



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

April 16, 2014

Minutes

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Brett Feldman, Glenn Jones, Matt Kelly, Thomas Mercer, Peter Padula, Judith Pond Pfeffer, Robert Vallee, Steve Williams. Town Administrator Jeff Nutting, 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.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2014 – **MOTION** to approve Minutes, Williams. **SECOND**, Kelly. **VOTE: Unanimous**

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.

April 26 is Earth Day, meet at Beaver Pond rain or shine, 9-12, community service certificates.

C. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

E. APPOINTMENTS -

► **Design Review Commission** - Kate Harrington - **MOTION** to ratify the appointment by the Town Administrator of Kate Harrington to serve as an associate member of the Design Review Commission, Pfeffer. **SECOND** by Jones. **VOTE: Unanimous**

► **Library Board of Directors** – Suzanne Stilgoe - **MOTION** to ratify the appointment by the Town Administrator of Suzanne Stilgoe to serve as a member of the Library Board of Directors. **VOTE: Unanimous**

F. HEARINGS – None

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None

H. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

► **Gary McCarragher/Ambulance Information** – Fire Department has 3,400 emergency responses per year. ALS (Advanced Life Support) and BLS (Basic Life Support). Priority 1 – severe – life threatening. Priority 2 – trauma. Priority 3 – basic life support. 45 minutes away from trauma center. Trauma center has operating room available 24/7. Make 1500 trips to Milford Hospital a year in 16.2 minutes. Mutual aid is on the rise 100 to 150 calls. 54% of calls are back to back. Make about 200 calls to Dean College and 50 – 60 transports. Have two ambulances with one backup.

► **Solarize Franklin** – if we can get 20 to 30 citizens to sign up and use one installer then it will be cheaper all around. Need to register with the Department of Planning and Community Development.

► *Library Board/Director – Sandy Brandfonbrener introduced Board of Directors present, Monique Doyle, Susan Rittenhouse, Kathleen Gerwatowski, and Susan Stilgoe. Felicia Oti, Library Director, presented “Renovation and Space Needs Assessment” done in 2007. Library built in 1904, children’s wing added in 1988. Collections are up 69% since 2,000, library visits are up 71% since 2000, Children’s programs are up 117% since 2000, and weekly computer and internet usage is up 112% since 2010. The approved FY 2014 budget is \$300,000 short of the Municipal appropriation requirement. Of the Renovation and Space Needs Assessment, Came three phases. Phase One: exterior repairs and restoration completed in 2008. Phase Two was interior and code and Three – expansion. Two and Three is subject today. Felicia explained the needs of the library, there is a space crunch; there is no room for storage, no room for technology. Two options: #1: Renovate and bring building up to code. Gain 1,000 sf. #2: Add 6,000 sf., meet code, provide current and future needs and services for next 20 years. Franklin Library is small in comparison to its neighbors. Natick Library is 300% larger with the same population. ► Councilor Padula asked if parking was being looked at. Town Administrator said “Not at this time”. Padula asked why the library in this day of e-books and technology. Felicia stated that e-books are expensive and not user friendly and as for technology, the library is the only source for computer and internet for some. ► Councilor Pfeffer noted that the Library has discount passes to the Boston museums and the Aquarium. The Town Administrator stated we will need a building committee and will have to hire a project manager and an architect. We will come back to council in 30 to 45 days. 6.6 million will fit in the debt capacity.*

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – Economic Development Committee Chair, Glen Jones announced that the Committee is putting out a Request for Expression of Interest for 150 Emmons Street for the future redevelopment of the 38,399 sf. Parcel of land. The Expression of Interest is due Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

The Economic Development Committee is requesting an appraisal of the Pond Street property and a potential cleanup in preparation for a sale.

J. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- 1. Resolution 14-16: Authorization to Borrow – Water Infrastructure Improvements - Requires 2/3 Vote.** \$7,500,000 is appropriated for replacing water lines, and other water infrastructure improvements, engineering, inspection, roadway improvements, including all costs incidental or related thereto; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer-Collector with the approval of the Town Administrator is authorized to borrow \$7,500,000 under G.L. c.44, §8 or any other enabling authority. **MOVE** Resolution 14-16, Jones. **SECOND**, Mercer. This is for improvements to the waterlines over 5 years. Engineering and design with previous authorization **VOTE: Unanimous**
- 2. Resolution 14-17: Appropriation Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund- Requires 2/3 Vote** Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council to transfer One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from Free Cash to the Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund. Clerk read the **MOTION, SECOND** by Padula. Discussion: Need 900,000. This will put us at half. We are targeting 2016/2017. High School and Beaver Street. Councilor Williams wanted to know the life expectancy. It was anticipated to be 15 years. It’s been 10 years, think it’s going to be that. **Vote: Unanimous**
- 3. Resolution 14-18: Appropriation OPEB Stabilization Fund - Requires 2/3 Vote** Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council to transfer Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) from Free Cash to the OPEB Stabilization Fund. Clerk Read the **MOTION**, Jones **SECOND**. \$89 million unfunded liability. 10% of free cash as well as an appropriation of annual budget. **VOTE: Unanimous**

4. **Resolution 14-19: Appropriation Sewer Enterprise Capital FY 14**

*Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Four Hundred and Eighty-three Thousand Dollars, (\$483,000) be transferred/appropriated from Sewer Retained Earnings, to be expended at the discretion of the Town Administrator for the FY 2014 Sewer Enterprise Capital Improvement Plan. Vehicles – Truck Replacement, Beaver St Interceptor, Red Gate Lift Station. Clerk Read The **MOTION, SECOND** by Jones. **VOTE: Unanimous.***

5. **Resolution 14-20: Appropriation Water Enterprise Capital FY 14**

*Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of One Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars, (\$175,000) be transferred/appropriated from Water Retained Earnings, to be expended at the discretion of the Town Administrator for the FY 2014 Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Plan. Meter Replacement program, and generator. Will replace water meters, this being year 1 for the next five years. Clerk read the **MOTION, SECOND** by Padula. **VOTE: Unanimous***

5. **Resolution 14-21: Appropriation Fire Truck Stabilization Fund - Requires 2/3 Vote**

*Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council to transfer One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from Free Cash to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund. Clerk read the **MOTION, SECOND** by Kelly. **Discussion:** Have \$176,000, need 600,000 for a new truck. Will put \$100,000 away in perpetuity. **VOTE: Unanimous***

6. **Resolution 14-23: Senior Center Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund- Requires 2/3 Vote**

*Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council to transfer Four hundred and Thirty thousand dollars (\$430,000.00) from Free Cash to the Senior Center Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund. Clerk read the **MOTION, SECOND** by Padula. **Discussion:** This will put the balance in the Stabilization fund at over \$900,000. Need to reconstitute the Senior Center Building Committee to finish the Senior Center including an elevator, second floor and a second egress. Every day 10,000 people turn 65. **VOTE Unanimous***

7. **Resolution 14-24: Appropriation Capital FY 14 MOTION to waive the reading Jones, SECOND by Kelly. VOTE: 8 – 1 – 0 Pfeffer voted against the Motion. MOVE Resolution 14-24, Jones, SECOND by Kelly**

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of One Million Five hundred and Ninety-two thousand dollars (\$1,592,000) be transferred/appropriated from the following accounts:

Free Cash		\$685,505.12
Overlay Surplus		\$550,000.00
King St Const	Acct #31422745-588100	\$142,415.43
FY 12 Capital-equip	Acct#01950412-587300-58192	\$ 19,196.50
FY 12 Capital-library	Acct#01950412-582500-58610	\$ 58,589.65
FY 10 Capital-bldg imp	Acct#01950410-582500-58192	\$ 18,000.00
FY 09 Capital-bldg imp	Acct#01950409-582500-58192	\$ 15,213.06
RJ Roof Res13-31	Acct#31350315-580000	\$ 30,000.00
Downtown HPP Easements	Acct#01923902-580000	\$ 73,080.24

to be expended at the discretion of the Town Administrator for the FY 2014 Capital Improvement Plan: Town Clerk: Equipment: Election Booths \$35,000, Vehicles \$35,000, Fire: Equipment: Portable Radios: \$84,000, EMS Jackets: \$14,000, SCBA: \$90,000, Police: Vehicle \$106,000, Radios: \$92,000, Computers: \$20,000, Town: Technology – Virtual – Replace \$45,000, Windows XP – Replace: \$100,000, Schools: Books – Math: \$157,000, FHS Projectors: \$50,000, POS

Nutrikids \$31,000, KS Computer Labs: \$60,000, DPW: One pickup Truck: \$30,000, Truck body replace: \$30,000, Sidewalk tractor: \$48,000 Projects: Park St Drainage: \$100,000, Sr Ctr Lot: \$225,000, Police Station Lot, \$25,000, Public Properties – Town: Police Generator: \$85,000, LED Lighting, \$65,000, Halon Suppression, \$30,000, Public Properties – School: Equipment: Shelving: \$35,000. **Discussion:** Capital Plan has been vetted by Department Heads, Jeff, Subcommittee and the Finance Committee. **VOTE: Unanimous**

8. Resolution 14-25: Appropriation Recreation – Spray Park

*Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of One Hundred Fifty thousand Dollars (\$150,000) be transferred/appropriated from Free Cash to fund a Recreation Spray Park at Fletcher Field. Clerk read the **MOTION, SECOND** by Jones. **Discussion:** Park built with a grant from the state for 75%, the town has to front the money. **Vote: Unanimous***

9. Resolution 14-22: Direction for Issuance of Request for Expressions of Interest for Town Property at 150 Emmons Street

*Directs the Town Administrator to cause a Request for Expressions of Interest be prepared and issued for Property with responses due no later than July 31, 2014. **MOVE** Resolution 14-22, Kelly, **SECOND** by Williams. **VOTE: Unanimous***

10. Bylaw Amendment 14-731: Amendment to Chapter 82, Appendix A, List of Service Fee Rates

<i>– 2nd Reading</i>	<i>Fee Using 65 Gallon Trash Cart</i>	<i>\$212.00</i>	<u><i>\$216.00</i></u>
	<i>Fee Using 35 Gallon Trash Cart</i>	<i>\$192.00</i>	<u><i>\$196.00</i></u>

MOVE** Bylaw Amendment 14-731, **SECOND**, Mercer. **Discussion:** \$4 rate to help with the budget. **Roll Call: Bissanti – Yes, Feldman – Yes, Dellorco – Yes, Kelly – Yes, Mercer – Yes, Padula – Yes, Pfeffer – Yes, Vallee – Yes, Williams – Yes VOTE: 9 – 0 – 0

11. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 14-733: Changes to 185-5, Zoning Map, changes from Commercial 1 to Downtown Commercial District in an Area on or Near Alpine Row-Referral to Planning Board

***MOTION** to **REFER** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 14-733 to the Planning Board, Kelly, **SECOND** – Padula. **Discussion:** Changes as a result of the Master Plan and Joint Workshop. Counselor Bissanti thinks C1 in Downtown is more user friendly. Councilor Pfeffer wanted to know why one parcel on Ruggles Street is staying C1. It is before planning board now. **VOTE: 8-2-0** Councilors Bissanti and Pfeffer voted against the referral.*

12. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 14-734: Changes to 185-5, Zoning Map, changes from Industrial to General Residential V District in an Area on or Near Josephine Street- Referral to Planning Board **MOTION to Refer Zoning Bylaw Amendment 14-734 to the Planning Board, Kelly, **SECOND**, Padula. **Discussion:** This just cleans up the map lines. 80% swamp except two house lots. Removes from Industrial and puts them in Residential. **VOTE: Unanimous****

K. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT - Earth Day is Saturday April 26, come out and volunteer. Annual Budget meetings will be April 30th and May 1, Wednesday and Thursday.

L. OLD BUSINESS – None **M. NEW BUSINESS - None**

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS – None **O. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

P. ADJOURN – MOTION to Adjourn 8:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Maxine Kinhart