

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – April 2, 2018
BUSINESS AGENDA

Town Hall, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833

6:15 P.M. Convene Open Session and Recess to Executive Session under RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(7) for Preliminary Discussions and/or Considerations Related to the Investment of Public Funds Where the Premature Disclosure Would Adversely Affect the Public Interest.

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. Call to Order – Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2018; Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2018; Budget Workshop Notes of February 26, 2018; Budget Workshop Notes of March 8, 2018; Budget Workshop Notes of March 14, 2018; Accept the March 5, 2018 transcript as the record of the Oak Square Partners & Eminent Holdings decision; Approve refunds resulting from the Motor Vehicle Phase-Out Program and a motor vehicle abatement submitted by the Tax Collector; Approve abatements due to motor vehicle adjustments submitted by the Tax Assessor.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider setting April 23, 2018 as a date for a joint Town Council-Planning Board Workshop.
2. Discuss, consider and vote to adopt a Resolution in Opposition to H-7198 and H-7379, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Arbitration – Continuance of Contractual Provisions – see attached.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Discuss, consider and vote to appoint 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 29, 2018

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO H-7198 AND H-7379
AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS – ARBITRATION –
CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, House Bill H-7198 and H-7379, an Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations – Arbitration – Continuance of Contractual Provisions are under consideration in the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, these Bills require that the contractual provisions contained in an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the practical effect of this legislation for Hopkinton and other Municipalities will be to place an unnecessary burden on the bargaining process between Town officials and certain unions; and

WHEREAS, contracts with unions represent a significant portion of Municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, these contracts need to be renegotiated from time to time to serve the needs of the Hopkinton’s and other town’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, these Bills may force the Town of Hopkinton to adhere to provisions of a contract long after it has expired; and

WHEREAS, these Bills will have the practical effect of retroactively modifying union contracts that are in place to, among other things, potentially make them permanent, or to require perpetual annual raises when those provision were never the intent of the parties negotiating the agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkinton Town Council respectfully requests that the House drop from consideration House Bills H-7198 and H-7379, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Town of Hopkinton’s State Senators and State Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, all the Cities and Towns in the State of Rhode Island and the Governor in consideration of their support to defeat this amendment to the General Laws.

Adopted:

ATTEST: _____
Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Town Clerk