

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – March 18, 2024  
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 March 18, 2024. 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 6:00 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 6:00 PM.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: March 18, 2024, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Town Council Meeting – March 18, 2024 - Hybrid

**REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:**

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

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*Meeting ID: 882 5550 9635*

*Passcode: 862037*

*Dial-In: 1-309-205-3325*

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**By Computer:**

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**"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.gov](http://www.hopkintonri.gov) for updates on these meetings and other important Town or COVID-19 information.

Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Council Clerk/Town Clerk

**"Please remember when making comments to state your name before speaking."**

**6:00 P.M.**            Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(1) - Interviews: Boards & Commissions:  
School Building Committee and Board of Canvassers.

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 Budget Workshop Minutes of February 29, 2024; Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024; Approve monthly report: Town Clerk; Approve corrected Town Manager's contract.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. PROPOSED AMENDED ORDINANCE RE: PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

Open a hearing on an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 "Peddlers and Solicitors", Sec. 12-2 to increase the amount of fees, introduced and sponsored by Councilor Geary. See attached.

Council discussion/public comment. Motion to continue hearing or close hearing and set date to consider adoption of the ordinance.

## **MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD**

1. **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – ASHAWAY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB**

Open a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit filed by Steven Minick on behalf of the Ashaway Sportsman's Club for property located at 183 Main Street, Ashaway, RI, in order to hold their annual Huck Finn Day on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Application complete/consider waivers for filing and license fees.  
Discussion.

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

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Gravel Bank Registration Renewal:
  - Review/approve Kenyon Earth Removal Registration Renewal Application (*waiver requested as no other gravel bank owner complies with this ordinance*).
2. Discussion regarding formation of the Building Committee requested by the Chariho School Committee.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to adopt a Resolution in Opposition to any Revival of the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass. See attached.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to adopt Resolutions Opposing several House and Senate bills being proposed. See attached.

## **VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint a member to the Board of Canvassers.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to appoint members to the School Building Committee.

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

- Grant updates

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Recess to Executive Session under:

1. RIGL sec. 42-46-5(a)(5) – Any discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public.

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.

## **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: March 14, 2024

## TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI

### Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 12 – PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

The Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton does hereby ordain an amendment to Chapter 12 – PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS; Sec. 12-2. - Fees; as follows:

#### **Sec. 12-2. -Fees.**

The applicant for a license required by the provisions of this chapter shall first pay a fee therefor as follows:

~~(1) For peddling from wagon or carts ...\$5.00~~

~~(2) For peddling from hand or push carts ...\$5.00~~

~~(3) for peddling on foot, without wagon or cart ...\$5.00~~

~~(4) For peddling patent medicine ...\$50.00~~

(1) Hawker, Peddler, Door-to-Door Sales ... 30-day - \$25.00  
6-month - \$50.00  
One Year - \$100.00

(5) For peddling jewelry ...\$50.00 per year

All other parts of Chapter 12 – PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, to remain in full force and effect; and This Amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage.

## TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI

### A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO ANY REVIVAL OF THE OLD SAYBROOK TO KENYON BYPASS

The Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton hereby resolves as follows:

**WHEREAS** the Federal Railroad Administration had previously proposed an upgrade to the Northeast Corridor which included thirteen miles of new rail line in the State of Rhode Island affecting several towns, including Hopkinton, as part of the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass; and

**WHEREAS** the residents of the Town of Hopkinton were caught off guard by this proposal in 2017; and

**WHEREAS** the residents of the Town of Hopkinton will not be caught off guard again; and

**WHEREAS** the scope of this project and the impact of the route on the Town of Charlestown would have: Destroyed dozens of private homes; decimated the historic mill villages of Burdickville, Columbia Heights, and Kenyon, that are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places; crossed land owned by the Narragansett, a federally recognized Indian Tribe; fragmented historic and active farmland; fragmented the Francis Carter Preserve, a major land holding of the Nature Conservancy; crossed the National Wild and Scenic Pawcatuck River; passed through and/or destroyed numerous publicly and privately owned open space otherwise protected in perpetuity; crossed through Burlingame and Great Swamp State Wildlife management Areas; was proposed entirely within or directly adjacent to the acquisition area of the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge; and was proposed entirely within the EPA designated Wood-Pawcatuck Sole Source Aquifer, and

**WHEREAS** the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass was laid to rest in the Federal Railroad Administration NEC Record of Decision and called for more research and alternatives; and

**WHEREAS** the current New Haven to Providence Capacity Planning Study is intended to develop and evaluate alternatives to grow rail capacity and improve rail performance between New Haven, CT and Providence, RI, with a goal of minimizing effects on both the natural and human built environments; and

**WHEREAS** the Capacity Planning Study is an alternative analysis to identify and evaluate; new potential rail alignment alternatives; improvements to existing rail lines; focused on the project planning phase; an opportunity to conduct a robust and inclusive public outreach effort and to understand the needs of local communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Capacity Planning Study is not a direct continuation of NEC FUTURE. It is not a return to previously proposed alignments; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Hopkinton seeks to make it known to all that the Town is opposed to any revival of the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton hereby opposes a revival of the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Jack Reed, U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Congressman Seth Magaziner, Governor Dan McKee, Narraganset Indian Tribe Chief Sachem Anthony Dean Stanton, and all identifiable opponents of the bypass.

This RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council at a meeting held on March 18, 2024.

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Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7980  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES –  
MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7980, an act which makes several amendments relative to manufactured homes, including adding a definition for manufactured home and a provision allowing for certain manufactured homes to be considered a single-family home if on a lot zoned for such use; and

**WHEREAS,** H 7980 will allow, by right, manufactured homes constructed in accordance with HUD Regulations as an alternative option to stick-built homes where single-family housing is allowed. It will be difficult to enforce requirements for HUD certification and there is also the potential for defining tow-behind recreational units as “homes”. Therefore there is a need for more clarified language.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

Passed as a resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2024.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7979  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES –  
LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7979, an act which provides amendments to the membership provisions of planning boards or commissions and would enable municipalities to establish combined review boards to replace separate planning and zoning boards; and

**WHEREAS,** H 7979 is enabling legislation to create a pilot program giving municipalities the authority to combine zoning and planning boards into one so long as the agenda reflects what authority an application is being heard under.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

Passed as a resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2024.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7981  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – ZONING ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7981, an act which amends the provisions relative to permitted uses within residential, industrial and commercial zoning use districts; and

**WHEREAS,** H 7981 would allow, by right, residential uses in commercial zones. This legislation makes clear that residential use is allowed in commercial zones and it is allowed in industrial zones unless public health and safety would prohibit that usage. Municipalities should be able to determine what uses are allowed in each zone, not have the State mandate the use “by right”.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI**  
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING S2018**  
**LEGISLATION RELATING TO TAXATION – LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to Senate Bill 2024 – S2018, an act which includes non-owner occupied residential properties used for short-term rentals for tourist or transient use to be assessed as Class 2 properties on or after the assessment date of December 31, 2024;

**WHEREAS,** this legislation would allow cities and towns to classify non-owner occupied residential properties used as short-term rentals as Class 2. Generally, this would increase the assessed values of these properties. However, to enforce this legislation there would need to be a way to monitor these properties, such as with a license or registration through the town otherwise the tax assessor would not have the ability to enforce the legislation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING S2020  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – SHORT-TERM  
RENTAL COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE**

**WHEREAS**, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to Senate Bill 2024 – S2020, an act which enables cities and towns to impose an impact fee of 2% on the total consideration charged for occupancy of a house, condominium, or other resident dwelling that is rented in its entirety for less than 31 consecutive days; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no registration requirement for short-term rentals and it would be difficult to determine which properties this legislation would effect. There would need to be a way to monitor these properties, such as with a license or registration through the town otherwise the tax assessor would not have the ability to enforce the legislation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7378  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES –  
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7378, an act which enables cities and towns to offer a homestead exemption of up to twenty percent (20%) of assessed value on residential properties; and

**WHEREAS,** the financial impact to Hopkinton would be detrimental as a large part of its population would be eligible.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

Passed as a resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2024.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7651  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES –  
LOW INCOME HOUSING (8% EXEMPTION)**

**WHEREAS**, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7651, an act which clarifies what type of property would be eligible for the 8% exemption. Residential properties that restrict either the rents that may be charged or the incomes of the occupants of the property are subject to a tax of 8% of the property’s previous years’ gross scheduled rental income. This legislation clarifies that the 8% exemption would have to be administered to properties which restrict the rents that may be charged and the incomes of the occupants; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation also allows for a partial exemption to be applied to the portion of the property that meets the requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, there would be a need to monitor which properties are restricting their rents or the incomes of the occupants.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7681  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES –  
TAX VALUATION FREEZE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**WHEREAS**, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7681, an act which proposes that any residential property that has been renovated and is defined as affordable housing, should remain at the most recent assessed tax valuation for a period of ten (10) years following the completion of the renovation; and

**WHEREAS**, if the renovated residential property is defined as affordable housing, in which the rents or income of the occupants are restricted, the property may already be eligible for the 8% housing exemption. This would put an undue burden on the other taxpayers in the municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI**  
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING H 7683, S 2361 and S 2372**  
**LEGISLATION RELATING TO TAXATION – REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7681 and Senate Bills S 2361 and S 2372, acts which require municipalities to charge additional real estate conveyance tax regarding the purchase of residential properties; and

**WHEREAS,** H 7683 requires that if a single-family residential property is sold to any entity that is not an individual and said entity has in excess of \$15,000,000 in assets, a tax rate of \$6.90 for each \$500 of consideration that is paid for the purchase shall be assessed, over and above the \$4.60 per \$1,000 with additional \$4.60 per \$1,000 for any amount over \$800,000. These taxes shall be contributed to the Housing Production Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** S 2361 allows for towns to charge an additional real estate conveyance tax of not more than \$10.00 for each \$500 in excess of \$800,000 that is paid for the purchase of residential property. The municipality shall retain the tax collected and deposit it into a restricted account that shall be allocated and spent only for the creation and development of affordable housing within the municipality. The municipality shall maintain a local affordable housing board to oversee the funds in the restricted account and shall allocate the funds within two years or the municipality may elect to transfer tax collections promptly upon receipt or within the two-year period after receipt of the housing resources commission, the RI department of housing or RI Housing for the purpose of developing affordable housing within that community; and

**WHEREAS,** S 2372 proposes to add a tax on any residential property sold for more than \$2,000,000 an additional tax of \$6.60 per \$1,000. This tax shall go to the tax administrator and be for affordable housing for the elderly to be implemented and administered by Rhode Island Housing; and

**WHEREAS,** all of these bills would create an undue burden on the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of these bills.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7324  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – ZONING ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7324, an act which would remove the floor area ratio requirement from the zoning ordinances; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Hopkinton does not support getting rid of the planning tool that this Bill replaces.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

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Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI**  
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7382**  
**LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – ZONING ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7382, an act which would provide for the maximum number of unrelated persons living together that could constitute an individual household would not be less than one person per bedroom. The current law has a maximum of three people per household. The new law increases it up to five people per household; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Hopkinton does not support this Bill.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

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Hopkinton Town Council

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Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7978  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – SUBDIVISION OF LAND**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7978, an act which would require municipalities to implement electronic permitting for all development applications pursuant to zoning and the subdivision of land; and

**WHEREAS,** the State currently has an online building permit system; and

**WHEREAS,** municipalities are questioning how they are to comply with the electronic permitting. Is the State going to provide an online system or expand the current building permit system, and who will be reasonable for this cost.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

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Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7950  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – SUBDIVISION OF LAND**

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7950, an act which provides amendments relative to the permitting authority of, and acceptable forms of financial security permissible for construction and/or improvement guarantees relating to the completion of required public improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** the definition of permitting authority now includes the administrative officer which would add further burden to the planning department.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

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Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7951  
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – RHODE ISLAND  
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT**

**WHEREAS**, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7951, an act which provides amendments relative to the compliance and implementation of the comprehensive planning and use act including the conditions upon which limitations may be placed on land use applications by municipalities, thereby restricting the municipalities local control.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

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