

FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
September 17, 2014

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 - *There were no minutes to approve.*

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS – *The meeting was recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast channel 11 and Verizon channel 29. This meeting was recorded by Franklin Matters.*

C. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - *None*

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS – ► *Lisa Piana, Executive Director of the Down Town Franklin Partnership showed the new brochure the Partnership had printed; it is a map, it highlights the Sculpture Park, library, museum, downtown and is a business listing.*

► *New resident Timothy Cate talked about the train whistle and our Chapter 125 Peace and Good Order bylaw restricting noise between the hours of 9pm and 7 am and the states own regulations that allow for establishing a quiet zone ½ mile out. He has reached out to Norfolk for their point man for establishing a quiet zone as Norfolk has a quiet zone. Chairman Vallee told Mr. Cate that his issue would be addressed at the end of the meeting under New Business.*

► **MOTION** to move to Legislation for Action before Appointments – Jones. **SECOND** by Mercer. **VOTE:** Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS – *Franklin Advisory Committee: MOTION by Mercer to appoint the named individuals to serve as Associate members of the Franklin Advisory Committee. Deborah L. Pellegrini, 181 Pleasant Street, Joseph F. Halligan Jr., 1 Newell Drive, Paul R. Compton, 221 Pond Street, Richard Ciccone, 185 Chestnut Street. SECOND Jones. VOTE: UNANIMOUS*

E. HEARINGS - *None*

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - *None*

H. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS – »Ron Roux – Design Build, LLC

► *Larry Benedetto of the Franklin Advisory Committee introduced Ron Roux, developer of a large project off of Route 140 near the Wrentham line. Mr. Roux explained that he wants to use Franklin builders, developers, construction workers to the extent possible on his project. He is here tonight to get the word out and hopes that the newspapers will print the story. He is hopeful to have a meeting the first of October with all the potential workers so he is trying to get the word out there.*

»David McKearney, Board of Health

► *Health Director for ten years. Responsible for food inspections. Franklin has 109 restaurants and 30 retail establishments; that's 300+ inspections a year not including call backs and complaints. In the summer there are temporary food events that require inspections and permits, 4th of July, St. Rocco, Strawberry Stroll, Harvest Festival, Farmers' Market. Summer also means inspections and permits for camp pools, campers, Coris, vaccinations, health records,*

pools, spas, Health clubs. ▪Title V. Franklin has one of the best turn around rates. Perc Tests are time consuming. We're doing larger systems now-state not doing. ▪Also get housing complaints. Heat, hot water, infestation. We see most within 24 hours. ▪Public nuisance complaints falls under Board of Health i.e. inground pool neglected with mosquitoes all around is a public nuisance. Leaves and grass clippings dumped at the edge of yard is not. Animals such as chickens falls under the Board of Health, they tend to create odor and attract rodents. The Agent will inspect their pens for land and building space. ▪Manicure, Pedicure, and Tanning are Board of Health permits. ▪The Director is most proud of the response to the 2009-2010 H1N1 outbreak. The schools, residential, Physicians all came together to get the citizens the flu shot. We received accolades from the state for our response to that. ▪E-cigarettes tobacco & nicotine deliverance systems, blunt rap and candy are all banned. ▪Regulating installation of septic systems, not allowed in Jan, Feb, Mar. ▪Director is happy to report that he is comfortable with staffing level for first time. Have hired a part time inspector that can do perc testing, review of Septic Plans, and field inspections. We now have two full time Agents, one part time agent, and one part time administrative person. ▪Councilor question about Blackstone home. Yes, that would fall under the Board of Health. Those types of things are difficult. Health Agent can't just go in there. Has to have permission or under some authority. Can take time to work through that situation. ▪What about Ebola? Would not be as bad here as we have the infrastructure here to prevent it from spreading.

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - None

J. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

1. **Resolution 14-56: Franklin Advisory Committee. MOTION** by Jones: Be It Resolved That the Town Council of the Town of Franklin hereby approves the request by the Franklin Advisory Committee to add four Associate member positions to be appointed by the Town Council. **SECOND** by Kelly. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS.**
2. **Resolution 14-57: Support for House Bill 1840, Seniors and Retired Volunteers Act of 2013. MOVE** Resolution 14-57 – Jones. **SECOND** by Williams. No Discussion. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
3. **Resolution 14-58: Authorization to Issue Request for Proposals – Emmons Street Property.** Matt Kelly Recused himself from discussion on this Resolution. **MOTION** to **MOVE** Resolution 14-58 by Jones, **SECOND** by Williams. **VOTE: Unanimous.** Discussion. RFP Minimum \$475,000, 20% greenspace, 5,000 at the Apex (corner). Council has the ultimate authority to sell or not. Economic Development Committee approved of this rfp. Lisa Piana/DTP Why is VSE not included in RFP? Don't want to limit. Statue \$80,000 or \$90,000, there is state grant for that.

K. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT ► Water conservation measures are still in effect. Lincoln and Daniels will be completed soon.

L. OLD BUSINESS ► Jones wanted resident to know that under the water ban you can water your flower and vegetable garden. ► Vallee wants a report on Union St. Cemetery. ► Kelly wants a copy of the Maintenance Plan for the new High School.

M. NEW BUSINESS ► Vallee wants Jeff to look into the federal train whistle policy. Jeff stated you have to have a very expensive engineering study done for each crossing, then you have to buy the equipment. We've looked at it before. Will look into it.

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS► New High School Open House this Week End

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

P. ADJOURN ► MOVE *to Adjourn, Kelly.* **SECOND Jones.** **VOTE: Unanimous.** *8:00 pm*
Submitted by,

Maxine Kinhart