

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the thirtieth day of October 2023 A.D. said special meeting was called to order by Town Council President Michael Geary at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833.

PRESENT: Michael Geary, Scott Bill Hirst, Sharon Davis, Robert Burns, Stephen Moffitt, Jr.; Town Clerk Marita Murray. Town Manager Brian Rosso attended via zoom and Solicitor Sypole was not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR DAVIS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MOFFITT TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER: RIGL SEC. 42-46-5(A)(1) – INTERVIEWS: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, PLANNING BOARD AND PLANNING BOARD SOLICITOR.

POLL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: Geary, Hirst, Davis, Burns, Moffitt

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR DAVIS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

IN FAVOR: Geary, Hirst, Davis, Burns, Moffitt

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Council President Geary reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HIRST AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MOFFITT TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

IN FAVOR: Geary, Hirst, Davis, Burns, Moffitt

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Hirst, Burns, Moffitt, Davis, and Geary announced they were present.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Board appointments

This matter was scheduled to discuss, consider and possibly appoint members of the Planning Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR DAVIS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MOFFITT TO APPOINT STANTON TERRANOVA TO REPLACE KEITH LINDELOW WHOSE TERM WAS SET TO EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2024.

IN FAVOR: Hirst, Davis, Burns, Moffitt, Geary

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HIRST AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BURNS TO APPOINT DONALD SPENCER TO REPLACE EMILY SHUMCHENIA WHOSE TERM WAS SET TO EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER OF 2023. THIS WILL BE A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE IN OCTOBER OF 2026.

IN FAVOR: Hirst, Davis, Moffitt, Burns, Geary

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR BURNS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO APPOINT EDWIN JAMES AS A PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE TO REPLACE CECIL WAYLES WHOSE TERM WAS SET TO EXPIRE IN OCTOBER OF 2024.

IN FAVOR: Hirst, Burns, Geary

OPPOSED: Moffitt, Davis

MOTION PASSES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR MOFFITT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HIRST TO APPOINT DONALD KOHLMAN AS A PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE TO REPLACE CHRISTINA BOLEK WHOSE TERM WAS SET TO EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2025.

IN FAVOR: Hirst, Davis, Burns, Moffitt, Geary

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Planning Board Solicitor appointment

This matter was scheduled to discuss, consider and possibly appoint a Town Solicitor for the Planning Board.

Town Manager Brian Rosso was present via zoom. He noted that the date applications for Solicitor were due was October 27, 2023, the day after the agenda needed to be posted, so this was on as a precaution. Being that there were no applications received, he asked the Council if they wished to rerun the ad. Mr. Rosso also advised that he had a conversation with Ashley Sweet, the Interim Town Planner, who believed she might know of an attorney who was very experienced, who might consider taking on this position temporarily. He would not be looking to fill the full-time status going forward but would take it on for a short-term period. Councilor Davis asked if they had advertised this position and Mr. Rosso advised yes. He noted that they could rerun the advertisement, or he could follow-up with the gentleman that Ashley Sweet has been in contact with to see if he would be interested. If so, Mr. Rosso would get his resume to the Council for their review. There was consensus that this position be readvertised, and that Mr. Rosso also speak with the gentleman who may possibly be interested. Councilor Moffitt and Councilor Davis both suggested that they did not realize that this position had been advertised and Councilor Moffitt indicated that he would reach out to some potential candidates.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HIRST AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MOFFITT TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NORMA BARBER.

SO VOTED

Marita D. Murray, CMC

Town Clerk