

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the twentieth day of April 2020 A.D. the said REMOTE meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Scott Bill Hirst; Town Manager William McGarry. The following individuals participated remotely: Sylvia Thompson, Barbara Capalbo, Sharon Davis; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister.

The REMOTE meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2020; Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2020; Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of March 12, 2020; and, the March 2, 2020 transcript as the record of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Zoning Ordinance Amendment decision re: Atlantic Solar, LLC/Atlantic Control Systems for 0 Main Street were removed from the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS

FOLLOWS: Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Ratify and Approve retroactively the Declarations of Local Emergency for the period of time beginning March 16 through May 8, 2020.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Councilor Capalbo noted that in the March 2, 2020 transcript, page 14, line 8, it should note “farm viability ordinance” and not “farm liability ordinance.”

Councilor Davis noted that on page 18, lines 19 and 20 it stated “network” but she

believed it should read “net worth”; and also on page 19, line 15, it should read, “project’s comprehensive plan”. It should be an apostrophe, not a comma in ‘project’s’ and then line 17 again, ‘project’s zoning amendment request’ should have an apostrophe and not a comma.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 2, 2020 TRANSCRIPT WITH CHANGES.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2020.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Davis

ABSTAIN: Hirst

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Councilor Hirst noted that in the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2020 he voted in favor of the grant; he did not abstain.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DAVIS TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2020 AS AMENDED.

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

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP NOTES OF MARCH 12, 2020.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Hirst, Capalbo, Thompson

ABSTAIN: Davis

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke at the public forum.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Announcement of full-term vacancy on the Planning Board – Interested individuals are invited to apply for this position at their earliest convenience.

Councilor Thompson noted that Emily Shumchenia, who is currently an alternate on the Planning Board, would like to be moved up as a full-term member.

Councilor Thompson noted that she would like to see this put on the next agenda so they may nominate her for that position and then they will have two vacancies for alternates. Town Clerk Cook-Martin noted that Ms. Shumchenia had filled out an application to be considered for the full-term vacancy. Councilor Hirst advised that he supports Ms. Shumchenia's advancement to full member. He also reiterated the importance of filling the numerous vacancies in town government. Councilor Davis suggested that she also supports Ms. Shumchenia and believed they should advertise the position of two alternates. Councilor Thompson wished to advertise these openings on the town's website due to the fact that the Town Clerk's advertising budget has been expended. Council President Landolfi advised Town Clerk Cook-Martin to assure that Ms. Shumchenia's application was placed on the next agenda so it could be voted on.

ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk

Marita D. Murray

Deputy Town Clerk

