

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 30, 2014**

A meeting of the Town council was held on Wednesday July 30, 2014 at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Brett Feldman, Glenn Jones (arrived 7:21), Matt Kelly (by Remote Participation), Tom Mercer, Peter Padula, Judith Pond Pfeffer, Robert Vallee, Steve Williams. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator; Maxine Kinhart, Assistant to the Town Administrator; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2014 **MOTION** by Councilor Pfeffer to approve the minutes, **SECOND** by Councilor Williams. **VOTE** – approve. Councilor Mercer Abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - This meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and available for viewing on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29 and may be recorded by Franklin Matters.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNATIONS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

HEARINGS: None

APPOINTMENTS: Franklin Housing Authority – Peter Brunelli- Motion by Councilor Pfeffer to ratify the appointment of Peter Brunelli to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Franklin Housing Authority. **SECOND** by Councilor Mercer. **ROLL CALL:** Andy Bissanti – Yes, Brett Feldman – Yes, Tom Mercer – Yes, Peter Padula – Yes, Judy Pfeffer – Yes, Bob Vallee – Yes, Steve Williams – Yes, Matt Kelly – Yes (by Remote) **VOTE: YES – 9, NO – 0, ABSENT - 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

Town Administrator indicated that Since Matt Kelly is participating by remote that all votes must be by Roll Call. Must Re-vote acceptance of Minutes.

RE-VOTE of Minutes: Bissanti–Yes, Feldman – Yes, Tom Mercer – Yes, Peter Padula – Yes, Judy Pfeffer – Yes, Bob Vallee – Yes, Steve Williams – Yes, Matt Kelly – Yes (By Remote). **VOTE: YES – 8, NO – 0, ABSENT– 0, ABSTAIN 1**

APPOINTMENTS: Minessa Konecky – Historical Commission: Motion by Councilor Pfeffer to ratify the appointment of Minessa Konecky to serve as a full member of the commission. **SECOND** by Councilor Mercer. Bissanti–Yes, Feldman – Yes, Tom Mercer – Yes, Peter Padula – Yes, Judy Pfeffer – Yes, Bob Vallee – Yes, Steve Williams – Yes, Matt Kelly – Yes (By Remote). **VOTE: YES – 9, NO – 0, ABSENT – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS – NONE

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS - NONE

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

Resolution 14-49 – DESIGNATION OF “SPECIAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE” UNDER STATE ETHICS LAW.

RESOLUTION 14-49 makes the Franklin Advisory Committee, formerly the Citizens Committee Special Municipal town employees under G.L. Chapter 268A Section1(n). **MOVE** Resolution 14-49 by Councilor Mercer. **SECOND** by Councilor Padula. No discussion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Williams: yes, Padula – Y, Pfeffer – Y, Mercer – y, Kelly (Remote) – Y, Feldman – y, Bissanti – y, Vallee – y. **VOTE: YES – 9, NO – 0, ABSENT – 0**

Bylaw Amendment 14-738: Amendment to Chapter § 179-9.1 Water System Map. 2nd Reading 2/3

Vote Councilor Pfeffer read the Bylaw to amend the Code of the Town of Franklin at Chapter § 179-9.1. **MOVE** Bylaw Amendment 14-738 by Councilor Jones. **SECOND** by Councilor Williams. Bylaw amends the Water System Map by adding an eligible location extending the water system from Washington Street approximately 650 feet to service a new 3 lot subdivision called Bogan’s Way. Discussion Nutting stated that Petitioner is going to donate to the Water Conservation Fund. Need these water map extensions because you can’t have wells and septic on the same site. Pfeffer asked how many houses could he build, he stated 3. She asked if he could build those houses if he did not have the water extensions? He stated that he could not. **VOTE: ROLL CALL:** Bissanti – yes, Feldman – y, Kelly(Remote), Y, Mercer – y, Pfeffer – y, Padula – y, Williams – y, Vallee- y,. **VOTE: YES – 9, NO – 0, ABSENT – 0, ABSTAIN – 0**

Councilor Jones arrives at 7:20 PM

Bylaw Amendment 14-739 Amendment to Chapter §179.9.1 Water System Map. 2nd Reading 2/3 Vote.

Councilor Pfeffer read the Bylaw to amend the Code of the Town of Franklin At Chapter §179-9.1. Water Map. **MOVE** Bylaw Amendment 14-739 by Councilor Jones. **SECOND** by Councilor Williams. Discussion: Installing 8” ductile iron water main from Jordan Road to Wrentham town line to service 55 single family homes. This line will not service Country Club except for sprinkler system. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Feldman – Y, Jones – Y, Kelly(Remote) – y, Pfeffer - y, Williams – y, Vallee – y. **VOTE: YES – 6, NO – 0, ABSENT – 0, ABSTAIN - 3**

Bylaw Amendment 14-740 Amendment to Chapter 139-14, Sewer System Map. 2nd Reading 2/3 Vote.

Councilor Pfeffer Read the Bylaw to amend the code of the Town of Franklin Chapter 179-9.1. **MOVE** Bylaw Amendment 14-740 – Councilor Jones. **SECOND** by Councilor Williams. Bylaw will add a sewer connection to existing sewer system on Red Gate Lane and extend across town property to the site to service 55 single family homes. Petitioner will contribute \$100,000 towards Force Main, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** WILLIAMS – Y, PFEFFER – Y, KELLY(Remote) – Y, JONES- Y, FELDMAN – Y, VALLEE – Y Abstain: Mercer, Padula, Bissanti **VOTE: YES – 6, NO – 0, ABSENT – 0, ABSTAIN - 3**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT Lincoln Street project is underway and hopefully will be done by the end of the construction season. Main Street project will be starting. Sidewalk on Panther Way is coming along and should be done in nest couple weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Historic building/Church on Washington Street. Historic Commission has control over the building. Trust approached by Housing authority about putting two apartments in there for seniors while keeping the facade. Council needs to be involved as it is town property. Received building by deed in 1972. No heat, no lights, bathrooms do not meet ADA standards. Building has lots of issues. It will be a long time before anything happens there.

COMMENTS

Councilor Feldman is going to hold a meeting on Solar panels on August 13.

Counselor update on New High School: 30 days before school opening. Will be opening on schedule.

Demolition early next week.

ADJOURN: MOTION by Councilor Mercer to adjourn. **SECOND** by Councilor Jones.
VOTE to Approve: YES – 9, NO – 0, Absent – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maxine Kinhart