



HOPKINTON
Rhode Island

1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833

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HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – August 3, 2026 BUSINESS AGENDA

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

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Marita D. Murray, CMC
Council Clerk/Town Clerk

“Please remember when making comments to state your name before speaking”

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026; Approval of Joint Pole Petition for new pole installation P37-50 at 90 Oak Street, WR#1490518/6; Approve ratification of Town Clerk's salary and benefits for FY27; Approve ratification of Police Chief Mark Carrier's contract; Approve ratification of Police Captain Glenn Ahern's contract; Approve abatements submitted by Tax Assessor; Set August 17, 2026, as a public hearing for a Special Event Permit and Class F Liquor License Application filed by Good Days, LLC.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

HEARINGS

MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD

1. Commercial Haulers License Applications

Open a hearing on applications for a commercial haulers license submitted by Holmes Disposal and Recycling, LLC and Eastern Waste Services, LLC.

Applications and filing fees received/notice posted.

Discussion.

Motion and vote on whether to grant a commercial haulers license to Holmes Disposal and Recycling, LLC and Eastern Waste Services, LLC.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Local Questions for the Ballot of the General Election to be Held on November 3, 2026.

2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to send letters to the Westerly Town Council and RI Department of Environmental Management asking for copies of any information, reports or findings regarding test wells, water samples, etc. and to be included in all discussions and meetings going forward related to the Potter Hill Dam, sponsored by Councilor Burns.
3. Discuss, consider and possible vote to award the RFP for Municipal Waste Removal to Holmes Disposal & Recycling.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to award the RFP for a Heavy-Duty Dump Truck with Plow to Allegiance Trucks.
5. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to adopt a Resolution required by the lender to allow for the leasing of a DPW truck and a new Police utility vehicle, which the Town Council had approved in the FY27 CIP.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Update of Town Hall expansion

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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Posting Details: Town Hall, Hopkinton Post Office, Hopkinton Website, Secretary of State Website.
Posting date: July 30, 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON AUTHORIZING LOCAL QUESTIONS FOR THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED: The Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton, Rhode Island, does hereby authorize the submission of the following questions to be placed on the ballot at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026:

1. Shall sections 2130 and 4110 of the Home Rule Charter be amended such that the Town Clerk position shall be changed from being elected to being appointed by the Town Council?

If approved Chapter 2130 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

- **2130 - Elected Officials.**

Town Council members, School Committee members, ~~Town Clerk~~, Moderator, Town Sergeant and Director of Public Welfare will be elected.

If approved Chapter 4110 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

- **4110 - Town Clerk.**

There shall be an Office of Town Clerk which will be headed by the Town Clerk ~~who shall be elected~~ who shall be appointed by a majority vote of all Town Council members.

Ballot Question to read:

Shall Sections 2130 and 4110 of the Home Rule Charter be amended to reflect that the Town Clerk's position no longer be an elected position, but appointed by the Town Council?

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE, FINANCING AND LEASING OF ONE POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE HOPKINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ONE TRUCK FOR THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND HERE WHENAFTER 'THE EQUIPMENT'; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton, a body politic and corporate duly organized and existing as a political subdivision of the State of Rhode Island (the "Lessee"), is authorized by the laws of the State of Rhode Island to purchase, acquire and lease personal property for the benefit of the Lessee and its inhabitants and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee desires to purchase, acquire, finance and lease certain equipment with a cost not to exceed \$320,672 constituting personal property necessary for the Lessee to perform essential governmental functions (the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, the Lessee proposes to enter into that certain Master Lease Purchase Agreement and Schedule No. 1 thereto (the "Lease"), with Huntington Public Capital (the "Lessor"), the form of which has been available for review by the governing body of the Lessee prior to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Equipment is essential for the Lessee to perform its governmental functions; an

WHEREAS, the Lessee has taken the necessary steps, including those relating to any applicable legal bidding requirements, to arrange for the acquisition of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Lessee deems it for the benefit of the Lessee and for the efficient and effective administration thereof to enter into the Financing Documents and any other documentation necessary, convenient or appropriate for the purpose of the financing the Equipment on the terms and conditions described therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Lessee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Financing Documents with principal components of rental payments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$320,672.

Section 2. The Financing Documents and the acquisition and financing of the Equipment under the terms and conditions described in the Financing Documents are hereby approved. The Town Manager of the Lessee and any other officer of the Lessee with the power to execute contracts on behalf of the Lessee be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Financing Documents and any and all instruments, documents and certificates which may be required by or provided for in the Financing Documents or as may otherwise be required for or necessary, convenient or appropriate to the financing described in this resolution together with any changes, insertions and omissions therein as may be approved by the officers who execute the Financing Documents, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution and delivery of the Financing Documents. The Town Clerk or Finance Director of the Lessee and any other officer of the Lessee with the power to do so be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to affix the official seal of the Lessee to the Financing Documents and attest the same.

Section 3. The proper officers of the Lessee be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this resolution and the Financing Documents.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Lessee hereby specifically designates the Lease as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 5. Nothing contained in this resolution, the Lease nor any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the Lessee as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of the Lessee or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this resolution, the Lease or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon the Lessee or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the rental payments payable under the Lease are special limited obligations of the Lessee as provided in the Lease.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. All bylaws, orders and resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any bylaw, order, resolution or ordinance or part thereof.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.