

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – May 1, 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 May 1, 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: May 1, 2023, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Town Council Meeting – May 1, 2023 - Hybrid

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85409044432?pwd=Wm5vUHkvYnBycWhyVjVtaVdxZlNEUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 0904 4432

Passcode: 052226

Dial-In: 1-309-205-3325

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2023; Approve Town Council Meeting Executive Session Minutes of April 17, 2023; Set Monday, May 8, 2023, as date for Special Town Council Meeting to adopt the proposed 23/24 fiscal year budget; Approve the Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement between the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and the Municipality.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Susan Rosen to the Conservation Commission.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint Etta Zasloff to the Economic Development Commission.

TOWN MANAGER

- Town Hall Consolidate Update

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to approve a Resolution in support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds, sponsored by Councilor Geary. See next page.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to award the bid for Professional Auditing Services to Bacon & Company CPAs, LLC.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to set a hearing date for a proposed ordinance amendment regarding Division 4 - Economic Development Commission, Sec. 2-88 – Membership and organization. This ordinance amendment is being introduced and sponsored by Councilor Burns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote on a motion to either approve or reject the amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 135 “District Use Regulations”, Use Category 483, Water Supply, introduced and sponsored by Councilor Davis.

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 27, 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON
IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024 PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS

WHEREAS, Municipalities have seen an influx of federal aid to support our economic recovery from COVID-19, those funds are intended to support our communities through the new challenges they are facing; and

WHEREAS, federal stimulus funds have allowed communities to make progress but are far short of the investments needed to accommodate a new influx of housing; and

WHEREAS, as the state looks to increase housing stock, cities and towns will need infrastructure to respond to population growth; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2022 and FY 2023, approximately \$3.5 million was allocated to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program, for the first time since the program was established in 2017; and

WHEREAS, In the first round of funding proposals, 17 municipalities requested almost \$8.5 million dollars from this program across 24 project proposals; and

WHEREAS, many communities are interested in securing Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) funds but are lacking matching funds to be seen as competitive nationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkinton Council of the Town of Hopkinton strongly encourages the General Assembly to approve the FY 2024 proposed Municipal Roads Program for \$20.0 million so cities and towns can complete road, sidewalk, and bridge projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hopkinton Council of the Town of Hopkinton strongly encourages the General Assembly to identify an annual source of funding for the Municipal Roads Program similar to Massachusetts "Chapter 90" program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hopkinton Council of the Town of Hopkinton strongly encourages the General Assembly to approve the FY 2024 proposed Municipal Infrastructure Matching Pool for \$5.5 million to support municipalities applying for IIJA funds, but lack local matching funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hopkinton Council of the Town of Hopkinton strongly encourages the General Assembly to support municipal infrastructure and resilience projects by allocating \$30.0 million to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program for two years as it is critical to expanding the housing stock across the state.