

HOPKINTON PLANNING BOARD HYBRID MEETING

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

December 14, 2023
7:00 P.M.

HYBRID MEETING

Understanding that the people have a vested interest in the operation of their government, the Hopkinton Planning Board intends to include the public on December 14, 2023. However, due to the COVID-19 virus, the Board wants to be sure that everyone can do so safely from their homes. **Therefore, this hybrid meeting will be held in-person and remotely using Zoom.**

To get the most out of the remote meeting technology, participants are encouraged to join by computer when possible. Joining by computer allows you to see the Planning Board members and applicants on-screen and makes it easier to use the functions for indicating that you wish to speak and muting/unmuting yourself.

To attend this meeting remotely, please connect by 7:00 p.m. Participants will not be able to connect before the host begins the session, and anyone trying to connect who is unable to do so should try again after 7:00 p.m.

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:

Webinar ID: 893 4220 5533

Passcode: 769455

Phone: 1 301 715 8592

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89342205533?pwd=OHRsbWllbWo4NmxEjeG1SE8vRnRFdz09>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@HopkintonRI/streams>

Citizens wishing to speak:

Any participant wishing to speak should indicate so as early as possible. The meeting has a “raise your hand” indicator that you enable to let the host know that you wish to speak. **Please remember to state your name and address before speaking.**

For computer participation:

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.

For phone participation:

Dial *9 to “raise hand” and wait for the meeting host to ask you to unmute. Once asked to unmute, dial *6 to unmute and speak.

Please note: Because of the ever-changing regulations due to the COVID-19 virus, this meeting may be cancelled. Please check the Town of Hopkinton website: www.hopkintonri.gov for updates on these meetings and other important Town information.

Ronald Prellwitz, Chairman
Hopkinton Planning Board

PLEASE NOTE: Document related to the following agenda items can be viewed on the Town website. To access documents:

- 1) **Go to the homepage of the municipal website (www.hopkintonri.gov)**
- 2) **Select “Agendas and Minutes 2023.”**
- 3) **Scroll down to “Planning Board Meeting – December 14, 2023”, then select “Documents Associated with this Meeting.”**

Questions? Call the Planning Department at (401) 377-7770, M-F, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION AND A SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed zoning ordinance amendments and advisory opinion to the Town Council in response to legislative changes effective January 1, 2024.

The proposed revisions include amendments to: Section 2 – Definitions; Section 5 – Aquifer protection permits; Section 5.5 Photovoltaic solar energy systems; Section 7 – Substandard lots of record; Section 8 – Nonconforming development; Section 9 – Variances; Section 10 – Special-use permits; Section 11 – Special conditions; Section 12 – Substantially complete applications/creation of vested rights; Section 13 – Administrative permitted modifications; Section 14 – Land development projects; Section 15 – Development plan review; Section 16 – Adoption and amendment to zoning ordinance map; Section 17 – Administration and enforcement of the zoning ordinance; Section 19 – Zoning board, establishment and procedures; Section 20 – Powers and duties of the zoning board; Section 22 – Violations and enforcement; Section 23 – Decisions and records of the zoning board; Section 24 – Appeals to the zoning board; Section 26 – Appeals; Section 30 – Number of structures; Section 31 – Height exceptions; Section 37 – Planned unit development; Section 38 – Comprehensive permit developments; Section 39 – Adaptive reuse; Section 40 – Unified development review; Inclusionary zoning;.

The intent and effect of the proposed amendments is to bring the Town’s Zoning Ordinance into conformance with the amendments to the Development Review Act enacted by the State Legislature earlier this year.

The Planning Board may discuss, consider and possibly vote on a recommendation to the Town Council on the proposed zoning amendments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public hearing for adoption of amendments to the subdivision regulations in response to legislative changes effective January 1, 2024.

The proposed revisions include amendments to: Article I – Authority and Intent; Article II – Definitions; Article III – Procedural Overview; Article VII – Minor Land Development Projects; Article VIII – Major Land Development Projects; Article XI – Waivers; Article XII – Violations; Article XIII – Amendment; Article XIV – Administration; and Article XV – appeals. There are no amendments proposed to Articles IV, V, VI, IX, X, XVI or XVII.

The intent and effect of the proposed regulation amendments is to bring the Town’s Land Development and Subdivision Regulations into conformance with the amendments to the Development Review Act enacted by the State Legislature earlier this year.

The Planning Board may discuss, consider and possibly vote on adopting proposed changes to the subdivision regulations.

2. Town of Hopkinton Planning Board Meeting Calendar for regular meetings scheduled in 2024

The Planning Board may discuss, consider and possibly vote on adopting the planning board meeting calendar for 2024.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

None.

PLANNER’S REPORT:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES:

- Town of Charlestown Planning Commission to hear and act upon amendments to the Charlestown Land Development and Subdivision Regulations.

PUBLIC FORUM:

DATE OF THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 3, 2023

ADJOURNMENT:

New Applications will not be heard after 10:15 p.m.

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