

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – March 20, 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 March 20, 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: March 20, 2023, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Town Council Meeting – March 20, 2023 - Hybrid

**REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87405076047?pwd=UVVqUjZlYXo5TTlYxRGFuLzZKeWU2QT09>

**Meeting ID:** 874 0507 6047

**Passcode:** 057736

**Dial-In:** 1-312-626-6799

**\*\*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.

Marita D. Murray, CMC  
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: Veteran's Service Agent.

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.

## **ROLL CALL**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER (OWNER) HEARING**

1. Open a hearing on an application for the Transfer of a Class A Liquor License filed by W2 Wines, LLC, Venkat Doddapaneni, President, d/b/a Village Wine & Spirits, 26 Alton Bradford Rd., Bradford, RI 02808 for property located at 26 Alton Bradford Road transferring to Village Spirits, LLC, Dinesh Patel, President, 4 Old Stone Drive, Manfield, MA 02048.

Applicant or representative present.  
All fees paid and notices posted.  
Discussion.

Anyone wishing to speak for, or against.

Discuss, consider and vote to grant approval to the transfer subject to all state and town regulations being met and all town taxes current prior to issue.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023; Approve Town Council Meeting Executive Session Minutes of March 6, 2023; Approve Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes of March 8, 2023; Accept the following monthly financial/activity report: Town Clerk.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to set a hearing date for a proposed ordinance amendment to Use Category 483, Water Supply. This ordinance amendment is being introduced and sponsored by Councilor Davis.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to approve a Resolution in support of H 6119 an Act Relating to Human Services – Medical Assistance, sponsored by Councilor Geary. See next page.
3. Discussion and vote on whether to support or oppose the proposed Chariho School Budget; requested by Councilor Hirst.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Discuss, consider and vote on a motion to either approve or reject the amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 "Administration" to add a proposed new ordinance entitled "VETERAN'S SERVICES AGENT", sponsored by Councilors Geary and Hirst.

## **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: March 16, 2023

### **TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

#### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H 6119 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES – MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

*WHEREAS*, there are only four nonprofit ambulance services left in the State of Rhode Island, namely, Ashaway Ambulance Association, Hope Valley Ambulance Corps, Westerly Ambulance Corps and Charlestown Ambulance Rescue Service; and

*WHEREAS*, Rhode Island is fiftieth in the country in insurance reimbursement rates; and

*WHEREAS*, in Providence the average reimbursement rate for ambulance companies is twenty-five percent; however, for the four remaining nonprofit ambulance companies in Washington County it is fourteen percent; and

*WHEREAS*, due to the rising costs of equipment and supplies these ambulance companies require a more equitable insurance distribution rate; and

*WHEREAS*, the residents of the Town of Hopkinton rely on these services and will be severely impacted should these companies become non-existent.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Hopkinton Town Council urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to support H 6119 and urges passage.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of the Resolution to all Cities and Towns in Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support, to the members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, and the Governor of Rhode Island.