

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – July 20, 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 July 20, 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 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. Convene Open Session and Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(2), status and discussion of pending and potential litigation involving the Town.
2. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Board/Commission interview – Land Trust Board of Trustees.

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

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE

1. Open a remote hearing on an application for a Class BV Liquor License filed by New Frontier, LLC – Teresa Dove-Rottinghaus, President, 44 Oak Street, Westerly, RI 02891 for property located at 15A Frontier Road, Ashaway, RI 02804 owned by BCP, LLC, 15 Frontier Road, Ashaway, RI 02804.

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.

VICTUALLING LICENSE

2. Discuss and consider opening a remote hearing on an application for a Victualling License filed by New Frontier, LLC – Teresa Dove-Rottinghaus, President, 44 Oak Street, Westerly, RI 02891 for property located at 15A Frontier Road, Ashaway, RI 02804 owned by BCP, LLC, 15 Frontier Road, Ashaway, RI 02804.

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 Victualling License subject to all state and town regulations being met and all town taxes current prior to issue.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

3. Discuss and consider opening a remote hearing an application for a Holiday Sales License filed by New Frontier, LLC – Teresa Dove-Rottinghaus, President, 44 Oak Street, Westerly, RI 02891 for property located at 15A Frontier Road, Ashaway, RI 02804 owned by BCP, LLC, 15 Frontier Road, Ashaway, RI 02804.

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 Holiday Sales 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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 272 AND 273

4. Open a public hearing to consider 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.

The Town Council shall consider 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”.

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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 229

5. Open a public hearing to consider 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.

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 July 6, 2020 Town Council Meeting Minutes; Set Tuesday, September 1, 2020 as the first Town Council Meeting in September due to Labor Day Holiday on September 7 and the Primary on September 8, 2020; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to extend the date for payment of local motor vehicle taxes to the Town of Hopkinton from September 8th, 2020 to a future date, pending final determination from the State on the motor vehicle tax exemption amount for Rhode Island cities and towns.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to authorize the Town Council President to send a letter of support to the Rhode Island Senate regarding pending legislation designated as H-7555 and entitled “An Act Relating to an Amendment of and in addition to an Act to Incorporate The First Hopkinton Cemetery Association”, the purpose of which is to amend the corporate charter of The First Hopkinton Cemetery Association passed at the January, 1880 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly, as subsequently amended.

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 16, 2020