

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – March 2, 2020
BUSINESS AGENDA

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

6:30 P.M. Motion to convene Open Session and enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to anticipated & pending litigation.

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 MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

Open a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit filed by Martin Liese on behalf of the Ashaway Sportsman Club for the annual Huck Finn Day scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (rain date: Sunday, June 14, 2020) to be held at Crandall Field, 188 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804.

Applicant or representative present.

Application complete/consider waivers.

Discussion.

Decision.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020; Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020; Executive Session Minutes of February 3, 2020; Budget Workshop notes of February 6, 2020; Budget Workshop Notes of February 13, 2020; Approve abatement resulting from a 2019 real property adjustment submitted by the Tax Assessor.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Discussion Chariho Regional School District Budget

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Council Chambers Air Conditioning
- Engineering Services RFQ
- Stubtown Road Landfill

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and vote on a motion to either approve or reject the petition for amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance and Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map filed by Atlantic Solar, LLC, 260 West Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903 and Atlantic Control Systems, Inc., 318 Dry Bridge Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02865, the land owner for property located at 0 Main Street identified as Plat 7, Lot 32, Plat 10, Lot 87, and Plat 11, Lot 35, an RFR-80 zone following completion and closing of the public hearing on January 27, 2020.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to decide whether to accept the recent filing by Applicants' attorney, either as an "amended application" or as a new application, relative to the original application filed by the Fated Farmer, LLC, on January 7, 2019; in either case requesting to amend the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Zoning Ordinance for property identified on the application as 0 Wich Way on Assessor's Plat 7, Lot 17, an RFR-80 Zone, filed February 21, 2020 by Steven Surdut, Esq. on behalf of CTG Properties, LLC and Centrica Business Solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider setting date for a Special Town Council Meeting to render a decision on an amendment to the Flood Hazard Overlay District in accordance with directive from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for compliance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, prior to effective date of April 3, 2020. Date of hearing: March 16, 2020.
2. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date for an application for a Class B-V Liquor License, Victualling License, Holiday Sales License filed by New Frontier, LLC for property located at 15A Frontier Road.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote on a Resolution of support to legislation changing the September Primary date from a Tuesday to a Wednesday when the Primary falls on a Tuesday following Labor Day. Resolution attached.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Philip Scalise to the Police Commission.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Cynthia Johnson to the Land Trust Board of Trustees.

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: February 27, 2020

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, to meet Federal regulations and to ensure that service men and women stationed all over the world have an opportunity to receive, cast and return election ballots in time for state and federal elections in November, the RI General Assembly amended RIGL Sec. 17-15-1, to require primary elections to be held on the 8th Tuesday preceding biennial state elections; and

WHEREAS, in most years, this change will not affect municipalities financially; however, in some years, such as 2020 and 2026, when the primary will fall on the day after Labor Day, there will be a major financial expense to municipalities, especially those municipalities with a large number of polling places to set up; and

WHEREAS, with set-ups the day before elections, the overtime for employees working on a holiday will add many thousands of dollars to municipal budgets around the state; and

WHEREAS, to eliminate these added costs, legislation has been introduced in the general assembly which would move the September Primary to Wednesday in the years the primary is to be held during the same week as Labor Day; and

WHEREAS, the Hopkinton Town Council believes that this legislation is in the best interest of the Town of Hopkinton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL, AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOPKINTON BOARD OF CANVASSERS, DOES HEREBY SUPPORT 2020-H7430, 2020-H7480, 2020-S2285 AND ANY OTHER BILLS WHICH MOVE THE PRIMARY TO WEDNESDAY IF IT IS HELD IN THE SAME WEEK AS LABOR DAY, AND URGES THE HOPKINTON DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WORK DILIGENTLY FOR ITS PASSAGE.