

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the fourth day of June 2018 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Thomas Buck, Barbara Capalbo, Sylvia Thompson, David Husband; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Manager had been notified in writing in advance that he may opt to hold discussion in open session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO CONVENE OPEN SESSION AND RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER RIGL SEC. 42-46-5(A)(1) PERSONNEL – TOWN MANAGER’S CONTRACT.

POLL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Council President Landolfi reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Executive Session Minutes of April 2, 2018 were removed from the Consent Agenda to allow more time for Councilors to review.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda mentioning only the minutes. The motion and second was re-stated to include all items on the consent agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2018; Executive Session Minutes of May 7, 2018; Set July 2, 2018 as a hearing date for a Multi-Event Permit filed by the Friends of the Land Trust re: Music in the Valley Concert Series; Approve the Petition of National Grid/Verizon for a joint pole location on Tomaquag Road; Approve refunds resulting from overpayments of 2017 RP taxes submitted by the Tax Collector.

POLL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the first public forum.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Council President Landolfi reported on June 2, 2018 the Ashaway Free Library held a Ground Breaking Ceremony. He noted he was not able to attend as he was participating in the June 2, 2018 First Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser sponsored by the Hopkinton Police Department.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager William McGarry reported during May his office drafted four advertisements and four RFP's for the acquisition of a DPW pick-up truck, completion of the HPD roofing project, DPW uniform and material rental and cleaning 3-year contract and a 1-year water systems management and technical

operations contract. Bid awards are earmarked for the July 16, 2018 Town Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN OF HOPKINTON/COASTAL PLASTICS, INC. ZONE AMENDMENT DECISION

This matter had been scheduled for the Town Council to render decision re: an application for a Zone Amendment to the Zoning Map filed by Town of Hopkinton and Coastal Plastics, Inc. for property located at 35 Mechanic Street identified as Assessor’s Map 15 Lot 13B as a result of the hearing held on May 21, 2018.

Council Deliberations: There were no further comments.

A draft motion had been prepared by Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister to adopt Chapter 261, the ordinance approving the Zoning Amendment.

After a public hearing held on May 21, 2018 on a Petition for a Zone Amendment to the Zoning Map filed by the Town of Hopkinton by and through its Town Solicitor and at the request of Coastal Plastics, Inc., for the property located at 35 Mechanic Street, identified as Assessor’s Map 15, Lot 13B owned by Coastal Plastics, Inc., requesting a corrective zone change amendment from RFR-80 to Manufacturing, and following consideration of said Petition and the evidence presented, I make a motion to approve Said Petition and adopt proposed Ordinance Number 261 based upon the following Findings: Based upon the evidence and testimony of record presented and submitted at the May 21, 2018 hearing, the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Zoning Map was endorsed and recommended for passage by the Town of Hopkinton Planning Board following a public hearing held before said Planning Board on May 2, 2018 and embodied in its Advisory Opinion submitted to the Town of Hopkinton and dated May 14, 2018, which was received into the record of these proceedings; that said Advisory Opinion specifically found that the proposed amendment supports the Town of Hopkinton’s Comprehensive Plan’s Land Use Goal # 2 to preserve the historic character of the villages and surrounding undeveloped areas, and that it also supports Land Use Policy #20 which encourages industrial development that is compatible with community character and surrounding land uses, and that

it also implements the Comprehensive Plan by bringing the zoning map into consistency with the Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map; that the Council hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the findings of the Planning Board, after determining that these findings are supported by the evidence and testimony of record; that the building located on the parcel in question is and has been the site of an industrial building that was constructed in approximately 1880 and has been maintained and used for industrial and manufacturing activities consistently since that time; that the parcel was erroneously designated with zoning classification RFR-80 due to a clerical error by the Town that occurred sometime during or before 1994; that in spite of this erroneous zoning classification error, the parcel consistently and appropriately has been assessed and taxed as if it were properly designated as a manufacturing zone; that the adoption of proposed Ordinance Number 261 is consistent with the authority reserved to the Council under the Comprehensive Plan to identify those areas in Town where such uses are appropriate; that the adoption of Ordinance Number 261 will provide benefits to the Town in terms of protecting and maintaining the current tax assessment status and the property tax revenues applicable to the parcel as a manufacturing zone; that this change will promote an important local and state objective to make sure that our zoning ordinance designations are accurate and fair; that the adjacent parcel located at Assessor's Map 15, lot 13 is the site of a similar industrial building that has been properly zoned as manufacturing for many years; that the proposed change is suitable to the character of the location in question and constitutes a non-noxious use; and that the proposed change will not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the Town and is in the best interests of the community.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE MOTION TO ADOPT CHAPTER 261, THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ZONING AMENDMENT.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

1904 ASHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Two matters had been scheduled for consideration relative to the 1904 Ashaway Elementary School:

1. Discuss and consider formal vote to raze the building.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to form subcommittee.

Councilor Buck spoke regarding No. 1 and indicated that he believed the Town Council had previously voted to raze the building. Councilor Husband suggested that they had not voted, but had only discussed it. Councilor Capalbo agreed that they did not vote previously and the matter was only discussed. Councilor Capalbo wished to discuss how a subcommittee will work in conjunction with the Town. Councilor Husband stated that he would like the Town to go out to bid or RFPs, for a salvage operation concerning items in the building.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO VOTE TO RAZE THE 1904 BUILDING AFTER DISCUSSION AND WORK BY A SUBCOMMITTEE YET TO BE DETERMINED AND PENDING NEXT BUDGET YEAR'S FINANCIAL FISCAL ALLOCATION. Discussion on the motion:

Councilor Thompson indicated that they did not have a choice. They do not like to tear down buildings, but there is no use for this building. In the next budget cycle she indicated that the Council would do their best to get the right amount of money designated for this tear down. Councilor Husband indicated that for every year that it is standing, it is costing the Town money. Vote on the motion:

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson, Buck (with regret)

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to form subcommittee.

Council President Landolfi thought it beneficial to have five to seven members of the community, a Council liaison, and some members of the School Committee, school administration and teachers, anybody who wished to be involved. Some of

the goals of the committee could be to look at salvage companies that could offset the expense that the Town might incur to knock the building down, as well as look at federal, state or local grants that might help out with the cost and some of the mechanics of this particular project. Hopefully when it becomes time for the Council to appropriate the money it will be there and a game plan will be in place. Councilor Husband felt that there should be an emphasis on a committee of Ashaway residents. Councilor Buck suggested there should be a preference to Ashaway residents. Councilor Thompson suggested that anyone who is on the committee have some type of expertise that they can lend, not just be an Ashaway resident. She believed someone with knowledge of the school, including the interconnections, such as gas, water, sewer, should be on the committee. It was stated that Ron Prellwitz has some expertise in this regard and is willing to sit on this committee. Councilor Buck believed that many years ago those interconnections were disconnected when they had the boiler problem. Councilor Capalbo stated that when this subcommittee is formed and there is discussion regarding salvage and how to proceed with the razing of the building, they should work in conjunction with the Town Manager, Bill McGarry, as he is very knowledgeable about RFPs and how they are established, because come February we will need to have knowledge about what this is going to cost, it can't just be an arbitrary figure. Councilor Thompson thought there should be a deadline for the Council to receive the subcommittee's report of November 1st. Councilor Buck indicated that this would give them a two month window, since school gets out at the end of June. Claire Ornburn indicated that the 2018-2019 year school will be ending a little earlier than previous years because they have done away with the February school vacation week, so they will expect to get out around June 14th barring any snow days. Councilor Thompson indicated that with Town Solicitor McGarry's help they could put together the charge and instead of the usual volunteer form, individuals should be required to list any expertise that they have which will help specifically with this charge. Councilor Husband asked if they thought the building was old enough to have a corner stone and mentioned that everyone should keep that in mind when this building is torn down. Councilor Capalbo indicated there were items, such as the weathervane, that the Hopkinton

Historical Committee can store so not everything will have to be stored in the school. Ron Prellwitz spoke about the possible value of old lumber, hinges and other items that may be in the building. Councilor Husband asked Mr. Prellwitz if the building had American Chestnut in it and Mr. Prellwitz said more than likely it does. Councilor Husband indicated that if so, they could double the value. Council President Landolfi asked if the salvage companies would factor all of that into their quotes and Mr. Prellwitz said not necessarily. They were going to look at anything easily removable that they can make a quick buck on. Councilor Husband said that the subcommittee should assure that a company is chosen who truly knows what everything is worth. Mr. Prellwitz added that there is a company in New Hampshire called Yankee Barn Homes who will come and look at the building for the salvage company. Councilor Capalbo was concerned that once someone starts disturbing the building for copper or beams, they will be disturbing asbestos and lead, so the price will go up astronomically, but there are some things that can be salvaged easily without disturbing the walls, floors and ceilings. Kendrick Swain of Hillside Avenue said there were 11 salvage companies that he found that will provide quotes. Ms. Macaruso thanked the Council for putting aside their personal feelings from their elected position and for putting the children first. She agreed with Councilor Thompson that someone from buildings and grounds at the school should be on the subcommittee. She felt the Chair should be someone who is familiar with the deadlines. She thought a lot of the work could be done before June and be done long before the actual razing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE CONSISTING OF FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS THAT SPECIFICALLY HAS ONE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO IS A RESIDENT OF HOPKINTON; SOMEONE FAMILIAR WITH THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT; SOMEONE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ASHAWAY SCHOOL; AND, OTHER PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE. Discussion on the motion:

Anyone interested in sitting on this subcommittee should contact the Town Clerk, Elizabeth Cook-Martin to fill out an application. Vote on the motion:

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

NEW BUSINESS

WILD & SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION OF SEVEN RIVERS OF THE WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote to consider a resolution of support or letter of support re: Wild & Scenic River Designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed requested by the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association. Study Coordinator Denise Poyer, Chairman Sean Henry and Member Maureen Kennelly of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee were present.

Ms. Poyer, Project Coordinator of the Pawcatuck Watershed Association, provided a statement that she had Sean Henry read as follows:

Members of the Hopkinton Town Council and Hopkinton residents,

Three years ago we had a bill passed by Congress that assigned the National Parks Service to conduct a study of seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed to see if they qualified as National Wild and Scenic Rivers under the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Program. A Partnership Wild and Scenic River involves rivers that run primarily through private and state lands, which is different than the original Wild and Scenic Rivers program that mainly involved rivers out west that run primarily through federal property. With a Partnership Wild and Scenic River the community is heavily involved in the protection and stewardship of the river.

With that in mind, the National Parks Service developed a cooperative agreement with the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association to coordinate and conduct the study. WPWA assembled a Study Committee that includes representatives from all twelve towns of the watershed, both RI and CT environmental agencies, the National Parks Service and local conservation groups.

During the last three years the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee has worked with the National Parks Service to answer two questions:

1. What is special about these rivers?
2. How are we going to protect these special values?

The Hopkinton appointed representatives, Maureen Kennelly and Sean Henry, have been an important part of this process. In fact, Sean has been the Study Committee Chairperson for the last year and a half.

Not surprisingly, the committee documented several Outstandingly Remarkable Values of the rivers. These include:

- Geology/Hydrology – The Charlestown Moraine and the high quality aquifers that supply all of the drinking water for the watershed residents
- Outstanding ecosystems
- Exemplary Cultural resources – wonderful examples of both Native American archeological sites and early American mill villages
- Exceptional recreational opportunities and beautiful scenery

In order to protect these values we developed a Stewardship Plan. A copy of the plan can be downloaded from the Wild and Scenic website: <http://wpwildrivers.org>. This plan includes:

- A survey of the many protections at the town, state, and federal level that are already in place.
- Suggestions for future projects that could help maintain or improve water and habitat quality.
- Outreach activities to all residents of southern New England to help them understand and protect these valuable rivers
- A format for the Stewardship Council, similar to the Study Committee, which will include representatives from each watershed town, state agencies, and conservation organizations. Once the rivers receive the Wild and Scenic designation from Congress, funds will be appropriated through the National Parks Service to implement the Stewardship Plan. It will be the Stewardship Council who will manage the funds and prioritize projects.

At this time we are asking that the town of Hopkinton pass a resolution supporting National Wild and Scenic Rivers designation of the seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed and endorsing the Stewardship Plan.

With this support we are also asking the town to appoint a representative to the Stewardship Council when it is formed.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Designation will provide key benefits to the town:

- The Stewardship Plan was created in cooperation with local communities and is therefore heavily influenced by local and regional needs
- The Town will be part of the Stewardship Council
- NPS funds can be allocated to local communities for river stewardship
 - This opens up more recreational opportunities
 - Provides more educational and outreach programs to local students and residents
 - Promotes local and state economic development and tourism
 - Helps protect locally important cultural and natural resources
- Projects that also protect the rivers will compete more favorably for federal funding and other grants
- It may open up other avenues of funding for open space acquisitions near rivers
- Allows NPS to provide input concerning federal funded or permitted projects near the rivers
- Wild & Scenic status is permanent, protecting the rivers for all future generations

Please note that Wild and Scenic designation will not cost the town any money. It will also not impose any new federal regulations. Nor does it require any dams be removed. It will provide national recognition of the special rivers that the town already values and the funds to protect those rivers through partnership with the National Parks Service. Most importantly, the town of Hopkinton will continue to have a part in the stewardship of the rivers.

Once we have support from all the towns we will have our Congressional Delegates in both RI and CT submit another bill to Congress that will amend the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to include the seven rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. That is the final step in the designation process. We plan to do this in October, 2018, which is the 50th Anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Councilor Buck asked what the seven rivers were and Ms. Poyer stated they were the Beaver River, Chipuxet River over near URI, Queen River, Wood River, Pawcatuck River, Green Falls River and then Shunock River. Councilor Thompson indicated that in the 1980's this was something that they wanted to do but were not able to. Ms. Poyer indicated that the entire process commenced in

2010. Councilor Capalbo stated that this was wonderful to keep this in the public domain. Council President Landolfi asked if other towns had signed the Resolution and Ms. Poyer indicated that Hopkinton was the first town that she approached. Council President Landolfi questioned Ms. Poyer as to her thoughts about once the whole thing gets approved on a federal level, as far as the stewardship council is concerned, how big would that be and is each town going to have only one representative? Ms. Poyer indicated that the stewardship plan has a suggestion for the stewardship council make-up. They are suggesting one vote per town or one representative but they can appoint an alternate if needed. Each town can have a vote and each state agency will have a vote and the four conservation organizations that have been involved, which are: Wood-Pawcatuck, Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Save the Bay and Rhode Island and Connecticut Nature Conservancy. They may decide to invite more. Once the bill is voted on by Congress the National Park Service will start to allocate funds to do this specifically, but they may start the stewardship council before this. Council President Landolfi asked Ms. Poyer about any tribal land and she indicated that they have asked and they would be very receptive to having someone from the tribe on the council.

Councilor Thompson read the proposed resolution of support:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hopkinton hereby supports the recommendation for designation of Seven Rivers of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed – Beaver, Chipuxet, Green Fall, Pawcatuck, Queen, Shunock, and Wood Rivers – as Wild and Scenic Rivers through an act of the United States Congress;

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Hopkinton Town Council endorses the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan developed by the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF

SUPPORT FOR THE WOOD-PAWCATUCK WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS
STEWARDSHIP PLAN.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Buck, Capalbo, Husband, Thompson

OPPOSED:

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the second public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED
BY COUNCILOR BUCK TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk

Marita D. Breault

Deputy Town Clerk