

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 5, 2012**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present; Andrew Bissanti, Robert Dellorco, Matt Kelly, Thomas Mercer, Judith Pfeffer, Tina Powderly, Jeff Roy, Robert Vallee. Glenn Jones was absent. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jeffrey Nutting; Town Administrator, Mark Cerel; Town Attorney and Maxine Kinhart; Assistant to the Town Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Vallee called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. An Eagle Scout led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *April 18, 2012 Regular Session.* **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to approve the minutes **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Councilor Pfeffer asked why minutes from April were being approved in December. Ms. Kinhart explained there was a backlog of meeting minutes when the new secretary took over the position. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Vallee announced the meeting was recorded by Franklin TV and available for viewing on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. The meeting was also recorded by Franklin Matters.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: Chairman Vallee read the proclamation honoring Stella Jeon on behalf of the Franklin Town Council and Franklin citizens for being a lifelong active participant in the community. Ms. Jeon participated in multiple Town committees including the Franklin Finance Committee, Franklin Housing Partnership, Senior Center Building Committee, FISH, Council On Aging as well as hosting since 2004, her own cable TV show called "Senior Circle". Ms. Jeon accepted the proclamation as well as a crystal trophy and thanked several people. Ms. Jeon shared a poem she composed, which was read by Karen Alves.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: NONE.

APPOINTMENTS: *Caterina Colson – Cultural Council:* **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to ratify the appointment of Caterina Colson of 8 Bald Hill Drive to the Cultural Council **SECONDED** by Councilor Powderly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

Election Workers: **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to ratify the appointment of the attached list of people as Election Workers for the 2013-2014 Calendar. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

HEARINGS: NONE

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: *NDO Enterprises LLC d/b/a Pour Richard's Wine and Spirits – Change of Location/Alteration of Premises:* **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to approve the change of location from 470 King Street to 14 Grove Street and approval for an alteration of 14 Grove Street premises **SECONDED** by Councilor Powderly. **DISCUSSION:** Neal Roche, Esquire briefly spoke about the new location and improvements. Mr. Nutting said everything was in order. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

2013 Annual Alcoholic Beverage Licenses Renewal: **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to approve the renewal of the alcoholic beverages licenses listed on the attached Renewal List for the year 2013 with licenses where funds are owed to the Town being held in the Town Administrator's Office until outstanding fees are paid **SECONDED** by Councilor Powderly. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting said there are only 3 licenses that will be "held". **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: NONE

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

Resolution 12-82: Legal Notices: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution designating the Milford Daily News to be utilized by all boards, departments, agencies, and agents of the Town to give notice to the public of pending public hearings for the next calendar year, 2013. **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Resolution 12-82 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained the Town had no other options. Several councilors expressed frustration by a lack of choice. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

Resolution 12-83: 2013 Schedule of Town Council Meetings: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to set the Council Meetings for the 2013 Calendar Year. **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Resolution 12-83 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** The following meeting dates were changed: February 20 meeting moved to February 13; April 17 meeting moved to April 24; July 10 meeting moved to July 17, 2013. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

Resolution 12-84: Southern New England Trunkline Trail Multi-Community Joint Planning Resolution: **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Resolution 12-84 **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting said several towns have been asked to sign on to a resolution allowing the participation in ongoing discussions concerning the design and development of the SNETT. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► Mr. Nutting said free metered parking in the downtown area would begin December 8, 2012 and run through the holidays. The 2-hour parking limit would however remain in effect. ► The Planning Board unanimously endorsed the new Site Plan Bylaw. The new bylaw will be added to the next meeting's agenda. ► Construction will begin next week on the DelCarte Dam and is expected to be completed in 4-5 months. ► Mr. Nutting outlined the Governor's struggle with the State Budget and how Franklin could be impacted. Mr. Nutting was not too concerned for FY13, but is concerned about FY14. ► Mr. Nutting notified the council of the need to address medical marijuana dispensaries. The new law will come into effect on January 1, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS: ► Councilor Roy congratulated Stella Jeon and shared his first experience being interviewed by Ms. Jeon. Councilor Roy said he received many compliments on the tree lighting on the Common. ► Councilor Bissanti commended and congratulated Ms. Jeon. ► Councilor Pfeffer thanked Ms. Jeon for her service. Councilor Pfeffer also asked about two swans that inhabit the area near the DelCarte Dam. Mr. Nutting said a conservation officer is on-site to monitor the swans. ► Councilor Powderly praised Ms. Jeon and said Ms. Jeon was the first person to call and congratulate Councilor Powderly when she was first elected to the Council. Councilor Powderly thanked all who made the

Common look so beautiful and said the Christmas Stroll was fabulous. ► Councilor Kelly congratulated Ms. Jeon and said the Common looks beautiful. ► Councilor Dellorco said M. Jeon had done a great job and people can learn from her example. Councilor Dellorco also pleased with the Common holiday lights. ► Councilor Mercer congratulated Ms. Jeon on the Citizenship Award, agreed the Common looks great and provided an update to the New High School Project. The foundation should be poured within the next two weeks and steel work would begin mid-January for the new high school. ► Chairman Vallee echoed the other councilors comments regarding Ms. Jeon's achievements. Chairman Vallee also thanked Karen Alves for going above and beyond her duties as Senior Center Director. Chairman Vallee announced Jim Vallee would be honored at the next Council Meeting.

ADJOURN: MOTION by Councilor Bissanti to adjourn **SECONDED** by Councilor Dellorco. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

The Regular Session of the meeting ended at 7:39PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Brecht, Recording Secretary