

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the first day of July 2019 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 6:45 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 Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.
Absent: Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO CONVENE OPEN SESSION AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(A) (1) BOARD-COMMISSION INTERVIEW – PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE.

POLL VOTE:

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The person being discussed have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they have the right to have the discussion held in open session.

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

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

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

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

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag at 7:00 PM.

HEARINGS

The Council opened a hearing for a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment filed by Norbert Ansay, Jr., 63 Cedarwood Lane, Hope Valley, RI 02832 for property he owns located at 999 Main Street identified as Assessor's Plat 27 Lot 102, a Neighborhood Business Zone. The applicant requests a zoning ordinance text amendment to the Chapter 134 District Use Table to adopt use categories 761 and 762 "Art Gallery/Studio" to be permitted in a Neighborhood Business Zone and in Aquifer Protection areas based on types of materials and supplies utilized. The petition is filed in accordance with Chapter 134, Section 16 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton, as amended, originally scheduled for June 17, 2019; abutters have been re-noticed.

Steven Surdut, Esq. was present with applicant Norbert Ansay, Jr. Filing fees have been paid and notice posted. A stenographer was present to record the proceedings. The transcript will be attached and made part of this record.

Attorney Surdut asked that the Applicant be allowed to amend his application to reflect that the Petition is filed in accordance with the miscellaneous use category, 630(a) and 630(b) rather than use categories 761 and 762. There was discussion by the Councilors and Planner James Lamphere concerning use categories 761 and 762 which will be further noted in the transcript but preference was given to keeping it listed under category 76. Council President Landolfi felt the Council supported the non-caustic designation and would refer the caustic designation back to the Planning Board for an opinion on that issue. There were no comments made by anyone from the public.

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

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The Council set July 15, 2019 as the date for a decision.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2019 and the June 10, 2019 Court Transcript for the Zone Amendment & Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment filed by Atlantic Solar, LLC involving 0 Main Street were removed from the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Accept the June 10, 2019 Court Transcript as the record of the decision(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; Set July 15, 2019 as a hearing date for a Multi Event Permit for a series of three free Music Concerts filed by Friends of the Land Trust.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Councilor Hirst addressed the June 17, 2019 minutes and noted that at the top of page 3, Ms. McCormick's first name was misspelled and should be "Louanne."

On page 4, the fourteenth line down should read "Quidnick Reservoir".

Councilor Capalbo addressed the June 10, 2019 transcript and indicated that on page 34, it states the noise level as being 20 decibels and it should be 40 decibels.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2019; ACCEPT THE JUNE 10, 2019 COURT TRANSCRIPT AS THE RECORD OF THE HEARING FOR THE ZONE AMENDMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT FILED BY ATLANTIC SOLAR, LLC INVOLVING 0 MAIN STREET WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

Louanne McCormick of Lisa Lane stated that Joe Moreau had asked her to correct a number that he had mentioned at the last meeting concerning the Dorothy Gardiner Property regarding a purchase for \$280,000 which was actually \$380,000. Ms. McCormick stated that she has been working on a letter to the editor which she thereafter read.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Council President Landolfi reported that he attended the Hopkinton Police Department second annual golf tournament on Saturday, June 8, 2019 held at Pinecrest Golf Course. Sgt. Percival ran the tournament and a lot of money was raised for local charities.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJUSTMENT OF M.V. AND TANGIBLE TAXES

This matter was scheduled to discuss, consider and possibly vote to authorize the adjustment of uncollectable motor vehicle and tangible taxes in the amount of \$9,093.69, as taxpayers are deceased. Tax Collector Mary Lynn Caswell was present. There were no questions asked of Mrs. Caswell.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR DAVIS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO AUTHORIZE THE ADJUSTMENT OF UNCOLLECTABLE MOTOR VEHICLE AND TANGIBLE TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,093.69, AS TAXPAYERS ARE DECEASED.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP

This matter was scheduled to discuss and consider setting a date for an ethics training workshop. A letter had been sent to the Town Clerk from the RI Ethics Commission, Staff Attorney Lynn Radiches, offering to conduct a workshop on September 16th, October 21st or November 4th, with the workshop lasting about an hour. There was discussion on who may wish to attend a workshop and Councilor Thompson asked Clerk Cook-Martin to notify the Boards and Commissions to determine whether any of those individuals would be interested in attending an ethics training workshop.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the second public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Capalbo asked the Council to adjourn in memory of Town Manager William McGarry's mother-in-law. Mr. McGarry noted her name was Felicina Crino.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HIRST AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MRS. FELICINA CRINO.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk

Marita D. Breault

Deputy Town Clerk