

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING – March 31, 2020  
BUSINESS AGENDA  
1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833  
6:30 PM

**NOTICE**  
**MEETING BEING HELD REMOTELY**

Understanding the people have a vested interest in the operation of their government, the Hopkinton Town Council intends to allow the public to have input at their meeting on March 31, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Council wants to be sure that everyone will do so safely from their own homes.

Public Comment Period – please call in by 6:30 PM. Toll free: 1-888-853-5247 or 1-888-788-0099. Enter the Meeting ID and #: **820-904-7625#**.

When asked for a participant ID press #  
Unmute yourself by pressing \*6

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

**6:30 P.M.** Call to Order – Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Flood Hazard Overlay District**

Open a public hearing on proposed amendments to Section 33 of Chapter 134 of the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance entitled Flood Hazard Overlay District, introduced & sponsored by Council President Frank Landolfi. The amendments are intended to bring the zoning ordinance including the zoning map into conformity with the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program, effective April 3, 2020. Proposed ordinance appeared as a display ad in the Westerly Sun on February 28, March 6 & 13, 2020. See attached.

Council discussion.  
Public comment.

Consider motion to close the hearing and set it down for a decision on April 2, 2020.

**ADJOURN**

Posting Details: Town Hall, Police Station, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website. Posting date: March 27, 2020

**Proposed Ordinance Amendment:**

***SECTION 134-5.10. FLOOD HAZARD OVERLAY DISTRICT.***

**CHAPTER 134 - Section 33. FLOOD HAZARD OVERLAY DISTRICT**

- (A) **Purpose.** *The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure public safety; minimize hazards to persons and property from flooding, to protect watercourses from encroachment, and to maintain the capability of floodplains to retain and carry off floodwaters by ensuring that development in floodplains designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in compliance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-488, as amended). The Town of Hopkinton elects to comply with said requirements.*
- (B) **Applicability.** *This special flood hazard area overlay district contains special flood hazard areas, including floodways and coastal high hazard areas. Special flood hazard areas are subject to recurrent flooding which presents serious hazards to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the residents of the town. Regulation of the development and alteration of such areas thus is in the public interest.*
- (C) **Flood hazard overlay district defined.** *The Special Flood Hazard Areas are herein established as a flood hazard overlay district. The flood hazard overlay district includes all Special Flood Hazard Areas within the Town of Hopkinton designated as Zone A, AE AH, AO, A99, V or VE on the Washington County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), as it may be amended and Digital FIRM, as it may be amended, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Washington County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Hopkinton are panel number 44009C0045J, 44009C0062J, 44009C0064J, 44009C0065J, 44009C0068J, 44009C0135J, 44009C0141J, 44009C0142J, 44009C0143J, 44009C0144J, 44009C0151J, 44009C0152J, 44009C0153J, 44009C0154J, 44009C0161J, 44009C0143J, 44009C0144J, and 44009C0163J dated April 3, 2020. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Washington County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated April 3, 2020. The FIRM and FIS report and any revisions thereto are incorporated herein by reference and the official copies are on file with the Town Clerk.*
- (D) **Review by building official.** *The building official shall review all development proposed in the flood hazard overlay district to ensure the development is in compliance with the all State Building Code requirements including the provisions of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the State Building Code (SBC 1 and 2-2019), and all subsequent amendments, concerning flood-resistant siting and construction.*
- Disclaimer of liability. The degree of flood protection required by the ordinance is considered reasonable but does not imply total flood protection.*
- a. Severability. If any section, provision, or portion of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.*
- b. Abrogation and greater restriction. This section shall not in any way impair/remove the necessity of compliance with any other applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, etc. Where this section imposes a greater restriction, the provisions of this section shall control.*
- c. Enforcement. The building official shall enforce all provisions as applicable in reference to RIGL § 23-27.3-108.1.*
- d. Penalties. Every person who shall violate any provision of this code shall be subject to penalties put forth in RIGL § 23-27.3-122.3.*

This ordinance amendment shall take effect upon passage.

Said proposed amendments may be amended as a result of further study or the views expressed at the public hearing without further advertising. The amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.