

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 8, 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 February 8, 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 6:30 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."

6:30 P.M. Call to Order –Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

Convene Open Session and Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(1) Interview Zoning Board of Review Alternate; Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council; Juvenile Hearing Board.

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.

Adjourn.

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

Introduction by Chariho Director of Administration & Finance Ned Draper and Richmond School Committeeman Ryan Callahan re: New and Fewer Schools.

HEARINGS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 250 – HOPE VALLEY WATERLINE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ORDINANCE

1. Open a hearing on a proposed amendment to Chapter 250 - Hope Valley Waterline Distribution System Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton, as amended, specifically the Prohibited Activities Section. The proposed amendment would add the following under Prohibited Activities: *G. Every property within the district may not increase development beyond the lot's current RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) approved onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS).*

This proposed amendment had been introduced and sponsored by former Councilor Sylvia Thompson, scheduled on the October 19, 2020 Town Council Agenda where the hearing date was set for February 1, 2021.

Sponsor present.

Notice posted including mailed notice to waterline subscribers.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes and Workshop Minutes of January 19, 2021; Workshop Notes of January 11, 2021; Approve abatements to 2020 tax roll due to topography adjustments, correction to usable land, adjustments to highest and best use of excess land, adjustment to land value on excess acreage duplicate MV billing submitted by the Tax Assessor; Approve refund due to overpayment by taxpayer on 2019 MV Tax submitted by the Tax Collector.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council Vacancy

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Covid Update

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chief of Police Report:
 - * Acquisition of Speed Alert 24 Radar Message sign
 - * Update on *The Twenty for 2020*. RI Police Chief's Promises to the public.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to accept Agnes Hall's resignation from the Chariho Finance Committee.

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: February 4, 2021