

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – July 5, 2022
BUSINESS AGENDA
Town Hall, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833

**NOTICE
HYBRID MEETING BEING HELD IN PERSON AND REMOTE**

Understanding the people have a vested interest in the operation of their government, the Hopkinton Town Council intends to include the public on July 5, 2022. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Council wants to be sure that everyone can do so safely from their own homes. Therefore, this hybrid meeting will be held in person and remotely using Zoom.

To get the most out of the hybrid meeting technology, participants can 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 remotely, 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: July 5, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Town Council Meeting – July 5, 2022 - Hybrid

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

Weblink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82914523164?pwd=C48dM-abY43ogGquLY5Wo3NsoiX9rp.1>

Webinar ID: 829 1452 3164

Passcode: 717912

Phone Number: 1 301 715 8592

****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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6:45 P.M. Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(1) - Interviews: Boards & Commissions: Land Trust.

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.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hopkinton Residents Use of Richmond Transfer Station beginning July 1, 2022.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2022.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

HEARING

MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

MULTI EVENT PERMIT

1. Open a hearing on an application for a Multi-Event Permit filed by Kevin Sullivan/Little Rhody Lobster, LLC, 15A Frontier Road, Ashaway, RI 02804 for property located at 15A Frontier Road and owned by BCP, LLC, in order to hold various events including mini-golf, weddings, car shows and music; Sundays thru Saturdays during normal business hours, 11:30 AM to 10:00 PM.

Application complete/consider waivers.

Discussion.

Discuss, consider and possibly vote to grant approval to the Multi Event Permit.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS A LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to adopt a Resolution in Support of Legislation Restoring Funding for the State Aid to Libraries to the Full 25 Percent. See attached.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to award the bids for the following RFP:
 - Website Redesign, Hosting & Content Management System.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a three-year Agreement with Constellation from December 2022 to December 2025 to provide electricity to the Town of Hopkinton at a fixed rate, as determined on July 6, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action concerning accessory dwelling unit legislation passed by the General Assembly.
2. Discussion on the impact to Hopkinton concerning solar legislation passed by the General Assembly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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: June 30, 2022

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI

RESOLUTION

In Support of Legislation Restoring Funding for the State Aid to Libraries to the Full 25 Percent

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOPKINTON AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS: for many people, public libraries are their only means of access to books, computer services, technology training, and all forms of media essential for fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: Free public libraries are essential to the general enlightenment of citizens in a democracy and provide for the cultural, educational, informational, and research needs of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Constitution of the State of Rhode Island at Article XII, Section 1 states that it “shall be the duty of the General Assembly to promote public schools and public libraries, and to adopt all means which it deems necessary and proper to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education and public library services”; and

WHEREAS: in recognition of the importance of libraries in our society, the Rhode Island General Assembly has set the level of state aid for library services at a minimum of twenty-five (25%) of amount spent from local tax funds and a library’s private endowment; and

WHEREAS: the Governor’s proposed FY 2023 budget funds state aid to libraries at 22.38%, which is **\$3,563** less than the Town of Hopkinton would receive at the required 25% level; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Hopkinton, Rhode Island supports fully funding State Aid to Libraries at the 25% level in FY 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS: THAT THE HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOPKINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DOES HEREBY SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD RESTORE FUNDING FOR STATE AID TO LIBRARIES TO THE FULL 25% REQUIRED IN RI GENERAL LAWS SECTION 29-6-2 (a) AND URGES THE HOPKINTON DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WORK DILIGENTLY FOR ITS PASSAGE.

THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE BY THE HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL.