

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – May 20, 2019
BUSINESS AGENDA

Town Hall, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833

6:00 P.M.

Motion to Convene Open Session and enter into Executive Session n pursuant to RIGL secs. 42-46-5(a) (1) & (a)(2) for discussions concerning a pending law suit and its proposed settlement, as well as the related pending collective bargaining grievances/arbitration, both legal proceedings having been brought against the Town and Town Officials by former Employee A; and further to discuss the recommendations of the Town Manager concerning the proposed two (2) employment contracts with the collective bargaining units representing the Professional Technical Employees (PTE) and the Clerical Employees and further to discuss the recommendations of the Town Manager regarding the two (2) proposed individual employment contracts for the Information Technology/Geographical Information System Official, and for the Finance Director.

The individuals being discussed in Executive Session have been notified in advance in writing of this Executive Session agenda and each individual involved has been advised in writing that he and/or she may require that the discussion(s) be held in Open Session.

Reconvene in Open Session.

Statement by the Council President that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order – Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

HEARINGS

1. Open a hearing on a proposed Ordinance - Chapter 5.5, entitled “Adoption of the State Property Maintenance Code for the Town of Hopkinton”, introduced and sponsored by Council President Landolfi. The State Property Maintenance Code is a section of the State Building Code. Chapter 5.5, entitled “Adoption of the State Property Maintenance Code for the Town of Hopkinton,” provides language enumerating that the State Property Maintenance Code serves as the Property Maintenance Code for the Town of Hopkinton. This Ordinance also adopts municipal jurisdiction language for grass and weed length, along with a fine for each violation. Key elements of the proposed ordinance:
 - The State Property Maintenance Code to be adopted as the Property Maintenance Code for the Town of Hopkinton.
 - The Town will adopt a maximum of ten (10) inches as the maximum allowable height of grass and weeds.
 - The Town may assess a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day, per violation.

This amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Council discussion/public comment.

Consider motion to continue hearing or close hearing and set date to consider adoption of the ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2019; Financial Town Assembly Minutes of May 7, 2019; Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2019; Set June 3, 2019 as a hearing date for a Special Event Permit filed by Ashaway Pack 1 Cub Scouts for the annual Family Camp-Out; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve refunds as a result of an escrow company's overpayment of 2018 real estate tax & and overpayment of 2016 motor vehicle tax submitted by the Tax Collector; approve proposed settlement of a pending law suit and the related pending collective bargaining grievances/arbitration proceedings having been brought against the Town and Town Officials by former Employee A; authorize the Town Manager to execute on behalf of the Town the two (2) proposed employment contracts with the collective bargaining units representing the Professional Technical Employees (PTE) and the Clerical Employees; and authorize the Town Manager to execute on behalf of the Town the proposed individual employment contracts for both the Information Technology/Geographical Information System Official and the Finance Director.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- 05/17/2019 Meeting with Mr. Vincent Marano re: AP 11, Lot 47A located on Palmer Circle.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Stubtown Road Landfill

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to award a bid for Langworthy Field Phase II improvements to Yard Works, Inc. of Warwick, RI in the amount of \$608,500, funded through a RI Department of Environmental Management grant and CDBG funding.
2. Councilor Sharon Davis requests for discussion:
 - Time limitation relating to presentations/public comments for Zoning Ordinance Amendment & Comprehensive Plan Amendment hearing(s).
 - Town Engineer involvement re: Solar Projects in Commercial Zones and RFR-80 Zones via Farm Viability Ordinance.
 - Residents Open Forum re: Economic Development.
3. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date re: Zoning Ordinance Amendment & Comprehensive Plan FLUM Amendment Petition filed by Edward Carapezza and Solar DG, LLC/Clearway Energy Group for property located at 336 Woodville Road identified as AP18 Lot 36 an RFR-80 Zone for proposed installation of a photovoltaic solar array.

4. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date re: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment filed by Norbert Ansay, Jr. for property located at 999 Main Street identified as AP 27 Lot 102 a Neighborhood Business Zone to add proposed use category(s) for: Art Gallery/Studio.
5. Discuss, consider and vote to authorize a \$100.00 Tee Sponsor donation from Town Council Contingency line item # 5065-001 to sponsor a tee to support and contribute towards the June 8, 2019 Hopkinton Police Department/IBPO Local 498 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser.

PUBLIC FORUM

ADJOURN

If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation by any person, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 377-7777 (V) or 377-7773 (TDD) at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

Posting Details: Town Hall, Police Station, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website. Posting date: May 16, 2019