

HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – October 2, 2023  
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 October 2, 2023. 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: October 2, 2023, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Town Council Meeting – October 2, 2023 - Hybrid

**REMOTE MEETING ACCESS:**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87558938112?pwd=U0NUdGNldVI5S0U3WFFCQWdFZ0N2QT09>

**Meeting ID:** 875 5893 8112

Passcode: 801179

Dial-In: 1-301-715-8592

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

**\*\*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.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

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**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 Executive Session Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023; Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023; Approve Town Council Special Executive Session Minutes of September 26, 2023; Approve Town Council Special Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023; Approve Narragansett Electric/Verizon New England joint pole petition for new joint poles (2 through 8) and anchors on Grassy Pond Road.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to reappoint Martin Liese to the Juvenile Hearing Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to authorize the Town Council President to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Towns of Richmond and Hopkinton concerning Hopkinton's Community Center.
2. Discuss, consider and vote to authorize the Town Council President and Town Manager to sign a Resolution authorizing solar improvements to the Police Station, Department of Public Works building and Town Hall. See attached.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Discuss, consider and possibly vote to award the bid for the DPW Well contract (using ARPA funds).

**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: September 28, 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POLICE STATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND THE TOWN HALL, THE FINANCING THEREOF AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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

WHEREAS, the Town desires to enter into agreements for improvements to the Police Station, the Department of Public Works Building and the Town Hall including, but not limited to, rooftop solar improvements, in order to achieve energy savings and cost savings (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Town may desire to enter into agreements for the maintenance of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Projects are necessary for the Town to perform essential governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, Town desires to take the necessary steps, including those relating to any applicable legal bidding requirements, to arrange for the implementation of the Projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The sum of \$750,000 is appropriated to finance the Projects. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director and the President of the Town Council, acting on behalf of the Town, to finance the Projects through an Appropriation Obligation and related documents, including agreements with third-party maintenance providers (the "Financing Documents"), subject to annual appropriation therefor by the Town.

SECTION 2. The form and other details, terms and conditions of the Financing Documents shall be fixed by the Finance Director and the President of the Town Council. The Finance Director and the President of the Town Council are authorized to enter into financing agreements with the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (the "RIIB") in accordance with chapter 46-12.2 of the general laws to evidence loans from the efficient buildings revolving fund administered by the RIIB.

SECTION 3. The Finance Director and the President of the Town Council, each acting singly, is hereby authorized to enter into the Financing Documents and said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions, and to execute and deliver the Financing Documents and any related agreements, certificates and other documents in such form as they may deem necessary or desirable to implement the Project. To the extent that the Financing Documents contemplate tax-exempt financing, such officers are also authorized to take all action, on behalf of the Town, necessary to insure that the interest on appropriation obligation payments will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and to refrain from all actions which would cause the interest on appropriation obligation payments to become subject to federal income taxes.

SECTION 4. Nothing contained in this Resolution, the Financing Documents or any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the Town as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of the Town or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Financing Documents or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon the Town or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Financing Documents are special limited obligations of the Town.

SECTION 5. This Resolution is an affirmative action of the Town Council toward the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State. This Resolution constitutes the Town's declaration of official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.150(2), to reimburse the Town's General Fund for certain capital expenditures paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this Resolution, but prior to the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$750,000 and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid or (b) the date the property is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.