

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – January 17, 2023
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 January 17, 2023. 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: January 17, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Town Council Meeting – January 17, 2023 - Hybrid

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85164509984?pwd=R09jaGU0S2O0Qi80NXhJR0NPUHp4dz09>

Webinar ID: 851 6450 9984

Passcode: 082912

Dial-In: 1-646-558-8656

****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.

Marita D. Murray, CMC
Council Clerk/Town Clerk

"Please remember when making comments to state your name before speaking."

6:30 P.M. Convene in Open Session and Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5 (a)(2) - Litigation.
2. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(3) - Matters of security, including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices.

Reconvene in Open Session.

Statement by the Council President that no votes were taken in Executive Session relative to RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(3) Matters of security, including, but not limited to the deployment of security personnel or devices; and, RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation.

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.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2022; Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

HEARINGS

MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

1. Campground License Renewal

Open a hearing on the renewal of the following campground license:

Ashaway Pines RV Resort, LLC – Jennifer Smith, License Coordinator, 225 Ashaway Road, Bradford, RI licensed for 260 Campsites. There are no Safari Sites.

Applicant or representative present.

All fees paid and notices posted.

Discussion.

Motion and vote whether to grant renewal to the license subject to all state and town regulations being met and all town taxes current prior to issue.

2. Commercial Haulers License Renewal

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

CWPM, LLC, 25 Norton Place, Plainville, CT

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

Waste Connections-MTG Mega Disposal, 19 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

VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Scott Ahern as Tree Warden for a one-year term to January 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Budget Timetable - Schedule Budget Workshops.
2. Gravel Bank Registration Renewal:
 - Review/approve Kenyon Earth Removal Registration Renewal Application.
3. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date re: request to rescind the Zone Changes Enacted on June 10, 2019 under Chapters 266 and 267 concerning properties identified as 0 Arcadia Road and 0 Lisa Lane, Plat 18, Lots 8 & 13 and 145 Skunk Hill Road, Plat 18, Lot 14.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to send a letter and Resolution to the House of Representatives Land Use Commission to oppose land use changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote on whether to authorize the Town Solicitor to assist the Council with the drafting an ordinance concerning a Veterans Affairs Committee.

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, Hopkinton Post Office, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website.
Posting date: January 12, 2023

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF HOPKINTON

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION URGING REJECTION OF CHANGES TO THE RHODE ISLAND ENABLING ACT AS PROPOSED BY THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LAND USE COMMISSION DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton is a home-rule community having a Town Council empowered by the State Constitution, the Town Charter and by R.I.G.L 45-2-1 and 45-5-2 to manage its affairs and the interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island House of Representatives' Land Use Commission, Housing Working Land Group by communication dated November 10, 2022 has recommended several alleged legislative "solutions" to address housing shortage and development issues on a statewide basis, (attached hereto as **Exhibit A**); and

WHEREAS, after due and careful review thereof the Town of Hopkinton Town Council has determined to *oppose* the suggested "solutions" and legislative amendments as proposed by the Land Use Commission, Housing Working Group for, *inter alia*, the numerous reasons specified in the letter from the Hopkinton Town Council President to the Chairman of the Rhode Island Land Use Commission dated January 17, 2023 (attached hereto as **Exhibit B**); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believe that the housing and development issues identified by the Land Use Commission can be best addressed and resolved by individual municipalities in a fashion recommended in **Exhibit B**.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** as follows:

The Town Council urges the Honorable Speaker of the House and The Honorable General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to reject the legislative amendments and suggested "solutions" recommended by the Land Use Commission, Housing Working Group as stated in **Exhibit A** for the reasons and to the extent stated in **Exhibit B**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that The Honorable Speaker of the House and The Honorable General Assembly further adopt and support the suggested solutions and recommendations proposed by the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton as stated in **Exhibit B**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and its Exhibits be forwarded to each of the Town and City Councils of the other Thirty-eight (38) municipalities of the State of Rhode Island urging their similar support of this Resolution and the recommendations stated herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and its Exhibits be forwarded to the following for their similar support and due consideration:

- The Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor, State of Rhode Island;
- The Honorable Joseph H Shekarchi, Speaker of the House, State of Rhode Island;
- The Honorable Thomas Deller, Chairman, Land Use Commission;
- The Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, President, Rhode Island Senate;
- The Honorable Ernest Almonte, Executive Director, Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns;
- The Honorable State Senator Elaine Morgan;
- The Honorable State Representative Megan Cotter;
- The Honorable State Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy
- The Cities and Town Councils, State of Rhode Island