

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – November 2, 2020
BUSINESS AGENDA

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

**NOTICE
MEETING BEING HELD REMOTELY**

Understanding the people have a vested interest in the operation of their government, the Hopkinton Town Council intends to include the public on November 2, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Council wants to be sure that everyone will do so safely from their own homes.

To attend the meeting, please call in by **7:00 PM**.

To Join meeting by computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/7087805899>

Meeting ID: 708 780 5899

To Join meeting by telephone:

Dial 877 853 5247 or 888 788 0099 Meeting ID: 708 780 5899#

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

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.

By Computer: Click “**raise hand**” from within the Zoom “**participants**” window and wait for the meeting host to ask you to unmute. Once asked to unmute, press “**unmute**” to unmute and speak.

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 for updates on these meetings and other important Town or COVID-19 information.

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Council Clerk/Town Clerk

6:30 P.M. Convene Open Session and Recess to Executive Session under:

1. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Discussion of Possible Appointment of Finance Director Brian Rosso as Interim Town Manager due to Retirement of Town Manager William A. McGarry effective November 2, 2020 as recommended by Town Manager McGarry. Mr. Rosso has been notified in advance in writing that he may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

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.

Town Council members remarks on the occasion of William A. McGarry's retirement as Town Manager after eleven years of dedicated service to the Town

HEARINGS MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

1. Open a hearing on renewal of the following Liquor Licenses:

Class A:

Hopkinton Liquor Depot, Lynn Marie Finn, President of PLW Hopkinton. Inc. – 229 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804.

Applicant or representative present.

Village Place Liquors, Dennis Plante, President of D&M Liquors, Inc., - 26 Alton Bradford Road, Bradford, RI 02808.

Applicant or representative present.

Class BV:

Brick Oven Restaurant – Keith Knott, President, Brick Oven Restaurant of Ashaway, Inc., - 209 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804.

Applicant or representative present.

Fenner Hill Country Club, LLC – Ronald Levesque, President, - 33 Wheeler Lane, Hope Valley, RI 02832, w/courtesy cart.

Applicant or representative present.

Lucky House Restaurant, Inc. - Danny Zeng, President – 32 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804.

Applicant or representative present.

Wood River Golf, LLC - Kathleen Thompson, President, - 78A Woodville Alton Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832, w/courtesy cart.

Applicant or representative present.

Class B-LIMITED:

Main Street Pizza, Christopher Hoinsky, President, CHS, LLC, 229 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804.

Applicant or representative present.

Class C:

Village Place Studio, LLC, Sherri Desjardins, President & Norbert Ansay, Jr., Manager, 999 Main Street, Hope Valley, RI 02832.

Applicant or representative present.

All fees paid and notices posted.

Discussion.

Anyone wishing to speak for, or against.

Discuss, consider and vote to grant renewal to each license subject to all state and town regulations being met and all town taxes current prior to issue.

Discuss, consider and vote to set limit on liquor licenses:

Class A: 2; 1; Class BV: 4; Class B-V Limited: 1; Class C: 1.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER (OWNER) HEARING

1. Open a hearing on an application for the Transfer of a Class A Liquor License filed by D&M Liquors, Inc., Dennis Plante, President, d/b/a Village Wine & Spirits, 26 Alton Bradford Rd., Bradford, RI 02808 for property located at 26 Alton Bradford Road transferring to M2 Wines, LLC, Venkat Doddapeneni, President, 5 Whitehall Way, Bellingham, MA 02019.

Applicant or representative present.

All fees paid and notices posted.

Discussion.

Anyone wishing to speak for, or against.

Discuss, consider and vote to grant approval to the transfer subject to all state and town regulations being met and all town taxes current prior to issue.

VICTUALLING LICENSE RENEWALS

1. Open a hearing on renewal of the following Victualling Licenses:

Back in Thyme Herb Farm & Kitchen, 493 Main St., Hopkinton.

Brick Oven Restaurant, 209 Main St., Ashaway.

Dunkin’ Donuts, 231 Main Street, Ashaway.

Fenner Hill Country Club, 33 Wheeler Ln., Hope Valley.

Lucky House Restaurant, 32 Main St., Ashaway.

Ma & Pa's Country Cookin, 865 Main St., Hope Valley.
Ma & Pa's Country Store, 1044 Main St., Hope Valley.
Main Street Pizza, 229 Main St., Ashaway.
Pete's Grocery, 244B Ashaway Rd., Bradford.
Spring Street Market, 1 Spring St., Hope Valley.
West's Bakery, 995 Main St., Hope Valley.
Wood River Golf, 78A Woodville Alton Rd., Hope Valley.

Discuss, consider and vote to grant renewal to the licenses subject to all state and town regulations being met and all town taxes current prior to issue.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2020; Accept the September 28, 2020 Transcript as the record of the Centrica Business Solutions & Comolli Granite Co., Inc. hearing; Accept the October 14, 2020 Transcript as the record of the Centrica Business Solutions & Comolli Granite Co., Inc. hearing; Approve abatements due to tax value changes submitted by the Tax Assessor; Ratify and approve the Eleventh Local Declaration of Emergency from November 2nd, 2020 to January 3rd, 2021.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and vote on a motion to either approve or reject the petition for an amendment to the Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and an amendment to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance and Map filed by Centrica Business Solutions, 1484 Candlewood Rd., Ste. T-W, Hanover, MD 21076 and Comolli Granite Co., Inc., 15 Franklin St., Westerly, RI 02891 for property located at 0 Chase Hill Rd., identified as a portion of AP 2 Lot 73 an RFR-80 Zone following completion and closing of the public hearing on October 13, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and possibly vote on the appointment of Brian Rosso to serve as Interim Town Manager effective November 2, 2020 and continuing until further action by the Hopkinton Town Council.
2. Chief of Police Report:
 - Drug Take Back, Community First Responder Event (11-14-20) and the Hope Initiative; assistance for opioid users and their families.
 - Exploration into Police Body and Cruiser Cameras; RI Police Chief's Twenty for 2020.
3. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date for a proposed zoning ordinance text amendment filed by Peter Skwirz, Esq. on behalf of Tom & Cynthia Sculco, 192 Woodville Road, Hopkinton, RI and 132 E. 95th St., New York, NY to amend the table of permitted uses as to solar energy systems and to update the review and approval process for solar energy systems throughout town. This proposed zoning ordinance text amendment is being introduced and sponsored by Councilor Hirst.
4. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date for a proposed zoning ordinance text amendment to (1) prohibit any additional gas/diesel stations and (2) allow electric charging stations in commercial, manufacturing & neighborhood business zones, including the two current gas stations. This proposed zoning ordinance text amendment is being introduced and sponsored by Councilor Thompson.

PUBLIC FORUM

DEPARTING COUNCIL MEMBERS' THOUGHTS, REFLECTIONS AND REMARKS

1. Departing Town Council Members Frank Landolfi, Sylvia Thompson and Barbara Capalbo will have the opportunity to share their respective parting thoughts, reflections and remarks as their terms of office draw to a close.

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 29, 2020