

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

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

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88689339013?pwd=Um1pdkNLRWJ3VHpTRjAvTFFCTmdnQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 8933 9013

Passcode: 669502

Dial-In: 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 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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6:30 P.M. Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(1) - Interviews: Boards & Commissions: Conservation Commission and Economic Development 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.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING:

MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

1. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT - HUCK FINN DAY

Open a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit filed by Steven Minick on behalf of the Ashaway Sportsman Club for the annual Huck Finn Day co-sponsored by the Recreation Department scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (rain date: Sunday, June 11, 2023) to be held at Crandall Field, 188 Main Street, Ashaway, RI 02804.

Application complete/consider waivers.

Discussion.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL

2. TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENT

Open a hearing on whether to approve a proposed Tax Stabilization Agreement between the Town and Solar Real Estate Holdings, LLC in order to submit the matter as a warrant item at the Financial Town Assembly.

Council discussion/public comment.

Motion to close hearing and submit the question as a warrant item at the Financial Town Assembly.

3. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – USE CATEGORY 483, WATER SUPPLY

Open a hearing to discuss a proposed ordinance amendment to Use Category 483, Water Supply, introduced and sponsored by Councilor Davis.

Council discussion/public comment.

Motion to close the hearing and set a date for a decision.

4. CDBG PROGRAM

Discuss, consider and possibly vote to enter into a three-year contract, with the option for two one-year extensions, with CCHS to administer the CDBG program for the Town.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- 1904 School Building

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider appointing a representative of the town to attend stakeholders meetings regarding the Potter Hill Mill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding the issue of controlled environmental agriculture (CEA) and its effect on the town.

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: April 13, 2023