

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – December 21, 2020

BUSINESS AGENDA

5:30 P.M.

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 December 21, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Council wants to be sure that everyone will do so safely from their own homes. Therefore, this meeting will be held remotely using Zoom.

To get the most out of the remote meeting technology, participants are urged to 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, please connect in by 5:30 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 5:30 PM.

To Join meeting by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83022943969?pwd=SGtkUVNSWXgzTXZ4YU52bmJmdENyUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 2294 3969 - Passcode: 939803

To Join meeting by telephone:

Dial 877 853 5247 or 888 788 0099 Meeting ID: 830 2294 3969# - Passcode (if asked): 939803

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

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Council Clerk/Town Clerk

"Please remember when making comments to state your name before speaking."

5:30 P.M. Call to Order.

Convene Open Session and Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(1) Conduct and Discuss Remote Interviews with applicants for the positions of Town Solicitor/Zoning Solicitor and Planning Solicitor.

Each such person being interviewed and discussed has been notified in advance and in writing of his or her interview and discussion and each was advised that he or she has the right to require that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

7:30 P.M. Reconvene in Open Session.

Re-Call the meeting to Order with Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2020; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve abatements due to 2020 tax roll adjustment submitted by the Tax Assessor; Approve refund due to an approved assessor rebate and an overpayment by an escrow company on 2020 real property tax submitted by the Tax Collector.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Town Council Meeting conduct and guidelines
- New Hopkinton Police Officer

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Town Planning Solicitor.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Town Solicitor/Zoning Solicitor.
3. Director of Public Welfare Report – Joseph Moreau.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to re-adopt the Tax Resolution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

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: December 16, 2020.