

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – April 4, 2022  
BUSINESS AGENDA  
Town Hall, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833

**NOTICE  
HYBRID MEETING BEING HELD IN PERSON AND REMOTE**

Understanding the people have a vested interest in the operation of their government, the Hopkinton Town Council intends to include the public on April 4, 2022. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Council wants to be sure that everyone can do so safely from their own homes. Therefore, this hybrid meeting will be held in person and remotely using Zoom.

To get the most out of the hybrid meeting technology, participants can 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 remotely, 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.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.  
When: April 4, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: Town Council Meeting – April 4, 2022 - Hybrid

**REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:**

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83711396779?pwd=YTJVMWpYVGxuZnhhZUY4cEVWZ0lhUT09>

Webinar ID: 837 1139 6779  
Passcode: 615978  
Dial In Number: 1-646-558-8656

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

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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

**6:15 P.M.** Convene in Open Session and Recess to Executive Session under: RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation.

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.** Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

**Call to Order – Roll Call**

## **Public Comment**

**Acknowledgments & Announcements:** April 5, 2022 Chariho Budget Referendum

## **Approval of Agenda Order**

### **Consent Agenda**

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022; Approve Petitions of National Grid-Verizon New England, Inc. for Joint Pole locations on High Street, Diamond Hill Road and Canonchet Road.

### **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

### **Vacancies & Appointments**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Caleb Grant to the Communications Committee.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Etta Zasloff to the Communications Committee.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Sarah Steverman to the Communications Committee.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Ronnie Sposato to the Zoning Board of Review.
5. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Clifford Heil Jr. as alternate to the Zoning Board of Review.
6. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Joseph York to the Zoning Board of Review.
7. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Matthew LaBounty to the Recreation Commission.
8. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Christine Cook to the Recreation Commission.

### **New Business**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to oppose proposed legislation HB 6676 Relating to Taxation- Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Proposed amendments to Chapter 17 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton, as amended:
  - Discuss, consider and possibly vote to approve proposed amendments to Division 4 – Building Numbers and Street Names.
  - Discuss, consider and possibly vote to approve proposed amendment to add a Division 5 - Official Street Map.
2. Discuss, consider and vote to adopt an additional Mutual Aid Resolution and authorize the Hopkinton Police Chief to enter into an additional non-reciprocal, non-emergency aid agreement between the Town of Hopkinton/University of Rhode Island. See attached.

## **Public Comment**

### **Adjournment**

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 Post Office, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website. Posting date: March 31, 2022

**Town of Hopkinton  
State of Rhode Island**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
RELATIVE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

Resolved, that

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly has enacted R.I.G.L. 45-42-2 and R.I.G.L. 45-42-3, which allows the chiefs of local police departments to enter into reciprocal non-emergency aid agreements with other local police departments which share jurisdictional lines; and

WHEREAS, any such agreement entered into by a local police department must be approved by the town council by resolution in order to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the borders of the Town of Hopkinton with neighboring towns and cities are irregular and disjointed, and in some criminal and traffic cases, charges have been dismissed due to jurisdictional issues; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of mutual aid agreements with neighboring police departments will result in improved services to the community, clear guidelines of jurisdictional authority and a better relationship with our neighboring police departments; and

WHEREAS, a mutual aid agreement has been developed for the **Town of Hopkinton and the University of Rhode Island Police Department** and is ready for review by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, this is a matter of importance to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Hopkinton.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council hereby approves the mutual aid agreement between the **Hopkinton Police Department** and the **University of Rhode Island Police Department**, in the form attached hereto.

The Town Clerk of the Town of Hopkinton is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of the Hopkinton Police Department and the members of the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton, to the Chief of the University of Rhode Island Police Department and to the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Resolution shall take effect upon passage.