

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING & WORKSHOP – January 19, 2021

BUSINESS AGENDA

6:30 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 January 19, 2021. 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 6:30 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 7:00 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

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HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP – January 19, 2021

6:30 P.M. Open a workshop to continue discussions regarding proposed amendments to the Zoning District Use Table to amend permitted uses for solar energy systems throughout the Town of Hopkinton and to possibly change and/or amend the review and approval procedures for all solar energy systems within the Town of Hopkinton, as submitted by Peter Skwirz, Esq. on behalf of his clients Tom & Cynthia Sculco, including, but not limited to, discussions regarding potential impacts to the Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems (PSES) Ordinance and the Farm-Based Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems (PSES) Ordinance. For further details on the proposed amendments submitted by Attorney Skwirz, please visit the Town's Website at www.hopkintonri.org.

Presentation of proposed Zoning Amendments; any changes, additions or deletions.

Questions from the Town Council.

Questions from the Public.

Discuss and consider continuing discussions to a subsequent Workshop if needed.

Adjourn Workshop.

CONVENE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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7:00 P.M.

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

HEARINGS MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

1. COMMERCIAL HAULERS LICENSE RENEWALS

Open a hearing on the renewal of the following commercial haulers licenses:

CWPM, LLC, 25 Norton Place, Plainville, CT
EZ Waste Systems, Inc., 67 Ledward Ave., Westerly, RI
On-Time Disposal, 203 Ashaway Rd, Bradford, RI
RPKK, Inc./RPE Waste Services, 9 New King’s Factory Rd., Wood River Jct., RI
Republic Services, Inc. 1080 Airport Rd., Fall River, MA
Sanitation by Quint Perry, 7 Sweet Corn Ln., Westerly, RI
Steven Piccolo Jr. & Sons, Inc., 7 Boombridge Rd., Westerly, RI
Waste Connections-MTG Mega Disposal & Patriot Disposal, 9 Industrial Way, Seekonk, MA
Waste Management, 1610 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI

Applications and filing fees received/notice posted.

Discussion.

Motion and vote on whether to grant renewal to individual licenses or all listed licenses.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Open a hearing on a Petition to consider amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance, including the Farm Viability Ordinance, and Chapter 246 entitled “Non-Residential Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems (PSES)” as amended January 22, 2019, filed by Tom & Cynthia Sculco, 192 Woodville Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833 and 132 East 95th Street, New York, NY. The application is filed in accordance with Section 16 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton, as amended.

The proposal would amend Sections 2, 5, 5.3, 5.5-7, & 10 of the Zoning Ordinance in order to substantially revise the manner in which “major”, “minor”, “accessory” and “contaminated” Solar Energy System proposals including roof-mounted and commercial solar energy systems are considered and approved throughout the Town of Hopkinton. Proposed changes include, but are not limited to, limiting principal use/commercial solar energy systems to manufacturing zones, requiring land development project review for principal use/commercial solar energy systems, requiring special use permit approval for such uses, altering the dimensional requirements for such uses, and establishing a precedence of approvals when multiple approvals are required. The application describing the proposed amendments is a 22- page document that, if adopted, would represent a comprehensive overhaul of the Town’s regulation of all proposed solar energy systems throughout the Town.

Applicant or representative present.

All fees paid/notices posted

Council discussion.

Public comment.

Consider motion to continue or resume public hearing at a later date, place and time or set a date for a decision.

Consider motion to resume workshop at conclusion of Town Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021; Town Council Workshop Notes of December 28, 2020; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Approve abatements to 2020 tax roll due to land curve adjustments, a duplicate billing, a vehicle correction for

days owned and a Soldiers and Sailors exemption correction submitted by the Tax Assessor; Approve refunds due to overpayments by taxpayers on 2015 & 2019 MV Tax submitted by the Tax Collector.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Comments re: January 13, 2021 Chariho Regional School District Omnibus Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Scott Ahern as Tree Warden for a one-year term to January 2022.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Zafar Agha to the Recreation Commission.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Robert Greene to the Animal Control Commission.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Geoffrey Cook to the Police Commission.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to accept Julie Dumas' resignation from the Juvenile Hearing Board.
5. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to accept Annie Burn's resignation from the Committee on Aging.

PUBLIC FORUM

ADJOURN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Reconvene Workshop

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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: January 14, 2021