

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the fourth day of February 2019 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Scott Bill Hirst, Barbara Capalbo, Sylvia Thompson, Sharon Davis; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

Town Manager McGarry introduced Samantha Bowen of Richmond as the new full time Animal Control Officer and stated that she had previously worked for Richmond Animal Control.

Chief Palmer introduced Patrolman Mac Hindle and indicated that he was a graduate of Westerly High School in 2009; went into the Army and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 2013; was in the Honor Guard; and, was an officer in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. Patrolman Mac Hindle was sworn into office by Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

Chief Palmer awarded Sergeant Keith Lambrechts (who was not present) and Patrolman David Whewell with a commendation for outstanding work performed on October 12, 2018 regarding an arrest of a subject who was in possession of 41 pounds of marijuana. Chief Palmer also presented a commendation to Patrolman Brian Dufault for outstanding work performed on April 27, 2018 where in conjunction with the assistance of the State Police and Richmond Police, they arrested two adults and three juveniles for first degree armed robbery, conspiracy to commit first degree armed robbery, possession of a firearm while committing a crime of violence and possession of crack cocaine.

HEARING

PETITION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING AMENDMENTS

The Council opened a hearing to consider a Petition for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment and a Zoning Ordinance Amendment filed by Joyce K. Luzzi/Joyce K. Luzzi Living Trust, 145 Sakonnet Blvd., Narragansett, RI 02882 for property located at 165A Tomaquag Road identified as Plat 5 Lot 6, a Manufacturing Zone, to rezone the parcel from Manufacturing to R-1. The Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment is filed in accordance with Chapter 2, Art. II, Div. 5, § 2-116(a) and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is filed in accordance with Appendix A; Zoning; Section 16 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton as amended.

The applicant is requesting a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map amendment from Manufacturing to Medium-Density Residential and a Zoning Ordinance amendment to amend the Zoning Map to allow for a rezone of the subject property from Manufacturing to R-1.

Attorney Kelly Fracassa was present. Filing fees paid and notice posted.

A stenographer was present to record the proceedings. The court transcript will be attached and made part of the record.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND SET FEBRUARY 19, 2019 FOR A DECISION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Hirst, Capalbo, Thompson, Davis

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Approve Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2019; Approve Town Council Minutes of January 22, 2019; Approve January 7, 2019 Executive Session Minutes; Set February 19, 2019 as a hearing date for a Special Event Permit filed by the Ashaway Sportsman's Club for the Annual Huck Finn Day; Set February 19, 2019 as a hearing date for a Class "F" Liquor

License filed by Langworthy Public Library; Approve refunds resulting from the 2018 abatement of the Motor Vehicle Tax.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Hirst, Capalbo, Thompson, Davis

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

Joseph Moreau stated that the first property that he and his wife purchased was on Diamond Hill Road and they purchased it from Nathan Kaye, who he indicated was one of the nicest people you could ever meet. He also spoke about the Stubtown Road dump and stated that back in September he had asked Town Planner Lamphere to look into this property for revenue ideas for the Town. He recently spoke with Town Planner Lamphere who advised him of the progress on this matter. Mr. Moreau believed that Town Planner Lamphere would see this project through and he hoped the Town would receive some revenue in that regard. He also spoke about the application process for solar and believed it was a very time consuming process. He indicated that a few weeks back he was researching the 310 Main Street solar project and found out that the developer, Southern Sky, which is a limited liability company, was not in good standing with the Rhode Island Secretary of State's office. That project was approved on a revoked LLC. He asked that this kind of information needed to be researched and added that they should question this on the application. Lastly, he indicated that he has been reading letters to the editor in the newspaper from Councilors as well as property owners going back and forth regarding these solar projects and he felt we should be better than that.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager McGarry stated that in January Recreation Director Mary Sawyer and he prepared a Request for Proposals for the installation of an epoxy floor in the Crandall House Recreational Activities Center which will be partially funded through a \$6,400.00 RI Department of Elderly Affairs grant.

NEW BUSINESS

INVITATION TO HOPKINTON MEMBERS ON CHARIHO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This matter was scheduled to discuss, consider and vote on sending letters to the Hopkinton members of the Chariho School Committee asking them to attend the February 19, 2019 meeting.

Councilor Hirst believed it was appropriate that the Town Council meet with Hopkinton members of the Chariho School Committee to discuss the 2019-2020 school budget and indicated that he had drafted a letter which he read.

Councilor Capalbo believed that February 19, 2019 might be the School Board meeting at Chariho. Cynthia Drummond indicated that the next School Committee meeting was March 12, 2019. The Councilors indicated that they felt this was a good idea. Town Clerk Cook-Martin advised of the matters that were already on the February 19, 2019 calendar. Councilor Thompson suggested they be asked to come to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilor Davis asked when the School Committee submitted its final budget and Council President Landolfi believed it to be March 15th.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HIRST AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO DIRECT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SEND A LETTER TO THE HOPKINTON MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WITH WORDING AT HIS DISCRETION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Hirst, Capalbo, Thompson, Davis

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Joseph Moreau advised that he had gone to the budget meeting but not a lot of residents went because they did not know about the meeting. He asked if there was any way that residents who wished could provide the IT person with their emails and information such as this could be sent to them. He would like to find a way for more residents to become aware of these meetings.

Councilor Thompson questioned the open meetings law and asked if three Councilors attended a School Committee meeting and they were not discussing anything amongst themselves and they spoke to the School Committee about some issues, would that be a violation? Solicitor McAllister

indicated that as long as they didn't huddle together and work as a team there would be no violation.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke at this public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HIRST AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO ADJOURN IN HONOR OF THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS WINNING THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUPERBOWL.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk

Marita D. Breault

Deputy Town Clerk