson stated there had been a time previously when there were impacted trees to be taken down that homeowners were notified in writing. She noted the tree companies were very busy with this problem across the State.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE THAT WILL COMPLETE A TOWN WIDE IDENTIFICATION OF DEAD TREES THAT ARE THE TOWN'S RESPONSIBILITY ALONG EACH STREET, TO DETERMINE THE COST OF THEIR REMOVAL AND WHEN THIS MAY BE COMPLETED AND TO HAVE THE FIGURES BEFORE THE BUDGET CYCLE IN JANUARY.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

75TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION – MR. & MRS. ERIC BURTON

This matter was scheduled to discuss, consider and possibly vote to adopt a 75th Wedding Anniversary Proclamation in honor of Louise and Eric Burton.

Councilor Thompson read the proclamation:

75TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
PROCLAMATION
Mr. & Mrs. Eric A. Burton

WHEREAS, the Hopkinton Town Council on behalf of all the Citizens and Inhabitants of said Town hereby pays tribute to Mary Louise Burton and Eric A. Burton on the auspicious occasion of their 75th Wedding Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Hopkinton Town Council wishes to publicly acknowledge and recognize the love and devotion they have shared as loving parents and grandparents which has spread throughout our Community; and

WHEREAS, the Hopkinton Town Council extends sincere congratulations to this remarkable couple and sends best wishes that they continue to enjoy lasting happiness for many more years to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED: that the Hopkinton Town Council adopts this proclamation in recognition of Mr. & Mrs. Burton's 75th Wedding Anniversary and requests that this proclamation become a part of the permanent records of the Town of Hopkinton.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO ADOPT THE 75TH WEDDING PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF LOUIS AND ERIC BURTON.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Councilor Thompson asked that the Proclamation be framed and presented to the Burtons.

HEARINGS:

1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

The Council opened a hearing to consider an amendment to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance and the Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map filed by Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC, 117 Metro Center Blvd #2007, Warwick, RI 02886 for property owned by LR6-A Owner LLC and Realty Financial Partners VI LP, 56 Kearney Road Suite D, Needham, MA 02494 for property located at 130 Dye Hill Road, Hope Valley, RI identified as Plat 32, Lots: 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 63, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70 & 71, an RFR-80 Zone. The applicants propose to utilize the existing property listed as Assessor's Plat 39 Lots 1-71 which in total contain approximately 358 acres to construct ground mounted Solar Energy Array Systems. The proposal to utilize the

property will require approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment from Open Space/Conservation to Commercial Special and a Zoning Map Amendment from RFR-80 to Commercial Special.

Joseph Shekarchi, Esq. was present representing the applicant. Filing fees had been paid and notice posted. A stenographer was present to record the proceedings. A copy of the transcript will be attached and made part of the record.

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

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The Council set the date for Monday, October 15, 2018 at the Town Hall.

Councilor Thompson indicated she was opposed to the October 15, 2018 date.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the second public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk