

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – September 19, 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 September 19, 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: September 19, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Town Council Meeting – September 19, 2022 - Hybrid

**REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:**

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

Weblink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84426993411?pwd=TjlBdFpqN2F6L3hzMW9ETm5wVHNCZz09>

Webinar: 844 2699 3411

Passcode: 314866

Dial-In Number: 1-646-931-3860

**\*\*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](http://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: Charter Commission.

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.

**PRESENTATION –**

Matthew Santacroce, Interim Deputy Director RI Department of Business Regulation re: Cannabis – Power Point Slide Show.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk; Set November 7, 2022 as hearing date for renewals of Liquor Licenses and Victualling Licenses; Set December 5, 2022 for renewals of Holiday Sales Licenses; Approve Petition filed by RI Energy for a Narragansett Electric/Verizon for a new joint pole location on Oak Street; Approve refunds resulting from overpayment by taxpayer on 2021 motor vehicle tax roll and a payment on a parcel made by an escrow company for a parcel that is not escrowed on the 2022 real property tax roll submitted by the Tax Collector.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT USE TABLE, USE CATEGORY 07 ACCESSORY FAMILY DWELLING UNIT**

1. Open a hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance District Use Table Use Category 07 Accessory Family Dwelling Unit and to consider repealing Chapter 151 Accessory Family Dwelling Unit Ordinance introduced and sponsored by Councilor Moffitt.

The proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) will satisfy the minimal requirements of the State Zoning Enabling Act as set forth in R.I.G.L. § 45-24-37(e). The proposed revisions include amendments to Section 2. Definitions; Section 5 District Use Regulations and Section 5.2 Supplemental regulations accessory dwelling units. The proposed revisions would limit ADU’s to family members, would permit the ADU as part of an owner-occupied residence; would limit occupancy of an ADU to two (2) persons. The process involved in the permitting of an ADU would be handled by the Hopkinton Building and/or Zoning Official and will require a site plan prepared by a professional engineer and a valid system suitability determination issued by the RIDEM ISDS Division depending upon the number of bedrooms to ensure protection of natural resources and human health. The ADU would allow for one additional street parking space. Additional parking on the side of the main residence facing the street shall be prohibited.

ADU’s cannot be used as short-term rentals and cannot be advertised or marketed for rental to the public.

The following would be stricken from the District Use Table:

District Use Table

	<del>RFER-80</del>	<del>Res-1</del>	<del>NB</del>	<del>C</del>	<del>M</del>	<del>Primary</del>	<del>Secondary</del>
<del>07 Accessory Family Dwelling Unit</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>N</del>	<del>P</del>	<del>P</del>

The proposed amendments shall take effect immediately upon passage.  
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.

#### **VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Christina M. Bolek as Alternate to the Planning Board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to send a letter to the Chariho Regional School District regarding the possible termination of service by Hopkinton Public Works of plowing and sweeping the two Hopkinton Elementary Schools.

#### **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, Post Office, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website. Posting date: September 15, 2022