

**HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING & WORKSHOP – March 15, 2021
BUSINESS AGENDA**

6:30 P.M.

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 March 15, 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Council wants to be sure that everyone will do so safely from their own homes. Therefore, this meeting will be held remotely using Zoom.

To get the most out of the remote meeting technology, participants are urged to join by computer when possible. Joining by computer allows you to see the Town Council members on-screen and makes it easier to use the functions for indicating you wish to speak and muting/un-muting yourself.

To attend the meeting, please connect in by 6:30 PM. **Note:** Participants will not be able to connect before the host begins the session, and anyone trying to connect who are unable to do so should try again after 6:30 PM.

To Join meeting by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83022943969?pwd=SGtkUVNSWXgzTXZ4YU52bmJmdENyUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 2294 3969 - Passcode: 939803

To Join meeting by telephone:

Dial 877 853 5247 or 888 788 0099 Meeting ID: 830 2294 3969# - Passcode (if asked): 939803

****Citizens wishing to speak during public forum:**

Any participants wishing to speak during the public forum should indicate so as early as possible. The Zoom meeting has a 'Raise your hand' indicator that you enable to let the host know you wish to speak.

To 'Raise your hand' in Zoom:

By Computer:

Click "raise hand" from the Zoom menu bar and wait for the meeting host to ask you to unmute. Once asked to unmute, press "unmute" to unmute and speak.

By Phone:

Dial *9 to "raise your hand" and wait for the meeting host to ask you to unmute. Once asked to unmute, dial *6 to unmute and speak.

"Please remember when making a public comment to state your name and address before speaking."

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

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HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP – March 15, 2021

6:30 P.M. Budget discussions re: proposed FY 21/22 budget.

Budget Review/Overview.

Estimated Tax Rate.

CIP, Warrant Items, Other Departments and Budgetary Matters.

CLOSE WORKSHOP AND CONVENE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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7:00 P.M. Call to Order – Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

HEARING

PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT USE TABLE AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT ADDITIONAL GAS/DIESEL STATIONS

1. Reconvene the hearing on proposed text amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance District Use Table. The intent of the proposed amendments is to prohibit any additional gas/diesel stations; to allow electric charging stations in commercial, manufacturing and neighborhood business zones, including the two current gas stations. This proposed amendment had been introduced and sponsored by former Councilor Sylvia Thompson, scheduled on the November 2, 2020 Town Council Agenda where the hearing date was set for February 16, 2021. The hearing was continued to March 15, 2021 on February 16, 2021.

Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A; Chapter 135 Section 5 District Use Regulations are shown in bold italics:

Section 5 – District Use Regulations.

District Use Table – P = Permitted N = Prohibited S = Special Use Permit A = Aquifer Protection Permit

Use Category	RFR-80	RES-1	NB	Comm.	Mnufct.	Aquifer Overlay	
						Primary	Secondary
554 Gasoline Service Stations	N	N	N	P	S	N	A

Proposed amendments in bold italics:

<i>554 Gasoline Diesel Service Stations</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>559 Electric Charging Stations</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>

Section 8. Nonconforming development (C. Addition, enlargement, expansion, replacement or intensification of a nonconforming development shall be allowed by special use permit. ***Unless prohibited in the district use table.***

- Sponsor present.
- All fees paid/notices 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 March 1, 2021; Budget Workshop Notes of February 25, 2021; Budget Workshop Notes of February 22, 2021; Budget Workshop Minutes of February 11, 2021; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve abatement due to duplicate billing on 2020 MV tax submitted by the Tax Assessor; Set April 5, 2021 as a hearing date for a Class BV Liquor License, a Class A Victualling License, a Holiday Sales License and a Multi-Event Permit filed by Little Rhody Lobster, LLC for property located on 15A Frontier Road; Approve refund due to a overpayment by escrow company and an overpayment by title company on 2020 real estate tax requested by the Tax Collector.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Announcement re: upcoming meeting of the Westerly Town Council, RI DEM and Southern RI Conservation District on March 18, 2021 6:00 PM re: Pawcatuck River at Potter Hill; Current Conditions and Ideas for Ecological Restoration Meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Department of Public Works Maintenance Operator Hire

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Recreation Director and the Parks & Recreation Commission to enter into a partnership with the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed National Wild and Scenic River System Stewardship Council regarding Briggs Memorial Park.
2. Chariho related matters requested by Councilor Hirst:
 - Discussion regarding the Chariho Budget Vote/Replacement of Four Elementary Schools with One Regional Elementary School.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Jason Parent to the Land Trust Board of Trustees.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Ronald Prellwitz to the Planning Board.

PUBLIC FORUM

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: March 11, 2021