



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

January 6, 2016

7:00 PM

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A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *December 16, 2015*

ACTION: The Town Council approved the December 16, 2015 minutes. *Approved 9-0.*

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS – *This meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast channel 11 and Verizon channel 29. This meeting may also be recorded by others.*

C. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS – *Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to five minutes on a matter that is not on the Agenda. The Council will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Citizen Comments. The Town Council will give remarks appropriate consideration and may ask the Town Administrator to review the matter.*

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

H. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS - *Spectra Pipeline – James Hill*

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

J. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

1. *Resolution 16-01: G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, Property Tax Exemption*

ACTION: The Town Council increased the property tax relief exemption for qualified residents from \$750 to \$1,000 per year. For more information, please call the Board of Assessors at 508-520-4920. *Approved 9-0.*

2. *Resolution 16-02: Amending the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program*

ACTION: The Town Council increased the Senior Work Property Tax Abatement program amount from \$500 to \$750 a year. If any individual 60 years or older who would like to apply, please contact Karen Alves at the Senior Center at 508-520-4945. *Approved 9-0.*

3. *Resolution 16-03: Acceptance of Gift – Recreation Dept.*

ACTION: The Town Council accepted the generous gift. *Approved 9-0.*

4. *Resolution 16-04: Grant of Utility Easement – 275 Beaver Street*

ACTION: The Town Council granted the utility easement to National Grid for the purposes of development of the new Recreation Center. *Approved 9-0.*

K. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – *Fiscal Forecast*

L. OLD BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - *Pending or threatened litigation*

1. *Proposed Excelon expansion of Medway electric generating facility pending before Energy Facilities Siting Board.*
2. *Proposed Spectra gas transmission line through Franklin.*

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