

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the third day of June 2019 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 6:30 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO CONVENE OPEN SESSION AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RIGL SEC. 42-46-5(A) (2) RELATED TO PENDING LITIGATION AND/OR WORK SESSION PERTAINING TO PENDING AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

POLL VOTE:

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

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

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

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

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

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

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

**HEARINGS**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**

The Council opened a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit filed by Matthew DeFedele on behalf of Ashaway Cub Scout Pack 1 – Narragansett Council BSA, P.O. Box 965, Ashaway, RI 02804, co-sponsored by the Hopkinton Recreation Department and the Ashaway Volunteer Fire Department for a Family Camp-Out scheduled for 12:00 PM on June 29, 2019 through 11:00 AM on June 30, 2019 at Crandall Field.

Mr. DeFedele was present. The application was complete; no waivers were requested. There is no fee as the event is co-sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Ashaway Volunteer Fire Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ASHAWAY CUB SCOUT PACK 1 – NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL BSA FOR A FAMILY CAMP-OUT SCHEDULED FOR 12:00 PM ON JUNE 29, 2019 THROUGH 11:00 AM ON JUNE 30, 2019 AT CRANDALL FIELD.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 15 and May 20 and Executive Session Minutes of May 20, 2019 were removed from the Consent Agenda, as well as the May 13, 2019 transcript as the record of the hearing(s) for the Zone Amendment & Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment filed by Atlantic Solar, LLC, involving Gordon Excavating, Inc. and Hopkinton Land 1, LLC. The Executive Session Minutes will be scheduled for approval on June 17, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: APPROVE REFUND RESULTING FROM AN OVERPAYMENT OF A 2018 REAL ESTATE TAX AND AN OVERPAYMENT OF 2018 A TANGIBLE TAX SUBMITTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Corrections were made to page 5 of the May 20, 2019 meeting minutes in that Ms. Walsh's correct first name was Tammy and she lived on Woodville Road; and, on page 21, the correct spelling of Dan Yorke's last name should have an "e" at the end.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HIRST AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2019 WITH CORRECTIONS.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO APPROVE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2019 AND ACCEPT THE MAY 13, 2019 TRANSCRIPT AS THE RECORD OF THE HEARING(S) FOR THE ZONE AMENDMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT FILED BY ATLANTIC SOLAR, LLC, INVOLVING GORDON EXCAVATING, INC. AND HOPKINTON LAND 1, LLC.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Hirst, Thompson, Davis

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Capalbo

SO VOTED

Councilor Capalbo abstained as she had not been present for these meetings.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Robert Tuttle of 485 Main Street questioned why the grass had not been cut at the memorial near the Historical Association building prior to Memorial Day and stated that it wasn't mowed until two days after. He indicated that he would be happy to mow it next year should it be required.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

Council President Landolfi reported that he participated in the 70<sup>th</sup> Huck Finn Day which was held at Crandall Field on June 2, 2019 which was a great success.

#### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager William McGarry reported on May 17, 2019, he met with Council President Frank Landolfi, Town Planner Jim Lamphere, Deputy Zoning Official Sherri Desjardin and a group of businessmen who may be interested in a major development project in the area of Exit 2/Palmer Circle. This informational meeting took place at the Crandall House. The developers still have considerable preliminary work to do prior to coming back to the Town with a plan that touches all the bases.

#### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

##### **Planning Board**

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint alternate member Carolyn Light to the full term position on the Planning Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO APPOINT ALTERNATE MEMBER CAROLYN LIGHT TO THE FULL TERM POSITION ON THE PLANNING BOARD.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Joe Moreau of Old Depot Road agreed that we have a tough financial year ahead of us and asked what happens when the next tough year comes along, what will some members of the Town Council sell out next? Mr. Moreau advised that he was approached by Ted Dionne of Chase Hill Road who stated that he was tired of all this solar business and that he was an abutter to a proposed solar project on Chase Hill Road. Mr. Moreau stated that the next day Mr. Dionne came back to see him and he gave him two checks, one from himself and one from a neighbor and indicated there would be more coming. A couple of days later Mr. Moreau went to Mr. Dionne's property and they walked around the neighborhood and spoke with several neighbors who have historical houses. These people were also upset about the proposed solar project on Chase Hill Road. He knows there is a financial situation, but at what cost? He wished the Councilors to consider the wishes of the residents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HIRST AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM C. WILCOX.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk

Marita D. Breault

Deputy Town Clerk