



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

May 14, 2014

Minutes

Present were Councilors Andrew Bissanti, Brett Feldman, Glenn Jones, Matt Kelly, Tom Mercer, Peter Padula, Judith Pfeffer, Robert Vallee, Steve Williams, and Administrator Jeff Nutting, Maxine Kinhart, and Counsel, Mark Cerel

There was a moment of silence and a pledge of allegiance

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

C. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS – *Ben Waters, 16, 1 Huckleberry Lane. Here tonight for his Public Speaking Class to present a speech on the topic of Renewable Energy. Speech touched upon the necessity of preparing for and offering renewable energy choices for economic and environmental reasons.*

E. APPOINTMENTS - None

F. HEARINGS - None

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None

H. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS *Ryan Jette, Director Recreation Department One main focus is Customer Service; I think we do it well. We get lots of feedback from the community. Currently in 2014, we have approx. 5000 kids in activities. We have \$500,000 in revenues and we are 100% self-supporting. We offer 100 programs annually. Not all are sports; we have arts, recreation, etc. Sometimes a program will be life changing or self-esteem building. Girls Lacrosse is the largest organization in the state. We cater to youth and adult. We coordinate all the town fields and playgrounds. Staff consists of 1 Full time Director, 1 Full Time Program Coordinator and 1 Part Time Assistant plus 19 Tax Work off volunteers who do everything. We could not do anything without the volunteers. Franklin Camps that have open spaces accept Medway residents. Councilors thanked Ryan for an excellent presentation and for doing a great job.*

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

J. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

1. **Resolution 14-05: Appropriation: Fire Detail Account.** *Be it moved and voted by the Town Council that a transfer from free cash of 5,083.47 be made to clear the prior year deficit in the Fire Detail Account. Pfeffer. SECOND, Jones. ¾ Vote Req. Discussion: Name on here is Dean College, why are these not collected? Answer: Unknown, per the letter in the info packet. These are years old with no explanation. There has been an attempt at reconciliation. Councilor Pfeffer wants the list read out loud. Atlantic Blasting, Atlantic Blasting YMCA (4); Dean, Dean College Fire Drills (2), Dean College*

Football; G&R Construction; K OF C Association Inc., Knights of Columbus KFC (3); Minuteman Ironworks; New England Design; O'Sullivan Blasting (2); R & F Transportation Co, Inc. (3); Richard Delfino. **Roll Call: Bissanti – Yes, Dellorco – Yes, Feldman – Yes, Kelly – Yes, Mercer – Yes, Padula – Yes, Pfeffer – Yes, Vallee – Yes, Williams – Yes. VOTE: Unanimous**

2. **Resolution 14-36: Issuing Alcoholic Beverages (Package Store) Licenses Policy MOVE to Waive Reading Jones. SECOND Kelly. VOTE: Unanimous. MOVE 14-36 Kelly. SECOND, Mercer. Discussion: Policy for available licenses: TA will make Council aware of license and advertise the license on Town Web and appropriate places naming the due date of application and hearing date. Applicants will make their case before the Council and Council will make determination based on proximity of existing establishments, economic development, impact on neighborhood, school or place of worship, etc. Council is not required to issue license if it determines that no public need exists. Councilor Kelly wants this on the Web. VOTE: Unanimous**
3. **Bylaw Amendment 14-736: Amendment to Chapter 82, Appendix A, List of Service Fee Rates – 1st Reading MOVE Bylaw Amendment 14-736 to SECOND Reading. SECOND by Kelly. Discussion: Board of Health in need of part time staff, we can pay for that by tweaking the Fee Schedule by looking at the BOH fees and comparing them to Franklin, Norfolk and Wrentham. In all cases we come out the same or less. We will raise approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. VOTE: Unanimous**

K. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Town Administrator thanked the MASS DOT we contacted them by letter re a signalization problem on 495 and they responded within 1 week. Brutus asked them to fill the potholes on Rt. 140 from 495 to Beaver Street and they have responded by letter. They have been very responsive lately and we thank them for that. ► Met with Memorial Day Parade people and they are ready to go May 26. ► Met with 4th of July and the Celebration will be from the Wednesday before to the Sunday after.

L. OLD BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS – There are still seats available for the Veterans' Breakfast on the 23rd at 9:00 at the Senior Center. ► Congratulations to Ben Waters – takes a lot to stand up and speak like that in front of people and cameras.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations, Litigation, Real Property, as May Be Required

P. ADJOURN – 7:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Maxine Kinhart