

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING – April 6, 2020
BUSINESS AGENDA
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 April 6, 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 **6:00** ~~6:30~~ PM. Toll free: 1-**877-853-5247** 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 for updates on these meetings and other important Town or COVID-19 information.

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Council Clerk/Town Clerk

6:00 P.M. Call to Order – Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

I. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL SITTING IN A QUASI-JUDICIAL CAPACITY CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE TOWN SOLICITOR TO CONSIDER INITIATING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ALFRED W. DIORIO SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE HOPKINTON PLANNING BOARD FOR GOOD AND DUE CAUSE UNDER RIGL SEC. 45-22-3 AND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II DIVISION 5, SECTION 2-112 OF THE TOWN ORDINANCES

In compliance with RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(1), by letter and e-mail dated March 23, 2020, Mr. DiOrio was given written notice of the intention of the Town Council to conduct the above-captioned preliminary discussion on April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and of his right to require that this discussion be held at an open meeting. In response to this notification, Mr. DiOrio requested that this preliminary discussion be held in open, and not in Executive Session. He was also advised at the time that the public would not be allowed to participate in the preliminary discussion, that he had the right to be represented by legal counsel during the discussion, and that that there would be no sworn testimony during this preliminary discussion.

1. Consider written request by Mr. DiOrio to postpone this Preliminary Discussion and hear objection and response of the Town Solicitor to Mr. DiOrio's request, and thereafter address and possibly vote on possible motions related to said request.
2. Presentation by the Town Solicitor of his recommendation to the Council concerning Mr. DiOrio and the reasons for said recommendation, including but not limited to replaying audio tape excerpts from the March 4, 2020 Planning Board hearing and e-mails between Mr. DiOrio and the Town Solicitor dated March 5, 2020 initiated by Mr. DiOrio, and the legal and financial consequences to the Town should it fail to undertake further proceedings to determine whether Mr. DiOrio should be removed from the Planning Board for good and due cause based upon his March 4 and 5, 2020 referred to herein.
3. Response by Mr. DiOrio to recommendation by the Town Solicitor.
4. Council discussion and possible vote on the Town Solicitor's recommendation to the Town Council that it schedule a quasi-judicial evidentiary hearing at a later date to determine whether good and due cause exists to remove Alfred W. DiOrio from the Hopkinton Planning Board Pursuant to RIGL sec. 45-22-3 based upon his verbal remarks made on March 4, 2020 at the Planning Board and his written statement to the Solicitor on March 5, 2020 requested by Alfred DiOrio.
5. Discussion and possible vote on potential motions to set a date for the Town Council to conduct a quasi-judicial evidentiary hearing; whether the Council should to appoint special legal counsel to advise the Council during said evidentiary hearing and deliberations following its conclusion; and to set conditions, if any, regarding Mr. DiOrio's continuation as Chair and Member of the Hopkinton Planning Board

until the conclusion and decision by the Town Council on the issue of whether good and due cause exists to remove Mr. DiOrio from the Planning Board.

N.B. THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION, THIS DISCUSSION CONCERNS A PERSONNEL MATTER DURING WHICH THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE SITTING IN A QUASI-JUDICIAL CAPACITY.

II. 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.

Application complete/consider waivers.
Discussion.
Decision.

III. MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2020; Executive Session Minutes of March 2, 2020; Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of March 5, 2020; Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of February 24, 2020; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve refund due to an overpayment of 2019 real property tax submitted by the Tax Collector.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Discussion Chariho Regional School District Budget

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Covid-19 Town Update

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider scheduling resumption/continuation of the public 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to award a bid for Trail Maps and Kiosk Poster Development, as requested by the Town's Conservation Commission, to Educational Mapping Service of Wyoming, Rhode Island at an hourly rate of fifty (50) dollars, per hour.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 from the Town Council's contingency account (#001-5065) to fund approximately half the cost of a new air conditioning system recently installed in the Town's Council Chambers.
3. Discuss and consider setting hearing dates for Zone Amendment & Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment filed by Centrica Business Solutions for the following property owned by Maitland Fothergill, 10A Crandall Lane; identified as AP 2, Lot 001.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Lydia Lanphear to the Conservation Commission.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Sandra Johanson to the Board of Canvassers.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to accept the resignation of Amy Williams from the Planning Board.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to accept the resignation of Michael Warner as alternate member of the Wood Pawcatuck Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council.
5. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to accept the resignation of John Pennypacker from the Conservation Commission.
6. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to accept the resignation of Liz Goor from the Tax Board of Review.

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: April 2, 2020