

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 5, 2013**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present; Andrew Bissanti, Robert Dellorco, Glenn Jones, Matt Kelly, Thomas Mercer, Judith Pfeffer, Tina Powderly, Jeff Roy, Robert Vallee. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jeffrey Nutting; Town Administrator, Mark Cerel; Town Attorney and Maxine Kinhart; Assistant to the Town Administrator. Other officials present: Planning Director Bryan Taberner, Town Planner Beth Dahlstrom.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Vallee called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Vallee also announced the recent passing of Ralph Cook Jr., who was a former member of the Finance Committee and active in Town organizations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *April 3, 2013 Regular and Executive Session and April 24, 2013.* **MOTION** by Councilor Jones to approve all minutes **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: Chairman Vallee and Councilor Roy presented Brittany MacLeod, a 2009 Franklin High School graduate and 2013 Marist College Graduate with a Proclamation commending and congratulating Ms. MacCleod for her success in competing against 600,000 applicants for Australia's Chief Funster position. Ms. MacCleod will be traveling to Australia as one of three finalists.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: NONE.

APPOINTMENTS: Councilor Jones requested Robert Ficco be appointed during the evening's meeting to the Citizen's Committee so as to allow Mr. Ficco to join the Committee for their June 13th meeting. **MOTION** by Councilor Jones to add Citizen's Committee Appointment to the Agenda **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Kelly to appoint Robert Ficco to the Citizen's Committee **SECONDED** by Councilor Jones. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: *New All Alcoholic Beverages Hotel License – Residence Inn by Marriott – Franklin:* Colwen Management, Inc. Sr. Vice President Terry Bickhardt gave an overview of the corporation's operations in Massachusetts and said servers are all TIPS (Training and Intervention Procedures for Servers of alcohol) trained and receive additional training provided by Colwen Management, Inc. Mr. Bickhardt said the hotel Colwen manages in Foxboro has never been sited for non-compliance and said the bar would be considered "small service" – designed for in-house guests and not promoted to the general public. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to approve the application by Colwen Management, Inc. dba Residence Inn by Marriott-Franklin for an All Alcoholic Beverages Hotel/Innholders License with the manager to be Norbert Ginter and the license to be held in the Town Administrator's office until all approvals are received. **SECONDED** by Councilor Powderly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

HEARINGS:

7:10PM

Impervious Surfaces:

► **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-702: Changes to Chapter 185, Section 36 – Impervious Surfaces – Continued from May 15th**

► **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-703: Changes to Chapter 185, Section 40 – Water Resource District –**

Continued from May 15th

► **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-716: Changes to Chapter 185, Section 3 – Definitions**

► **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-717: Amendment to Chapter 185, Attachment 9 – Schedule of Lot, Area, Frontage, Yard and Height Requirements**

MOTION by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Jones. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Chairman Vallee asked if anyone in the audience had anything they would like to say in regard to the proposed zoning bylaw amendments, and there were none. Beth Dahlstrom; Town Planner presented an overview of the proposed zoning bylaw amendments in which she said the intent is to allow non-residential uses, which are located within water resource districts to render impervious coverage up to 80% of an upland area be allowed to seek site plan approval via the Planning Board, where previously a special permit from the Zoning Board was required. Mr. Nutting added the proposed changes allow the permitting process to be streamlined, as folks will no longer have to go before two separate boards and will require all water of all developments to stay on the site, which will be beneficial to the environment. **MOTION** by Chairman Vallee to close the Hearing **SECONDED** by Councilor Jones. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Pond Street Change of Zoning:

► **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-714: Changes to Chapter 185-3 – Definitions**

Councilor Pfeffer read the zoning bylaw amendment to add the definition of an Anaerobic Digester to Chapter 185 of the Code of the Town of Franklin. Mr. Nutting outlined the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and said the Zoning Board had not recommended changing the zoning for the Pond Street property. Mr. Nutting explained an Anaerobic Digester would bring much needed revenue to the Town, and would satisfy the State's mandate by 2014, for towns producing more than one ton a week of food waste to no longer dump the waste in landfills. Mr. Nutting continued with a PowerPoint presentation, which outlined the control mechanisms the Town could utilize for an Anaerobic Digester plant if the land were owned by the Town and leased by an operator. Mr. Nutting's presentation included photographs of an Anaerobic Digester Plant he visited in Midland Michigan and reviewed a timeline of how long the permitting process would take to get a plant constructed in Franklin. Mr. Nutting touched on plant visibility both from Interstate 495 and from Pond Street, as well as noise and odor issues. Several citizens spoke in opposition to the proposed plant citing increased traffic, a dangerous curve the large trucks transporting the food waste would have to travel, proximity to an office building, day care center, residences and a school as well as the unknown dangers of the byproducts of the anaerobic process and the potential for fires/explosions at the site. Economic Development Committee member, Anthony Padula said he voted to bring the project to the Council, but did not recommend the project go forward, saying the increased truck traffic, noise and many of the same concerns voiced earlier by citizens all led him to determine the land could be used for a better purpose. Councilor Jones explained the Economic Development Committee's function is to find places/locations that can help increase revenue for the Town. The Pond Street property had been unused for decades and a plant at this location would gain revenue for the Town and would address the change in how towns dispose of food waste. Councilor Jones said the 'cons' of the project were truck traffic on a bad corner, potential for noxious fumes and the unsightliness of the plant. Councilor Jones said after hearing the concerns of the citizens, he wanted to move the resolution back to the Economic Development Committee for further review. Most of the Councilors spoke in opposition of locating an Anaerobic Digester on the Pond Street property because there were too many unanswered questions. Councilor Roy said he would like to move forward with the RFP Process so that more information could be gathered.

► **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-715: Changes to Chapter 185-7 – Compliance Required.** Councilor Pfeffer read the zoning bylaw amendment to add and delete language of the bylaw in order to retain the readability of the document. There were no comments from anyone in the audience or by any of the councilors. **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to close the Hearing **SECONDED** by Councilor Jones. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: Form of Non-Binding Ballot Question, re: Adoption of Mayoral Form of Government – Councilor Pfeffer read the wording of two versions of the ballot question. The

Councilors and Mr. Nutting discussed how detailed the ballot question should be in terms of implications of a change in town structure. A consensus was not reached, Mr. Nutting suggested the discussion continue at the next Council Meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: *Franklin Citizen's Committee* – Councilor Kelly announced a meeting regarding the Cooks Project would be held on Thursday, June 13th at 7:00PM.

State House – Councilor Roy provided an update on Chapter 90 Funding. Councilor Roy said the State House had adopted a bill today providing for immediate issuance of State Bonds to support the three hundred million dollar allocation to Chapter 90 Funds, which represent a 50% increase to communities throughout the Commonwealth. Franklin is expected to receive 1.4 million dollars, about 500 thousand dollars more than last year.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

Resolution 13-38: Acceptance of Grant of Right of Access over Land at 828 West Central Street: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to accept the Grant of Right of Access and orders a true copy of the resolution be recorded with the original grant at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Resolution 13-38 **SECONDED** by Councilor Jones. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained Stop & Shop is constructing a gas station on Route 140, which is adjacent to Mine Brook. This resolution allows public access to Mine Brook. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0**

Resolution 13-39: Appraiser for Downtown HPP Project and Compensation for Permanent and Temporary Easements - \$75,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to appropriate funds to retain an appraiser and provide compensation for permanent and temporary easements for the Downtown HPP Project. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-39 **SECONDED** by Councilor Powderly. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained the appropriation is needed to compensate those permanently affected by the change in the downtown traffic flow. Mr. Nutting expects a hand full of the 150 easements will request compensation. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0**

Resolution 13-40: 37 Beaver Street - \$150,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to appropriate funds for the purchase and demolition of 37 Beaver Street to be used as a parking lot for the Senior Center. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-40 **SECONDED** by Councilor Powderly. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained an opportunity to increase the size of the Senior Center's parking lot occurred when an adjacent property was abandoned by the owners and is in foreclosure. The appropriation request will be used for the purchase and demolition of the house. Mr. Nutting said it makes sense to increase the size of the parking lot as Senior Center programs continue to expand on an annual basis. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0**

Resolution 13-41: Fire Department Salaries - \$100,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer/appropriate funds from the Employee Benefits-Encumbrance Account to fund the Fire Department FY 13 salaries. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-41 **SECONDED** by Councilor Jones. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained these funds will be used to pay for over-time expenses for the Fire Department. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Resolution 13-42: Capital FY 2013 - \$162,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer/appropriate funds for the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-42 **SECONDED** by Councilor Powderly. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained this is Phase II of the Capital Plan. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Resolution 13-43: Other Post-Employee Benefits Stabilization Fund - \$298,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer funds from the FY 14 General Fund Appropriation; from the FY 14 Sewer Enterprise Fund; and the FY 14 Water Enterprise Fund to the Other Post-Employee Benefits Stabilization Fund. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-43 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained the transfer of funds to the Stabilization account would allow a greater

return on the funds because the funds will not be used in the immediate future. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes. VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Resolution 13-44: Senior Center Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund - \$200,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer funds from Free Cash to the Senior Center Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-44 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nutting explained these funds would be added to the \$150,000 set aside last year for the purpose of finishing the second floor of the Senior Center. The goal is to set aside one million dollars to complete the second floor and increase the size of the parking lot. Councilor Roy spoke in favor of the resolution as the center is crowded, and additional space is needed. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes. VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Resolution 13-45: Fire Truck Stabilization Fund - \$100,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer funds from Free Cash to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-45 **SECONDED** by Councilor Powderly. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained the fire trucks are kept for about 25 years before they are replaced. Mr. Nutting said putting aside funds on an annual basis makes more sense than having to come up with five hundred thousand dollars all at once to replace a fire truck. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes. VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Resolution 13-46: Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund - \$200,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer funds from Free Cash to the Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-46 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained these funds will be set aside to pay for the cost of replacing the Town's two artificial turf fields, which were installed 10 years ago. The expected life expectancy of the turf fields is 15 years, so Mr. Nutting hopes to be able in the next few years to set aside the million dollars it will cost to replace the fields. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes. VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Resolution 13-47: Operating Budget Stabilization Fund - \$225,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer funds from Free Cash to the Operating Budget Stabilization Fund. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-47 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained last year the Council established an Operating Budget Stabilization Fund knowing the Town will face fiscal struggles within the very near future. By putting a little money in reserve, the Town will prolong having to request a tax increase of the taxpayers. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes. VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Resolution 13-48: Other Post Employee Benefits Stabilization Fund - \$150,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer \$150,000 from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employee Benefits Stabilization Fund. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-48 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained under GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board), every community is supposed to put funds aside for future retirement health benefits. In Franklin's case, the Town is supposed to put aside three million dollars per year. The Town cannot afford that amount, but can put aside another \$150,000 to bring the total amount put aside this year to \$450,000. The Town currently has between a forty-five and eighty-five million dollar unfunded liability. Councilor Kelly clarified that if the State decides to fund OPEB, the Town will be able to utilize the funds in this account anyway it sees fit. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes. VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Resolution 13-49: Other Post-Employment Benefits Stabilization Fund - \$100,000: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution to transfer funds from the FY 13 General Fund Appropriation to the Other Post-Employee Benefits Stabilization Fund. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to move Resolution 13-49 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained this money was already appropriated; this resolution just puts the money in the OPEB account. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes. VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Bylaw Amendment 13-713: Chapter 25, Personnel Regulations, Appendix A – Classification Plan and Appendix B – Pay Schedules – 2nd Reading: **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Bylaw Amendment 13-713 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting said this is just an adjustment to the Town's wage and classification plan that the Town conducts each year. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-702: Chapter 185, Section 36 – Impervious Surfaces – 1st Reading: **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-702 to a 2nd Reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-703: Chapter 185, Section 40 – Water Resource District – 1st Reading: **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-703 to a 2nd Reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-716: Chapter 185, Section 3 – Definitions – 1st Reading: **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-716 to a 2nd Reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-717: Chapter 185, Attachment 9 – Schedule of Lot, Area, Frontage, Yard and Height Requirements – 1st Reading: **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-717 to a 2nd Reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-714: Chapter 185, Section 3 – Definitions – 1st Reading: **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Jones to TABLE Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-714 until referred back from the Economic Planning Committee **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-715: Chapter 185, Section 7 – Compliance Required – 1st Reading: **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Jones to TABLE Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-715 until referred back from the Economic Planning Committee **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-706: Chapter 185, Section 5 – Zoning Map – 2nd Reading: **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION** by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-706 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes. VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-707: Chapter 185, Section 47 – Adult Entertainment Establishment Districts – 2nd Reading: MOTION by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** MOTION by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-707 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes.** **VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-708: Chapter 185, Section 3 – Definitions – 2nd Reading: MOTION by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** MOTION by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-708 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Nutting explained the next five zoning bylaw amendments relate to where in the Town medical marijuana facilities can be located. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes.** **VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-709: Chapter 185, Section 4 – Districts Enumerated – 2nd Reading: MOTION by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** MOTION by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-709 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes.** **VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-710: Chapter 185, Section 5 – Zoning Map – 2nd Reading: MOTION by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** MOTION by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-710 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes.** **VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-711: Chapter 185, Section 7 – Compliance Required – 2nd Reading: MOTION by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** MOTION by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-711 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes.** **VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-712: Chapter 185, Section 49 – Medical Marijuana Use Overlay District – 2nd Reading: MOTION by Councilor Powderly to waive the reading **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** MOTION by Councilor Powderly to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 13-712 **SECONDED** by Councilor Mercer. **ROLL CALL: Bissanti-Yes, Dellorco-Yes, Jones-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Mercer-Yes, Pfeffer-Yes, Powderly-Yes, Roy-Yes, Vallee-Yes.** **VOTE to Approve: 9 – 0 – 0 Unanimous.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: ► Mr. Nutting said he had recently received a note of thanks from a resident who was grateful for the help from Officer McGlynn and from several firefighters who assisted the resident during a minor traffic accident. Mr. Nutting said he frequently receives such notes of thanks for the great work the Town’s employees do each day. ► Mr. Nutting wished Finance Committee Chairman Jim Roche well and thanked him for his work on the committee during the last 10+ years. Mr. Nutting said with Mr. Roche stepping down from the Committee, there is a vacancy. If anyone is interested in applying to become a member of the Finance Committee, please submit his or her resume to the Town Administrator’s Office. ► Mr. Nutting reminded everyone the Strawberry Stroll will take place on June 13th at 4:00PM. ► Mr. Nutting spoke about the on-going water line replacement plan and thanked Bob Jarvis, who has since passed away for his support of the project. Water line replacement will begin on Lincoln and Daniels Streets.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilor Pfeffer questioned why the 304-page report from the Facilities Manager only included “closed” work orders. Mr. Nutting agreed to have a new report generated, which will include all open

and closed work orders.

NEW BUSINESS: ► Chairman Vallee asked how the improvements to the Transfer Station were progressing. Mr. Nutting said the walls are built, additional trees will be planted in September and the guardrail still needs to be pulled out and the whole area repaved. Mr. Nutting expects the improvements to be completed during the summer. ► Chairman Vallee inquired about the plot of land located on the corner of Cottage and Union Streets. Mr. Nutting and Councilor Roy said the land is owned by CSX Corporation and they continue to work on having this national corporation spruce up the lot. ► Chairman Vallee inquired about the downtown train station depot. Mr. Nutting said the MBTA were in the process of accepting bids to have the building's roof replaced. ► Councilor Kelly requested Brutus Cantoreggi; Director of Public Works attend a Council Meeting to present information on options for the Town's Transfer Station. ► Chairman Vallee inquired about repaving High Street. Mr. Nutting said the street is scheduled to be paved next year as part of the HPP (High Priority Project). ► Chairman Vallee inquired into having additional trees removed from the Town Common. Mr. Nutting suggested having a few Councilors and Mr. Cantoreggi tour the Common and determine what if any trees should be removed. ► Councilor Jones suggested including plans for holiday decorating be included in the Town Common tree evaluation tour.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS: Councilor Roy thanked Chairman Vallee for honoring Brittany MacLeod in her quest to win Australia's Best Job in The World competition. ► Councilor Jones thanked everyone who attended the recent Planning Board meeting which outlined plans for the Pond Street property. ► Councilor Pfeffer clarified the wooden flagpole located in the Town Common did indeed need repair work to remove rotten wood. Councilor Pfeffer also commented on a statement Mr. Nutting made during the April 24th Council Meeting regarding high school maintenance spending. ► Councilor Powderly thanked all the work of the Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, Mr. Cerel, Mr. Nutting and staff to put together such an extensive Agenda. Councilor Powderly also thanked Mr. Roche for volunteering during some very tough times. ► Councilor Kelly said he was disappointed there weren't any fireworks at this year's 4th of July celebration in Town. Councilor Kelly said he supported more Council involvement in finding a suitable location for the Town to hold 4th of July fireworks in future years even though the event is not officially Town sponsored. ► Councilor Mercer reminded the Council a walk through of the New High School will take place on Monday June 10th at 6:00PM. Councilor Mercer also thanked Councilor Roy for rescheduling the State Treasurer visit to Franklin on June 20th.

ADJOURN: MOTION by Councilor Powderly to adjourn **SECONDED** by Councilor Jones. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** Meeting adjourned at 9:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Brecht, Recording Secretary