

**HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – June 7, 2021**

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Executive Session scheduled for 6:00 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 June 7, 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 7:00 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 7:00 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](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

**"Please remember when making comments to state your name before speaking."**

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

Convene Open Session and Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a) (2) Existing Litigation, 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM.
2. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(1) Interviews Potter Hill Dam Committee, 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM.

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.

Adjourn.

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. The hearing was held and was continued to June 7, 2021 during the March 15, 2021 Town Council Meeting.

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:

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

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 May 17, 2021; Set Tuesday, July 6, 2021 as the first meeting in July due to the Independence Day Holiday; Set Tuesday, September 7, 2021 as the first Town Council Meeting in September due to the Labor Day Holiday; Approve refunds due to overpayments by escrow companies submitted by the Tax Collector: Ratify and approve the Fifteenth Local Declaration of Emergency from June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss and consider setting June 21, 2021 for 90-minute QPR (Suicide Prevention) Training – Councilor Davis.
2. Discuss and consider development of a charge for the Potter Hill Dam Committee including establishing a suitable name.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint members to Potter Hill Dam Committee.
4. Discuss and consider Town Manager hiring process.

## **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: June 3, 2021