

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 4, 2015**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Robert Dellorco, Matt Kelly, 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: 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. The meeting may also be available on Franklin Matters.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: *Town of Franklin Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB")*

Trust Trust Agreement: Ms. Pfeffer read motions to appoint Pete Lounsbury and Gregory A. McNeillie to fill the two resident trustee positions called for in Article 5 of the Trust Agreement.

MOTION to Approve by Mercer. **SECOND:** Dellorco. **VOTE to Approve: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

HEARINGS: None.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: *Brutus Cantoreggi, DPW Director:* Mr. Cantoreggi discussed three areas of interest during his presentation: Sewer Interceptor, Recycling, and Snow. ► The Beaver Street culvert originated in 1914. The pipe runs next to Mine Brook. Pipe failed. Last year trees were cleared off the pipe. Nearest access to culvert is Beaver Street, about one mile. Worked with MBTA to use tracks during downtown to fix pipe and saved money. Sewerage issue is contained at Mine Brook, but needs continuous checking as it is a very old system. ► Solid Waste Recycling Contamination starts in the cart and goes to the plant. State law that person may not put trash in recycling container. DEP will spot check towns by going to the recycling center and checking amount of trash in recycling. Pricing will be evaluated by amount of contamination in recycling beginning July 1st. Concerned about trash fees/rates if recycling contamination is high. Residents should only put recycling and trash materials in the proper containers as it will affect the cost of the trash and recycling service. A picture of the contents of each resident's recycling and trash container is taken as it is being disposed of in the truck. In addition, Chris White, Solid Waste Coordinator, provided information regarding public

outreach methods in the Town to educate residents on trash and recycling information. Warnings/citations will be given for non-compliance of trash and recycling contents in carts. ► Due to the number of storms in a short period of time, the snow has been accumulating and snow banks are getting high. The DPW works to clear all public roadways, school facilities and municipal buildings, and sidewalks identified as “walking routes,” and all other areas as quickly as possible. The cost to salt the entire Town is approximately \$30,000. Using the Five Truck Route is less expensive at approximately \$8,000.00. Addressed many residents’ concerns regarding snow plowing/snow removal in Town. Asked residents to clear snow away from fire hydrants near their homes. DPW will be putting markers on every hydrant.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

1. Resolution 15-06: Approval of Extension of Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Public Safety Communications and Dispatch Center: MOTION to Waive the reading by Kelly. **SECOND:** Mercer. **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** MOTION to Move Resolution 15-06 by Mercer. **SECOND** by Kelly. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated that in order to enter into a long-term lease with the Town of Norfolk, requesting to extend the intermunicipal agreement from 2020 to 2040. **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

2. Resolution 15-07: Acceptance of Gift – Town of Franklin: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution as the Town of Franklin has received a generous donation of \$200.00 from Christopher John Blassick of Los Angeles, California, to be used as seen fit. **MOTION to Move** by Mercer. **SECOND** by Kelly. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Mercer stated he knows the gentleman’s father and will inquire about the donation as a note was not included with the check. **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

3. Resolution 15-08: Appropriation – Zoning Board of Appeals: Councilor Pfeffer read the resolution for the Appropriation – Zoning Board of Appeals for authorization that the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) be transferred from Available Funds (Free Cash) to the FY 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Budget, Account 01176200-534030. **MOTION to Move** Resolution 15-08 by Mercer. **SECOND** by Padula. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated they were doing more business than usual--more requests for variance and special permits **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: ► Mr. Nutting thanked the DPW for doing a great job. ► Vacancy on Board of Assessor’s to serve on Board for remaining term. Candidates should send in resume as soon as possible. It is a joint appointment of Town Council and Board of Assessors. ► Draft of Capital Budget for FY 2015 submitted. Will be contingent upon snow and ice budget. First meeting next Wednesday. ► Looking to issue RFP to find Recreation Department space as Old Municipal Building has sold. ► At next week’s meeting will be asking for vote to over-expend snow and ice budget.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: ► Ms. Pfeffer mentioned letter sent by Franklin Federated Church in regards to the South Franklin Church. Perhaps another deed could be drawn to convey deed to Town

directly, not through Historical Commission. ► Mr. Nutting has engineering firm looking at structural integrity of building and expects to have report by March. Letter from Church allows Town to consider variety of purposes without restriction. Will ask if the Historical Commission has ideas for use.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: MOTION by Kelly to **Adjourn. SECOND** by Mercer. **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi