

Rescheduled

1-22-2024

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – January 16, 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 January 16, 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 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: January 16, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: Town Council Meeting – January 16, 2024 - Hybrid

**REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924231642?pwd=U3lPZkY0aDYrc2lXa0h2aFlwc3M2dz09>

**Webinar ID:** 869 2423 1642

**Passcode:** 044770

**Dial-In:** 1-360-209-5623

**\*\*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](http://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:  
Economic Development Commission.

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 December 18, 2023; Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2024; Approve Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024; Approve monthly report: Town Clerk.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**HEARINGS**

**MOTION TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD**

**1. Commercial Haulers License Renewal**

Open a hearing on the renewal of the following commercial haulers licenses:

CWPM, LLC, 25 Norton Place, Plainville, CT  
On-Time Disposal, 203 Ashaway Rd, Bradford, RI  
RPKK, Inc./RPE Waste Services, 9 New King's Factory Rd., Wood River Jct., RI  
Republic Services, Inc. 1080 Airport Rd., Fall River, MA  
Sanitation by Quint Perry, 7 Sweet Corn Ln., Westerly, RI  
Waste Connections-MTG Mega Disposal & Patriot Disposal, 9 Industrial Way, Seekonk, MA  
Waste Management, 1610 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI

Applications and filing fees received/notice posted.

Discussion.

Motion and vote on whether to grant renewal to individual licenses or all listed licenses.

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

## VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Scott Ahern as Tree Warden for a one-year term to January 2025.
2. Discuss the forming of the Technical Review Committee and the need to fill vacant positions.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Budget Timetable - Schedule Budget Workshops.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to send a letter to Representatives Kennedy and Cotter and Senator Morgan regarding new proposed legislation for accessory dwelling units, H7062 and to ask them to attend the Town Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly vote on supporting the Chariho Regional School District Committee's Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as Outlined in RIGL § 16-7.2-6.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to waive the Town's permit fees for the Town Hall expansion project.
5. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Newport Appraisal Group, LLC to appraise two town owned properties referred to as Map 24, Lot 5 and Map 26, Lot 47.

## 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: January 11, 2024

### TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF CATEGORICAL TRANSPORTATION AID AS OUTLINED IN RIGL §16-7.2-6

WHEREAS, the regional incentive was promised to local districts when the Regional School Districts were formed; and

WHEREAS, the regional incentive was phased out in 2010 with the passage of the new funding formula; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Categorical Funds were provided to the Regional School Districts to partially offset the loss of the regional incentive by partially reimbursing the higher transportation costs of the regional districts; and

WHEREAS, the Regional School Districts have designed and implemented a number of innovative education programs that meet the learning needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the investment of resources in our Regional School Districts has yielded positive education results and innovative educational programs and services for students and adults that have been a wise investment of local and state resources; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to ensure that students attending Regional School Districts continue to receive a high-quality public education and to reduce the burden on regional taxpayers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hopkinton Town Council,

1. Respectfully requests that Transportation Categorical Funds between the State and Regional Districts be fully funded in an amount equal to that intended under RIGL §16-7.2-6(e) to protect the interests of regional school districts and advance the education mission of our schools; and
2. Seeks the support of all School Committees, Town Councils and Legislators that comprise the regional school districts regarding this matter of mutual interest to the schools and taxpayers of our regional districts.

**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, the Charlestown Town Council, the Richmond Town Council, the Chariho Regional District School Committee, and the Chariho Regional District Superintendent.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent as well to the Town Councils, School Committees, and Legislators of the regional districts of Bristol-Warren, Exeter-West Greenwich and Foster-Glocester.