

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – March 21, 2016
BUSINESS AGENDA

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

7:00 P.M. Call to Order – Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

HEARINGS

SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTION FACILITIES TANGIBLE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Render a decision on an application for a Solar Energy Collection Facilities Tangible Property Tax Abatement filed by S.M. Trombino Properties, LLC, Stano Trombino, owner, 26 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804 for property located on Bank Street identified as Assessor's Plat 028/Lot 122, a Commercial Special Zone.

Applicant or representative present.

Council deliberations.

Discuss, consider and vote to approve tangible property tax abatement request heard on March 7, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of February 10, 2016; Set April 18, 2016 as a hearing date for a transfer of a Class A Liquor License filed by D&M Liquors a/k/a Village Place Liquors; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Attended Leadership Breakfast Conference in Providence on March 10, 2016 with Town Manager, William McGarry
- Attended Final Budget Workshop on March 14, 2016

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Requests for Proposals/Qualifications

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Director of Veterans Affairs Kasim Yarn regarding services available to resident Veterans.
2. Discuss, consider and vote upon a Resolution re: RYSE:
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT TO ISSUE BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW BUILDING FOR THE R.Y.S.E. SCHOOL, INCLUDING REMOVAL OF EXISTING MODULAR CLASSROOMS AND TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LANDSCAPING, PAVING, PARKING AND TRAFFIC REDESIGN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE SCHOOL HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF NOT LESS THAN 56%. See attached.

3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to hold the Annual Financial Town Assembly scheduled for May 3, 2016 in the Town Hall Council Chambers, rather than in a local elementary school.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to schedule a Special Town Council Meeting on or before May 11, 2016 to approve the budget.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Discuss, consider and vote on an appointment to Zoning Board of Review.

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: March 18, 2016

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW BUILDING FOR THE R.Y.S.E. SCHOOL, INCLUDING REMOVAL OF EXISTING MODULAR CLASSROOMS AND TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LANDSCAPING, PAVING, PARKING AND TRAFFIC REDESIGN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE SCHOOL HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF NOT LESS THAN 56%

Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton endorses and supports the financing of a new building for The R.Y.S.E. School and related improvements to the Switch Road Campus of the Chariho Regional School District; and

Whereas, in order to undertake said construction and improvements, the Chariho Regional School District must issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000; and

Whereas, the Town Council understands that bond legislation to be submitted to the electors of the District's member towns shall provide that in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1958 as heretofore amended, including amendments made by Chapter 490 of the Public Laws of 2006 (the "Chariho Act"), the principal of, redemption premium and interest on the bonds and or notes shall be borne by the member towns in the same proportion as the enrollment of students from each town bears to the total student enrollment of the District; and

Whereas, the Town Council further understands that the bond legislation will provide that the Chariho Regional School District Committee shall annually make payments from its fund balance to the District's member towns in an amount equal to the difference between 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of debt service and any member towns actual annual contribution of principal and interest on bonds and notes for these projects if that contribution exceeds 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of debt service; and

Whereas, the Town Council further understands that the bond legislation will provide that bonds and notes shall not be issued unless the Chariho Regional School District has received a letter from the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education confirming that the Board of Education has approved the facilities to be financed for school housing aid and that the then-current reimbursement rate pursuant to Sections 16-7-35 through 16-7-47 of the general laws, as amended from time to time, providing for funds to municipalities or regional school districts for school housing aid purposes, is not less than fifty-six percent (56%) of debt service for eligible costs.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton hereby requests that the General Assembly enact enabling legislation authorizing the Chariho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building for The R.Y.S.E. School, including removal of existing modular classrooms and to finance improvements to the Switch Road Campus, including but not limited to landscaping, paving, parking and traffic redesign and all expenses incidental thereto by the issuance of not more than \$6,000,000 bonds and/or notes therefor, subject to approval of state school housing aid at a reimbursement rate of not less than 56% of debt service for eligible costs.

Be it further resolved that the Chariho Regional School District Committee, the Chariho Regional School District Building Committee and Bond Counsel for the Chariho Regional School District ensure that the appropriate legislation is submitted to the General Assembly in a timely manner in order that the electors of the three Member Towns may consider the question of the financing at the general election of November 8, 2016.