

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the second day of December 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 CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO CONVENE OPEN SESSION AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(A) (2) PERTAINING TO PENDING LITIGATION.

POLL VOTE:

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO 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 there were no votes were taken in the 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.

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

HOLIDAY SALES RENEWALS

Council President Landolfi reported there are no current or pending Holiday Sales Licenses in need of approval or renewal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS 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 November 18, 2019 and the two October 28, 2019 transcripts were removed from the consent agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Approve Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2019; Set January 6, 2020 as the hearing date for renewal of Campground Licenses; Set January 21, 2020 as the second Town Council Meeting in January due to Martin Luther King Day Holiday; Set January 21, 2020 as a hearing date for renewals of Commercial Haulers Licenses; Approve 2019 real estate abatements related to a veterans exemption and a RI Housing exemption submitted by the Tax Assessor; Approve refund resulting from a 2019 real estate double payment submitted by the Tax Collector.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Hirst, Thompson, Davis

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Capalbo

SO VOTED

Councilor Capalbo had abstained as she had not been present for this meeting.

Changes to the October 28, 2019 transcript related to Atlantic Solar, LLC/Atlantic Control Systems, Inc. hearing were noted on page 18, line 2, to substitute the word “string” in place of “straight” and on page 68, line 9, to substitute the word “sentiment” in place of “sediment”.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 28, 2019 TRANSCRIPT AS THE RECORD OF THE SOLAR DG, LLC; CLEARWAY ENERGY GROUP; EDWARD CARAPEZZA DECISION AND ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 28, 2019 TRANSCRIPT AS THE RECORD OF THE ATLANTIC SOLAR, LLC & ATLANTIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC., 0 MAIN STREET HEARING, WITH CHANGES NOTED.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

Joe Moreau of Old Depot Road commented on the last Town Council Meeting held on the Chase Hill Road solar proposal and apologized for his outburst that evening; he wished Councilor Thompson good luck with an upcoming surgery; he commented the only way to learn was to ask questions and noted the PSES

ordinance was amended January 22, 2019 and the Carapezza application date stamp was in May 2019, so he questioned why even have a hearing. Council President Landolfi noted the Council is required to hear it. Mr. Moreau mentioned he spoke with someone in the Attorney General's Office as to what can be said in public forum and the individual he spoke to, said the Council can respond to questions for information. He mentioned the Townsend property was purported to contain a 40-acre dump site when in actuality it is 2+ acres. He recommends the Council continue to receive second opinions from the Town's engineering firm.

Carolyn Light, Forest Glen Drive and a member of the Planning Board commented on a Crossman Engineering cost estimate that had come in with a dollar amount and questioned how it was leaked and got into the public's hands as she thought the information was proprietary.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk

*This meeting was followed by a Workshop that began at 7:30 P.M.