

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 2, 2013**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 2, 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, Jeff Roy, Robert Vallee. Councilors absent; Tina Powderly. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jeffrey Nutting; Town Administrator, Mark Cerel; Town Attorney and Maxine Kinhart; Assistant to the Town Administrator. Other officials present: Deborah Pellegrini; Town Clerk.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE.

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 read the proclamation honoring and celebrating Saville M. Bennett. Deborah Pellegrini; Town Clerk awarded the Boston Post Cane to Mrs. Bennett as the Town's oldest resident. Mrs. Bennett lived most her life in Franklin and volunteered at the Senior Center for 40 years. Mrs. Bennett still enjoys attending the Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. ► Chairman Vallee read the proclamation to name October 16th FISH of Franklin Day. FISH of Franklin is a volunteer organization, which was created 40 years ago to provide transportation services for medical appointments to local area residents of Franklin.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Philip Gelineau of 373 Mucciarone Road commented on the recent decision by the Franklin Public Library Board of Directors to cancel the annual October Book Sale. The Board of Directors had decided to pursue other revenue sources and not rely on the Book Sale. Mr. Gelineau said the Book Sale is organized by the volunteer group Friends of Franklin Library and does not cost the Town any money. The Book Sale is seen as a wonderful community event and has been successful in raising funds for the library. Mr. Gelineau sought the assistance of anyone on the Council willing to approach the Board in the hope of having the Board reconsider their decision to cancel the Book Sale. Chairman Vallee said the Councilors are not able to comment during this portion of the Meeting, but a Councilor could bring the Book Sale issue up under the New Business portion of the meeting. ► Steve Sherlock of Franklin Matters offered those Councilors seeking reelection an opportunity to be interviewed and to get their positions on common Franklin issues printed and circulated.

APPOINTMENTS: NONE.

HEARINGS: NONE.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: *Franklin Lodge #2136 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Inc. – Change of Manager, New Officer/Director:* Councilors Bissanti and Dellorco recused themselves from the License Transaction. **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to approve the Alcoholic Beverages License Transactions requested by the Franklin Elks Lodge #2136 for New Officers/Directors and a change of Manager to Mark Ellis **SECONDED** by Councilor Jones. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-6, No-0, Absent-1, Recused-2.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: NONE.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION: NONE.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Nutting reminded everyone about the Harvest Fest this Sunday. Mr. Nutting announced the Town would host the first Franklin Police Department Entrance Exam on January 18, 2014 at Franklin High School. Additional information is available on-line.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS: ► Councilor Mercer requested the Town Administrator get information for the Council regarding the Book Sale and add the issue to a future Agenda. Councilor Jones seconded the request and Mr. Nutting agreed to contact the Library Board of Directors. Mr. Nutting explained the Library has between 500-600 books for sale and is offering monthly programs in an effort to bring more people into the Library and to see how this new approach works. A spring Book Sale is still a possibility. Mr. Gelineau said he understood, but still would like to see the return of Book Sales.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS: ► Councilor Mercer reminded the Council of the New Franklin High School Tour scheduled for this Monday at 5:00PM. ► Councilor Kelly congratulated Mrs. Bennett for her Boston Post Cane award. ► Councilor Pfeffer said she was in favor of the Book Sale. ► Chairman Vallee said he was disappointed to learn Franklin Public Schools was not included on the updated list of top 50 school districts in Massachusetts according to Boston Magazine. Chairman Vallee said he wants the issue addressed and plans on pursuing a solution in the future.

ADJOURN: MOTION by Councilor Mercer to adjourn **SECONDED** by Councilor Kelly. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Brecht, Recording Secretary