

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – July 6, 2020
BUSINESS AGENDA

Town Hall, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833

**NOTICE
MEETING BEING HELD REMOTELY**

Understanding the people have a vested interest in the operation of their government, the Hopkinton Town Council intends to include the public on July 6, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Council wants to be sure that everyone will do so safely from their own homes.

To attend the meeting, please call in by **7:00 PM**. Toll free: **1-877-853-5247 or 1-888-788-0099**. Enter the Meeting ID and #: **708-780-5899#**

When asked for a participant ID press #
To be recognized to speak press *9

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.

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin
Council Clerk/Town Clerk

7:00 P.M. Call to Order – Moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

HEARING

**PETITION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Open a hearing to consider an amendment to the Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance, filed by Centrica Business Solutions, 1484 Candlewood Road – Suite T-W, Hanover, MD 21076 and Maitland Fothergill, 16 Wollen Drive, Cumberland, RI 02864 for property located at 10-A Crandall Lane #B, Ashaway, RI 02804 identified as Plat 2, Lot 001, an RFR-80 Zone.

The applicants propose to construct a 3.9± MW DC ground-mounted solar installation on 15.32± acres of property on Assessor's Plat 2, Lot 001. The proposal to utilize the property will require approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment from Low-Density Residential to Commercial and a Zoning Classification Amendment from RFR-80 to Commercial.

Applicant or representative present.

Filing fees paid and notice posted.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2020; Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020; Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2020; Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2020; Financial Town Assembly Minutes of May 5, 2020; Approve refund resulting from overpayment of 2019 real property taxes by the taxpayer submitted by the Tax Collector; Approve a 7th Declaration of A Local Emergency from July 6th through August 3rd, 2020.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

- Chariho Budget Referendum Outcome

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to adjust off uncollectable taxes for tax years from 2004-2009 for the total amount for \$11,100.72 submitted by the Tax Collector.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to authorize the Town of Hopkinton to issue a Request for Proposals for competitive bidding to possibly lease to one or more private developers the former Town landfill site parcel located on 0 Stubtown Road and designated as Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 27, Phase II (new section), owned by the Town of Hopkinton, in order to study, design and possibly construct a Photovoltaic Solar Energy System (PSES) solar installation on the site.
3. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date for a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance District Use Table filed by Albert I. Hawkins, 20 Laurel Avenue, Westerly, RI 02891 for property located at 813 Main Street identified as AP 14 Lot 47, a Manufacturing Zone to add a Use Category entitled "Medical Marijuana Compassion Center State of R.I. Regulated".
4. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date for a Class C Liquor License filed by Norbert Ansay, Jr. for property located at 999 Main Street, identified as AP 27 Lot 102, a Neighborhood Business Zone.
5. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to establish an annual filing fee for a Class C Liquor License consistent with §3-7-8 (b) which allows a minimum \$400.00 and a maximum of \$800.00 prorated to the year ending December 1 in every calendar year.
6. Discuss and consider setting a hearing date for consideration of a proposed amendment to Chapter 229 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Hopkinton, specifically Section 19-2(B)(1)(a) of Chapter 19, Taxation, Article I, entitled *When interest waived*, introduced and sponsored by Council President Landolfi. The proposed amendment would correct a typographical error in the reference to the Rhode Island General Laws in Section 19-2(1)(B)(1)(A), where it reads RIGL "section 44-5.8-1", and substitute for that citation RIGL "section 44-5-8.1". In addition, the proposed amendment, if enacted, would add the words "or place of business" after the word "residence" and "before the phrase "of the taxpayer" found in Sec. 19-2(1)(B)(1)(A) of Chapter 229. The purpose of the proposed amendment would be to extend to taxpayer-owned places of businesses the opportunity to seek a waiver payment of one quarter's worth of interest on one overdue property tax payment subject to the same conditions currently applicable to taxpayers' personal residences.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Philip Scalise as alternate to the Zoning Board of Review.

PUBLIC FORUM

ADJOURN

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, Police Station, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website. Posting date: July 1, 2020