

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 7, 2022
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 February 7, 2022. 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 7:00 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.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Feb 7, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Town Council Meeting - February 7, 2022 - Remote Only

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87413651485?pwd=aWFEd3NScjRfMzYxQzE0eXpYbnJOQT09>
Passcode: 90004

Zoom Webinar ID: 874 1365 1485
Passcode: 90004

Dial-In: 1-646-558-8656
Webinar ID: 874 1365 1485

****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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6:00 P.M. Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(1): Boards & Commissions: Communications Committee Interview.

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.

6:15 P.M. Workshop – Continue review/discussion of draft Town Council Bylaws.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes of January 18, 2022; Approve abatement due to software double billing error on real property 2021 tax roll submitted by the Tax Assessor.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- New street light installations on Edgewood Avenue and Oak Street.
- Employment Update.
- Covid Test Kit Distribution Events.
- RI Rebounds Small Business Grant Program

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to revise Communications Committee charge – requested by Councilor Marvel.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Award bid re: 2022 Full Reappraisal and Revaluation.
2. Discuss, consider and vote to adopt three Resolutions and authorize the Hopkinton Police Chief to enter into three non-reciprocal, non-emergency aid Agreements between the Towns of Hopkinton/Richmond, Hopkinton/Charlestown and Hopkinton/Westerly. See attached.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Polly Hopkins, Thomas Buck, Eric Bibler and Patricia Fontes to the Charter Commission.

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 3, 2022

**Town of Hopkinton
State of Rhode Island**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
RELATIVE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS**

Resolved, that

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly has enacted R.I.G.L. 45-42-2, which allows the chiefs of local police departments to enter into reciprocal non-emergency aid agreements with other local police departments which share jurisdictional lines; and

WHEREAS, any such agreement entered into by a local police department must be approved by the town council by resolution in order to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the borders of the Town of Hopkinton with neighboring towns and cities are irregular and disjointed, and in some criminal and traffic cases, charges have been dismissed due to jurisdictional issues; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of mutual aid agreements with neighboring police departments will result in improved services to the community, clear guidelines of jurisdictional authority and a better relationship with our neighboring police departments; and

WHEREAS, mutual aid agreements have been developed for the Towns of **Hopkinton and Richmond** and are ready for review by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, this is a matter of importance to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Hopkinton.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council hereby approves the mutual aid agreement between the **Hopkinton Police Department** and the **Richmond Police Department**, in the form attached hereto.

The Town Clerk of the Town of Hopkinton is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of the Hopkinton Police Department and the members of the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton, to the Chief of the Richmond Police Department and to the Town Council of the Town of Richmond and to the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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WHEREAS, mutual aid agreements have been developed for the Towns of **Hopkinton and Charlestown** and are ready for review by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, this is a matter of importance to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Hopkinton.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council hereby approves the mutual aid agreement between the **Hopkinton Police Department** and the **Charlestown Police Department**, in the form attached hereto.

The Town Clerk of the Town of Hopkinton is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of the Hopkinton Police Department and the members of the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton, to the Chief of the Charlestown Police Department and to the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown and to the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council hereby approves the mutual aid agreement between the **Hopkinton Police Department** and the **Westerly Police Department**, in the form attached hereto.

The Town Clerk of the Town of Hopkinton is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of the Hopkinton Police Department and the members of the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton, to the Chief of the Westerly Police Department and to the Town Council of the Town of Westerly and to the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police.

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