

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – August 3, 2020  
BUSINESS AGENDA

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

**NOTICE  
MEETING BEING HELD REMOTELY**

Understanding the people have a vested interest in the operation of their government, the Hopkinton Town Council intends to include the public on August 3, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Council wants to be sure that everyone will do so safely from their own homes.

To attend the meeting, please call in by **7:00 PM**. Toll free: **1-877-853-5247 or 1-888-788-0099**. Enter the Meeting ID and #: **708-780-5899#**

When asked for a participant ID press #  
To be recognized to speak press \*9

Please note: Because of ever-changing regulations due to the COVID-19 virus, this meeting may be cancelled. Please check the Town of Hopkinton website [www.hopkintonri.org](http://www.hopkintonri.org) for updates on these meetings and other important Town or COVID-19 information.

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin  
Council Clerk/Town Clerk

**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**

**CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE**

Open a remote hearing on an application for a Class C Liquor License filed by Norbert Ansay, Jr., 63 Cedarwood Lane, Hope Valley, RI 02832 for property he owns located at 999 Main Street, Hope Valley, RI 02832 identified as AP 27 Lot 102, a Neighborhood Business Zone to allow for “paint and sip” art classes.

Applicant or representative present.  
All fees paid and notices posted.  
Discussion.  
Anyone wishing to speak for, or against.

Discuss, consider and possibly vote to grant approval to the license subject to all state and town regulations being met and all town taxes current prior to issue.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL**

**HEARING CENTRICA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS/KAREN & JAMES CHERENZIA  
RE: CHASE HILL ROAD**

Resume and continue the hearing on a request for an amendment to the Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and an amendment to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance filed by Centrica Business Solutions, 1484 Candlewood Road – Suite T-W, Hanover, MD 21076 and Karen M. & James W. Cherenzia, Jr., 201 Chase Hill Road, Ashaway, RI 02804 for property located at Chase Hill Road as Plat 2, Lot 32, an RFR-80 Zone continued from December 9, 2019 to January 13, 2020 – meeting cancelled and continued to February 18, 2020 - meeting cancelled and rescheduled to March 16, 2020. The March 16, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to the declared State of Emergency re: Covid-19. On April 6, 2020 the resumption/continuation of the public hearing was scheduled for June 15, 2020 provided the hearing could be held in-person. Due to limitations on capacity and distance requirements and the discussion by Town Council on April 6, 2020 regarding a possible resumption of the public hearing on June 15, 2020, resuming the public hearing on that date was not feasible and a new date was scheduled for August 3, 2020.

The applicants propose to construct a 2.7± MW DC ground-mounted solar installation on 12.89± acres of property on Assessor's Plat 2, Lot 32. The proposal to utilize the property will require approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment from Low-Density Residential to Commercial and a Zoning Map Amendment from RFR-80 to Commercial.

Documents associated with this hearing:

- [Exhibit A - Cherenzia Solar 2/14/2020 - ORIGINAL](#)
- [Exhibit B - Cherenzia Solar 7/28/2020 – CURRENT](#)
- [Exhibit C - Cherenzia Solar 7/23/2020 – BUFFER PLAN](#)
- [Exhibit D - Cherenzia Solar 7/23/2020 – LAND USE](#)
- [Exhibit E - Cherenzia Solar 7/23/2020 – ABUTTER SIGHTLINES](#)
- [Exhibit E.1 - Cherenzia Solar 7/23/2020 – ABUTTER SIGHTLINES](#)

Applicant or representative present.

Filing fees paid and notice posted.

Council discussion.

Public comment.

Consider motion to continue or resume public hearing at a later date, place and time or set a date for a decision.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2020; Ratify and approve the Eighth Local Declaration of Emergency from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DECISION RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 272 & 273**

1. Render a decision on amendments to Chapters 272 and 273 of the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance requested by Hopkinton Town Councilor Sylvia Thompson for property owned by Atlantic Solar LLC, 260 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903 and Atlantic Control Systems, Inc., 318 Dry Bridge Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852, for property located at 0 Main Street, Hopkinton, RI, identified as Plat 7, Lot 32; Plat 10, Lot 87 and Plat 11, Lot 35 an RFR-80 Zone re: an amendment relative to one of the conditions in each ordinance setting the amount of the cash decommissioning bond for the proposed PSES project to be constructed on said property, by striking the phrase “of \$25,000 per Megawatt AC” and substituting therefor the phrase “to be determined by the Planning Board”. The public hearing was held and closed on July 20, 2020.

Council deliberations.

Discuss, consider & possibly vote to adopt the ordinance amendment to Chapters 272 and 273.

### **DECISION RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 229**

2. Render a decision on an amendment to Chapter 229 of the Hopkinton Code of Ordinances, requested by Hopkinton Town Council President Frank Landolfi, specifically Article I, Section 19-2(B)(1)(a) of Chapter 19, “Taxation”. Article I, entitled “When Interest Waived”. The proposed amendment would correct a typographical error in the reference to the Rhode Island General Laws found in said Section 19-2(B)(1) where it reads RIGL “section 44-5.8-“, and substitute for that citation RIGL “section 44-5-8.1”. In addition, the proposed amendment, if enacted, would add the clause “or place of business” after the word “residence” and before the phrase “of the taxpayer” found in Section 19-2(B)(1)(a) of Chapter 229. The purpose of this portion of the proposed amendment would be to extend to taxpayer-owned places of business the opportunity to seek a waiver of payment of one quarter’s worth of interest on one overdue property tax payment, subject to the same conditions currently

applicable to taxpayers' personal residences. The public hearing was held and closed on July 20, 2020.

Council deliberations.

Discuss, consider & possibly vote to adopt the ordinance amendment to Chapter 229.

#### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Richard Prescott to the Historic District Commission.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Martin Liese to the Juvenile Hearing Board.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Tom Thompson to the Land Trust Board of Trustees.
4. Accept the resignation of Dorothy Gardiner from the Chariho Audit Subcommittee.
5. Accept the resignation of Sylvia Algier from the Juvenile Hearing Board.

#### **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: July 30, 2020