



**Finance Committee Meeting  
Agenda & Meeting Packet**

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:30 PM

Meeting will be held at the **Municipal Building**  
2nd floor, Council Chambers  
355 East Central Street

**A NOTE TO RESIDENTS:** All citizens are now welcome to attend public board and committee meetings in person. Additionally, in an effort to maximize citizen engagement opportunities, citizens will be able to continue to participate remotely via phone OR Zoom. The meetings will also be [live-streamed by Franklin TV](#) and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29.

- **Link to access meeting:** October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open Zoom"
    - Or copy and paste this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82699389962>
    - **Call-In Phone Number:** Call 1-929-205-6099 & enter Meeting ID # 826 9938 9962--Then press #
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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Clerk
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Minutes - 6/16/21
5. Senior and Veterans Tax Workoff Programs:
  - a. Resolution 21-59: Further Amending The Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program
  - b. Resolution 21-60: Further Amending The Veterans' Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program
6. Human Resources Department & Employee Benefits Presentation: Karen Bratt, Human Resources Director.
7. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
8. Future Agenda Items
9. Adjourn



## **Finance Committee**

**Meeting Date:** June 16, 2021

**Present:** Chairman Dowd, Vice Chairman Conley, Clerk Corbosiero, Riley, Dewsnap, Moses, Wiech, Grace, Kasberg

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 PM
2. **Public Comments - None**
3. **Approval of Minutes – Passed 9-0**
4. **Chapter 61A, Town's Right of First Refusal to Purchase Approx. 70 Acres of Land off Maple Street**
  - a. Approximately \$2.5M in open stabilization fund – a portion of which would be used to purchase land.
  - b. Deadline of September 2, 2021 to exercise right.
  - c. Past meetings have indicated that purchasing the land is a good idea for the Town.
  - d. \$1.559 cash and an additional \$3M borrowed over 20 years. Approximately \$212K per year would come out of Community Preservation Act funds which would need to be voted on by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).
  - e. Next Steps – move to CPC for a vote in June and in July/August Town Council to vote.
  - f. Finance Committee unanimously supports purchase of the land.
5. **Budget Stabilization Policy Discussion**
  - a. Proposal – 2% target (not all funded in one year) of prior year fiscal operating revenue (Approx. \$2M-\$2.5M) – one-time revenue source of operating budget shortfalls and no more than 50% of fund balance can be spent in any fiscal year.
  - b. Passed 9-0
6. **Fletcher Fund Expenditures**
  - a. Resolution 21-33 - \$93,677 appropriated from Fletcher Fund – passed 9-0
7. **FY21 Budget Update**
  - a. Resolution 21-34 - \$130,000 – transfer of funds - passed 9-0
  - b. Resolution 21-35 - \$71,000 – transfer of funds - passed 9-0
8. **Future Agenda Items**
9. **Adjourn – 6:58 p.m.**



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN  
RESOLUTION 21-59**

**FURTHER AMENDING THE SENIOR CITIZEN  
PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,** The Town Council has accepted Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5K, enacted by the General Court of the Commonwealth on July 11, 2001 which allows senior citizens of the Town of Franklin to volunteer their services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bills for their domiciles.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN THAT:**

The Senior Citizen Tax Work-off Abatement Program annual individual benefit is increased to \$1,425. Qualified Senior Citizen taxpayers over 60 years of age may volunteer their services to the town in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bills for their domicile. Qualified senior citizen taxpayers will receive an amount at an hourly rate for their services not exceeding the minimum hourly wage rate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This resolution shall become effective for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022 and thereafter.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

**VOTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNANIMOUS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:**

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECUSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nancy Danello, CMC  
Temporary Town Clerk**

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**Glenn Jones, Clerk  
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN  
RESOLUTION 21-60**

**FURTHER AMENDING THE VETERANS' PROPERTY  
TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,** The Town Council has accepted Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5N, enacted by the General Court of the Commonwealth on October 12, 2012 which allows Veterans of the Town of Franklin to volunteer their services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bills for their domiciles.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN THAT:**

1. The Town Council ratifies and affirms its prior acceptance of the statute and increases the number of eligible veterans to 100.
2. The Veterans' Tax Work-off Abatement Program annual individual benefit is increased to \$1,425. Qualified Veteran taxpayers may volunteer their services to the town in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bills for their domicile. Qualified Veteran taxpayers will receive an amount at an hourly rate for their services not exceeding the minimum hourly wage rate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This resolution shall become effective for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022 and thereafter.

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