

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – October 18, 2021  
BUSINESS AGENDA  
Town Hall, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833

**NOTICE  
MEETING BEING HELD IN-PERSON  
ALSO AVAILABLE TO STREAM ON YOUTUBE**

As of July 23, 2021, all public bodies in Rhode Island are required to return to in-person meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, but live-streaming of meetings in addition to in-person meetings is still permitted.

Understanding the people have a vested interest in the operation of their government and may not be able or willing to attend in-person, the Hopkinton Town Council will be broadcasting this meeting on the Town of Hopkinton, Rhode Island's YouTube Channel.

Residents that cannot attend in-person are urged to join by computer to see and hear the meeting in real time. Please note that this is a live-stream of the meeting and virtual participation is not available.

To view this meeting, please connect in by 7:00 PM. **Note:** Participants will not be able to connect before the host begins the broadcast, and anyone trying to connect who are unable to do so should try again after 7:00 PM.

The meeting being broadcasted will be shown as "Live" and can be selected and made full screen for easier viewing.

**To view the meeting by computer:**

<https://www.youtube.com/hopkintonri/videos>

Please note: Because of ever-changing regulations due to the COVID-19 virus, and the close proximity of participants, the Town is requesting that in-person attendees wear a face mask if not vaccinated. 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

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

**PRESENTATION BY COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVER, JOHN DORSEY, ESQ.,  
REGARDING POTTER HILL DAM AND POTTER HILL MILL RECEIVERSHIP,  
FOLLOWED BY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE  
PUBLIC.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2021; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council Update from Clifford (Chip) Heil, Jr.
2. Discuss and consider scheduling a Special Town Council Meeting to conduct interviews of applicants for vacant Board, Commission and Committee positions.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to endorse a Resolution authorizing the Town Planner to Proceed on Behalf of the Town of Hopkinton as a Sponsor in the Planning Phase of the Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Flood Protection Project with the Southern Rhode Island

Conservation District under the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program of the United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). See attached.

4. Discuss and consider the possible formation a Communication Committee for the purpose of improving how the Town communicates important and general information to taxpayers – Councilor Marvel.

#### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to accept the resignation of Stiles Gilmore IV from the Police Commission.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Cecil Wayles to the Planning Board.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM – To participate you must be present in the Meeting Room**

#### **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: October 14, 2021

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN PLANNER  
TO PROCEED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON AS A  
SPONSOR  
IN THE PLANNING PHASE OF THE WOOD-PAWCATUCK RIVERS  
WATERSHED FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT WITH THE SOUTHERN  
RHODE ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT UNDER THE WATERSHED  
AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS PROGRAM OF THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-  
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

WHEREAS, the Southern Rhode Island Conservation District (SRICD) has made application and been accepted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) into their Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program as the Lead Local Sponsoring Organization (LSO or Sponsor) and has invited the Town of Hopkinton to partner with them, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton wishes to partner with the Southern RI Conservation District (SRICD), to participate in the Planning Phase of the Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Flood Protection Project, which is being conducted under the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program within the US Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association (WPWA) led the development of the Pawcatuck River Flood Resiliency & Management Plan (PRFRMP) to reduce riverine flooding for each of the communities in the watershed, and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified flood prevention projects for the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed as a priority for its work focus and the projects listed in the PRFRMP may be further analyzed and implemented under the NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program, and

WHEREAS, a Watershed Plan-Environmental Document must be created in accordance with NRCS program policy and guidelines to meet the federal agency's criteria for consideration of the Plan to be authorized for implementation by the Chief of NRCS, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this plan is not just to study alternatives, but to select actual solutions in terms of flood protection measures that may be taken into the design phase and installation/construction phase, and

WHEREAS, USDA-NRCS funds the technical assistance associated with all three phases of the program (Planning, Design, and Implementation/Construction) at up to 100% of allowable costs, and

WHEREAS, participation in the Planning Phase of this project makes the Town eligible to participate in the Design Phase and the Construction Phase with up to 100% federal cost share of allowable costs of the project, and

WHEREAS, participating in the planning phase does not obligate a municipality to further participation in the project if they feel the alternative selected does not meet the goals of their municipality, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby authorizes the Hopkinton Town Planner to proceed in partnering with SRICD as sponsors to the USDA-NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program, Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Flood Protection Project, and to immediately complete and endorse the required federal forms for program enrollment.