

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – May 2, 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 May 2, 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: May 2, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: Town Council Meeting – May 2, 2022 - Hybrid

**REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83979740124?pwd=d1dXTUJjdldqaHB3OForRS9CZ3dUQT09>

Webinar ID: 839 7974 0124  
Passcode: 341542  
Dial-In Number: 1-301-715-8592

**\*\*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

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

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Public Comment**

**Acknowledgments and Announcements:**

- Recognition of Chariho Student Julianne Manlove re: Student One! Achievement and Chariho High School English Teacher Rebecca Burns.

**Approval of Agenda Order**

## **Consent Agenda**

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2022; Set May 16, 2022 as a hearing date for a Special Event Permit for Huck Finn Day filed by the Ashaway Sportsman's Club; Approve refund resulting from a Tax Assessor abatement submitted by the Tax Collector.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

### **Vacancies and Appointments**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Katrina Caputo as Zoning Board of Review/Appeal Board Clerk.

## **Public Hearing - continued from September 7, 2021. The following matter may be continued:**

### **PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT USE TABLE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS IN COMMERCIAL, MANUFACTURING & NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ZONES**

1. Discuss and consider a date to continue the hearing on proposed text amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance District Use Table. The intent of the proposed amendments is 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. On February 16, 2021 the hearing was continued to March 15, 2021. On March 15, 2021 the hearing was held and was continued to June 7, 2021 whereupon the hearing date was closed with a decision date set for June 21, 2021. On June 21, 2021 the proposed amendments were divided out and the hearing date for the proposed amendment to allow electric charging stations in commercial, manufacturing and neighborhood business zones, including the two current gas stations, was continued to September 7, 2021. On September 7, 2022, the hearing date was continued to May 2, 2022.

Council discussion.

Consider motion to continue the public hearing to a later date and time.

## **New Business**

1. Discussion re: potential options for disposition of Hopkinton's portion of the Potter Hill Mill Property – Special Master John Dorsey, Esq.
2. Discuss and consider participating in Governor McKee's State-Wide Anti-Litter Initiative: Keep Rhody Litter Free.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote on a Resolution in Support of House Bill 2022 - H 8055 - An Act Relating to Waters and Navigation, Coastal Resources Management Council. 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, Hopkinton Post Office, Police Station, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website. Posting date: April 28, 2022

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2022 – H 8055  
AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION  
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the lack of a workable, readily identifiable right of access to the shore by the public has led to confusion, conflict and disputes between those attempting to exercise their rights and privileges to the shoreline and the rights of property owners along the shore; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the public and shoreline property owners to clearly and easily define the public's rights and privileges of and to the shore to avoid constitutional rights conflicts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton is committed to protect the public's constitutional rights to access and enjoy their privileges of and to the shore while also respecting well-established property right laws; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 2022 – H 8055 provides, in relevant part, a clear definition of the high tide line, so-called, to preserve the public's constitutional right to access and use of the shore; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton finds that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the people and visitors to Rhode Island and the Town of Hopkinton to enact a workable, readily identifiable right of access to the shore by the public to prevent confusion, conflict and disputes between those attempting to exercise their rights and privileges to the shoreline and the rights of shoreline property owners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton hereby requests that the General Assembly act favorably and pass House Bill 2022 – H 8055; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Hopkinton's representatives in the R.I. General Assembly and all 38 cities and towns.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.