

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 11, 2015**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Robert Dellorco, Brett Feldman, 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: *May 14, 2014, June 4, 2014, January 21, 2015.* **MOTION to Approve** by Mercer. **SECOND:** Kelly. **Discussion:** Ms. Pfeffer asked when meeting minutes from 2014 would be completed. Ms. Kinhart stated all would be completed soon. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

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: None.

HEARINGS: None.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: None.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: ► Mr. Bissanti reported that at the last Economic Development Committee (EDC) meeting the discussion focused on the Pond Street RFP. Good input was received by the approximately eight members of the audience in attendance. Hope to have another EDC meeting next month to review traffic figures. ► Mr. Kelly reported that the Capital Committee met this evening and just started to review capital. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4th at 6PM.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION: *Resolution 15-09: Authorization to Expend Funds in Excess of Available Appropriations.* Ms. Pfeffer read resolution 15-09. **MOTION to Move** Resolution 15-09 by Mercer. **SECOND:** Kelly. **Discussion:** Mr. Nutting stated he anticipates exceeding the \$950,000.00 snow budget; therefore, this resolution is needed to pay the bills. **VOTE: Yes- 9, No-0, Absent-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► Mr. Nutting thanked all staff and citizens for donating 700 pounds of food to the Food Panty, and would like to do even more this year if possible. ► Town will be advertising for available beer and wine license. Will give people time to apply and bring to Council for consideration. ► Had discussion with bond rating agency. Should be going to market to do \$7 million refinance of existing bonds which is projected to

save over \$500,000. Most of this is in water and sewer funds. ► Recognized Chief McCarraher who received Certificate of Professional Development as chief. ► Reviewed more than you notes from resident receiving help from public safety officials for son who hit head. ► Board of Assessors seat vacant. Send resume to apply so Council can consider. ► After researching, there was no reason given for \$200 donation to the Town. ► Received preliminary draft of drawing for the front of 150 Emmons Street. In process of drafting P&S agreement. Looking at timeline of around July 1, 2015 for transfer of ownership. ► Requesting Executive Session for Collective Bargaining strategy.

OLD BUSINESS: ► Chairman Vallee asked Mr. Nutting about communication with MassDOT regarding the train station. Mr. Nutting stated he had contacted them prior to snow events and is currently waiting for their reply; he will send another email reminder.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Mr. Kelly thanked the Cultural Council and the Lady Bug Committee for their dedication of a Lady Bug last night which was accepted by the Town and will be displayed in the Franklin Town Hall indicating what Franklin has done for the state. Mr. Kelly also thanked all that donated money to the project. ► Mr. Bissanti wished Maureen Sabolinski, Superintendent of Schools, a speedy recovery. ► Mr. Dellorco thanked DPW for their good work during the snow storms. ► Ms. Pfeffer reminded all of former sign on door requesting cell phones be turned off when entering.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Discussion of Strategy for negotiations with all Town Employee Unions.* **Motion to Move** that Town Council enter executive session for discussion of strategy for negotiations with all Town Employee Unions by Pfeffer. **SECOND:** Feldman. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Feldman-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES; Williams-YES. **YES - 9, NO – 0. Passes.**

Town Council Meeting Public Session ended at 7:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi