

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-11**

**ORDER OF ACCEPTANCE OF WINDSOR CIRCLE AS A PUBLIC WAY**

**WHEREAS**, The General Court enacted Chapter 163 of the Legislative Acts of 2011 “An Act Providing a Simplified Procedure for Municipal Acceptance of Subdivision Roads in the City Known as the Town of Franklin”, (hereinafter: Chapter 163), and

**WHEREAS**, Windsor Circle is a laid-out and constructed roads in a residential subdivision shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Kensington Estates, approved by the Town of Franklin Planning Board and recorded at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 496, as Plan No. 339 of 2002, and

**WHEREAS**, Town has fully complied with the requirements of Chapter 163 for the municipal acceptance of said roads as public ways; said compliance includes submittal of written certification and plans by the Town of Franklin Planning Board to the Franklin Town Council and the Franklin Town Council’s holding of a public hearing this date, after having given prior written notice thereof to the owner of record of each property abutting the roads, as evidenced by abutters list a true copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A”, and notice by newspaper publication,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Town Council of the Town of Franklin determines that it is in the public interest to accept Windsor Circle, shown on the above-referenced definitive subdivision plan and also shown on the street acceptance plan consisting of a single sheet entitled Street Acceptance Plan of: “Kensington Estate Street Acceptance Plan located in Franklin, Massachusetts, prepared for the Town of Franklin, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA, April 25,2013 Scale1” = 40””, prepared by United Consultants, Inc. 850 Franklin Street, Suite 1D, Wrentham, Massachusetts 02093, to be recorded herewith, as public ways.
2. In accordance with said determination, the Franklin Town Council hereby accepts the following road shown on said street acceptance plan as public ways with the fee ownership thereof to vest in Town:

Windsor Circle, for its entire length

Together with ownership of the following easements shown on said street acceptance plan:

Drainage Easement located along easterly side of Windsor Circle and containing 6,991 square feet, more or less, as shown on said street acceptance plan.

Twenty-foot Wide Utility Easement located along easterly boundary of Lot 3 and congaing 7,038 square feet, more or less, as shown on said street acceptance plan.

as well as all pipes, structures and other improvements located within any roadway or easement, upon recordation of a true copy of this order and said street acceptance plans at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, as provided in Chapter 163.

3. The Franklin Town Council directs that a true copy of this Order of Acceptance, together with the original above-referenced street acceptance plans, be recorded at Norfolk Country Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-12**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT – TOWN OF FRANKLIN-POLICE DEPT.**

**WHEREAS**, Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU) has generously donated \$2,000 to the Franklin Police Department to support the Department’s efforts in providing programs that will make a difference in the lives of children, be it during school or after school.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Town Council of the Town of Franklin on behalf of the Franklin Police Department gratefully accepts this generous donation and thanks DCU for their continued support of the Franklin Police Department and their programs in support of the children of Franklin.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-13**

**APPROPRIATION: Town Administration:  
Insurance Recovery Account**

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**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$53,537.63**

**PURPOSE:** To appropriate Insurance Proceeds to pay invoices related to damages at the Keller Sullivan School.

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Fifty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents (\$53,537.63) be appropriated from Insurance Proceeds (MGL Ch 44 Sec 53) for purposes of paying invoices related to damages at the Keller Sullivan School.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-14**

**APPROPRIATION: Capital FY 15 – Diesel Asphalt Hot Box**

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$30,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer/appropriate funds for the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan - DPW Diesel Asphalt Hot Box

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be transferred/appropriated from Free Cash to purchase a Diesel Asphalt Hot Box.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-15**

**APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FOR PURCHASE AND RENOVATION OF IMPROVED PROPERTY FOR THE FRANKLIN RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Franklin Recreation Department is in need of facility both to house its administration offices and to provide space for its programs and activities, and

**WHEREAS,** the Franklin Town Council has determined that it is in the Town’s best interests to purchase land with an existing building or buildings which can be improved and/or renovated to meet the Recreation Departments needs,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED** by the Franklin Town Council, acting on behalf of the Town of Franklin that:

1. One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the purchase of land with an existing building or buildings and the improvement and/or renovation of said land and/or build(s), together with any and all costs incidental and related thereto, for the use of the Town of Franklin Recreation Department both to house its

administrative offices and to provide space for its programs and activities.

2. To meet appropriation, the Treasurer-Collector, with approval of the Town Administrator, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(3) and 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-16**

**PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 275 BEAVER STREET FOR FRANKLIN RECREATION DEPARTMENTS USE**

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council, by Resolution 15-15, appropriate funds for the purchase and renovation of improved land for the use of Town of Franklin Recreation Department; and

**WHEREAS,** the property at 275 Beaver Street, Franklin, Franklin includes existing buildings suitable for conversion to a Town recreation center, both to house Recreation Departments administrative offices and to provide space for its programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS,** the owners of said property are willing to sell it to the Town; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Administrator has entered into a written purchase and sales agreement with the property owners for the Town to purchase the property for the above stated municipal purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin purchases the land, buildings and improvements collectively known and numbered as 275 Beaver Street, Franklin, title reference; Norfolk Country Registry of Deeds Book 10,941, Page 646 for the sum of seven hundred, nineteen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$719,500,00), and the Town Administrator, in consultation with Town Attorney, be authorized to execute a purchase and sales agreement containing said price and such other terms and conditions as the Town Administrator determines to be in the Towns interest and any other documents and take any other action necessary to consummate the purchase.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-17**

**AMENDING THE SENIOR CITIZENS 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 November 16,1999 that 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 benefit is increased to \$900. Qualified Senior Citizen taxpayers over 60 years of age may volunteer their services to the town in exchange for a reduction on 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 rate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-18**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT – TOWN OF FRANKLIN - COUNCIL ON AGING**

**WHEREAS** the Busy Bees, an organization that very generously supports the activities of the Council on Aging, now wish to make a donation of \$300.00 to be used to purchase a new coffee machine for the kitchen.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Town Council of the Town of Franklin accepts this gift to be used by the Senior Center and does thank the Busy Bees for their continued generosity.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-19**

**APPROPRIATION: Fire Truck Stabilization Fund**

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$100,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer funds from Free Cash to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Meeting Date: 4/22/15 Vote: 7-0**

**Recommended Amount: \$100,000**

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council to transfer One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Free Cash to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-20**

**APPROPRIATION: Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund**

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$200,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer funds from Free Cash to the Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Meeting Date: 4/22/15 Vote: 7-0**

**Recommended Amount: \$200,000**

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council to transfer Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from Free Cash to the Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-21**

**APPROPRIATION: Capital FY 15**

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1,752,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer/appropriate funds for the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan:

Fire	Equipment:		
	Breathing Apparatus	\$137,000.00	
	Cardiac Monitor	\$77,000.00	
	Automatic Defib	\$18,000.00	<u>\$232,000</u>
Police	Vehicle:		<u>\$171,000</u>
	Equipment:		
	Vests	\$12,000	
	Tasers	\$66,000	
	Technology	\$17,000	<u>\$95,000</u>
Technology – Town	Equipment		
	Copier	\$7,000	
	Municipal wireless replace	\$80,000	<u>\$87,000</u>

Schools	Tech/Equipment			
	Chrome Books	\$159,000		
	Grade 5			
	SPED Van – replace	\$40,000	<u>\$199,000</u>	
DPW	Vehicles:			
	Street Sweeper	\$200,000		
	1 Ton Dump	\$50,000		
	Rotary Mower 9ft	\$65,000	<u>\$315,000</u>	
	Projects:			
	Streets	\$400,000		
	Sidewalks – Pleasant Miller, Oak, others	\$150,000	<u>\$550,000</u>	
Public Properties – School	Equipment: PA System JFK Infrastructure; Remove portable DT		<u>\$18,000</u>	
	Carpet Replace DT	\$35,000		
		\$50,000	<u>\$85,000</u>	

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Meeting Date: 4/22/15 Vote: 7-0**

**Recommended Amount: \$1,752,000**

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of One Million Seven hundred and Fifty-two thousand dollars (\$1,752,000.00) be transferred/appropriated from Free Cash to be expended at the discretion of the Town Administrator (to include any residual funds remaining in line items) for the FY 15 Capital Improvement Plan as outlined above.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-22**

**APPROPRIATION: Sewer Enterprise Capital FY 15**

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$295,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer/appropriate funds for the 2015 Sewer Enterprise Capital Improvement Plan:

Equipment: Generator	\$65,000
Infrastructure- East Central Force Man	\$230,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Meeting Date: 4/22/15 Vote: 7-0**

**Recommended Amount: \$295,000**

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-five thousand dollars(\$295,000.00)be transferred/appropriated from Sewer Retained Earnings, to be expended at the discretion of the Town Administrator for the FY 2015 Sewer Enterprise Capital Improvement Plan as outlined above.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-23**

**APPROPRIATION: Water Enterprise Capital FY 15**

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$610,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer/appropriate funds for the 2015 Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Plan:

Equipment: W-10 Replacement Truck	\$45,000
Infrastructure- Crocker&Hill Road Const	\$250,000
Water Treatment Membrane	\$120,000
Dale Street Water Main	\$120,000
Well #6 Study	\$75,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Meeting Date: 4/22/15 Vote: 7-0**

**Recommended Amount: \$610,000**

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Six Hundred and Ten thousand dollars (\$610,000.00) be transferred/appropriated from Water Retained Earnings, to be expended at the discretion of the Town Administrator for the FY 2015 Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Plan as outlined above.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-24**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – POND STREET PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS,** The Town Council has previously considered making a parcel of land located off Pond Street and owned by the Town of Franklin available for development.

**Now therefore, be it moved that** the Town Council authorizes the Town Administrator to work with the Director of Planning and the Director of Purchasing to issue a Request for Proposals that will include, but not limited to the provisions as set forth in the attached Pond Street RFP for the purpose of considering the lease of the Pond Street parcel.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-25**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – POND STREET PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council has previously considered making a parcel of land located off Pond Street and owned by the Town of Franklin available for development.

**Now therefore, be it moved that** the Town Council authorizes the Town Administrator to work with the Director of Planning and the Director of Purchasing to issue a Request for Proposals that will include, but not limited to the provisions as set forth in the attached Pond Street RFP for the purpose of considering the sale of the Pond Street parcel.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-26**

**PURCHASE OF UNIMPROVED LAND AT 864 LINCOLN STREET AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the owners of property located at 864 Lincoln Street are willing to subdivide their land and to sell approximately nineteen and sixty-six hundredths (19.66) acres of unimproved land to Town, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town’s purchase of said unimproved land will provide access to abutting Town-owned land, as well as land for public recreation and other municipal purposes,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin purchase nineteen and sixty-six hundredths (19.66) acres of unimproved land at 864 Lincoln Street, title reference: apportion of property described in deed recorded at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 9066 at Page 77 and also being a portion of Lot 2B shown on a plan of land recorded at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 629 of 1991 in Plan Book 402 and also shown on Franklin Assessors Map 206 as a portion of Lot 6, for the sum of two hundred, forty nine thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$249,000.00) for access to abutting Town-owned land, as well as public recreation and other municipal purposes, and that the Town Administrator, in consultation with the Town Attorney, be authorized to execute a purchase and sales agreement containing said price and such other terms and conditions as the Town Administrator determines to be in the Towns interest and to execute any other documents and take any other action necessary to

consummate the purchase, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sum of two hundred, fifty-one thousand dollars (\$251,000.00) be appropriated from the open space account to fund said purchase, as well as any related closing cost.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-27**

**TRANSFER FROM WATER ENTERPRISE AND RESCIND BORROWING AUTHORITY (RESOLUTION 14-16 APPROPRIATION FUNDING SOURCES)**

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council previously adopted Resolution No. 14-16 which appropriated and authorized a borrowing of \$7,500,000 for replacing water lines, and other water infrastructure improvements, engineering, inspection, roadway improvements, including all costs incidental or related thereto, and

**WHEREAS**, The Town now wishes to fund a \$1,100,000 portion of the appropriation authorization under Resolution No. 14-16 by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings and to rescind a like amount of the borrowing authorized.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Franklin that:**

“to meet the appropriation made under Resolution No. 14-16 for replacing water lines, and other water infrastructure improvements, engineering, inspection, roadway improvements, including all costs incidental or related thereto, \$1,100,000 shall be transferred from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings and \$1,100,000 of the \$7,500,000 borrowing authorized by Resolution No. 14-16 is hereby rescinded.

The Town Administrator is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project and this Order.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-28**

**CREATION OF STATUE COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council wishes to create a committee to oversee the creation of a statue to honor Horace Mann; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council would like the statue to be located at 150 Emmons Street:

**Now therefore, be it resolved by the Franklin Town Council** that a Horace Mann Statue Committee be

established. Said committee shall consist of 7 members to be appointed by the Town Council. Said committee shall make recommendations to the Town Council on a design and placement at 150 Emmons Street.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-29**

**ACCEPTANCE FO DEED OF OPEN SPACE IN CATHERINE ESTATE OPEN SPACE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND CONFIRMATORY ORDER OF TAKING**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Planning Board voted to approve the definitive plan for an Open Space residential subdivision known as Catherine Estates Open Space Subdivision, as evidenced by its Certificate of Vote dated August 19, 1992, and said approval contained a condition that the owner/developer convey a parcel of land shown on said plan as “Open Space” to the Town of Franklin for open space, and

**WHEREAS**, Robert B. Brown of 3 Meadowbrook Road, Franklin is the owner of said residential subdivision and has executed the deed, a true copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit 1”, in compliance with the condition contained in the Planning Board’s approval, and

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 14, of the Town of Franklin, acting by and through its Town Council, is authorized to take by eminent domain under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79, lands and buildings for municipal purposes, including but not limited to public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the taking by eminent domain of the parcel of land located to west of Clara Louise Drive off Lincoln Street, Franklin, Massachusetts, will vest in the Town of Franklin clear title to said land and said taking, for the municipal purposes, all as described below, is in the best interest of the Town of Franklin,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

1. The Town of Franklin acting by and through its Town Council accepts the deed of land for open space, conservation, and recreation purposes attached hereto as “Exhibit 1” and it is further ordered that a true copy of this resolution be recorded with the original deed at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.
2. The Town Council of the Town of Franklin, by virtue of and in exercise of

the power and authority conferred by said statutes, hereby adjudges that public safety, necessity and convenience require the taking by eminent domain of the parcel of land located to west of Clara Louise Drive off Lincoln Street, Franklin, Massachusetts, further described below for municipal purposes, namely: open space, conservation and recreation,

3. The Town of Franklin, acting by and through the Town Council by virtue of and in the exercise of the power and authority conferred by said statutes and in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 14 and Chapter 79, and all and every other power and authority it does possess, DOES HEREBY TAKE BY EMINENT DOMAIN the fee in the following described parcel of land for municipal purposes, namely: open space, conservation, and recreation:

**DESCRIPTION OF LAND**

That certain parcel of unimproved land located to west of Clara Louise Drive off Lincoln Street, in said Franklin and designated “Open Space” on a plan of land captioned “Catherine Estates Space Plan of Land in Franklin, Mass. Norfolk County Scale: 1” = 60’ June 8, 1992” prepared by Salvetti Surveying & Enginerring Assoc. 10 Emmons St. Franklin MA. And recorded at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 758 of 1992 in Plan Book 410. Said parcel is also shown on Franklin Assessors’ Maps: Map 243, Parcel 2.

4. This Order of Taking confirms and makes clear the Town of Franklin’s title to the above-described parcel of land which was conveyed to the Town of Franklin by Quitclaim Deed of Robert B. Brown dated May 12, 2015 and recorded herewith.

This resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-30**

**COMPENSATION PLAN FY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, The Human Resources Director, pursuant to Chapter 25 of the Code of the Town of Franklin, has reviewed the Compensation Plan which establishes minimum and maximum salaries for pay ranges;

**WHEREAS,** This pay plan shall be submitted to the Town Council for approval prior to implementation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT** enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Franklin that the Compensation Plan is hereby adopted as attached.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-31**

**APPROPRIATION:**

**Snow and Ice Salaries: 01442100 \$213,723**  
**Snow and Ice Expenses: 01442200 \$292,036**

**TOTAL REQUESTED: \$505,759**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer funds to cover shortfall within the above named accounts the snow and ice deficit.

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Five Hundred and Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-three Dollars (\$505,723) be transferred to the above named accounts from Free Cash.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-32**

**APPROPRIATION: Administration: Animal Control truck \$11,000**

**TOTAL REQUESTED: \$11,000**

**PURPOSE:** To find half the cost of a new vehicle for the Animal Control Department. The other half is funded by the Town of Bellingham.

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) be transferred to the above named account Free Cash.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-33**

**APPROPRIATION:**

**Administration: Actuary Study \$10,000**

**TOTAL REQUESTED: \$10,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer funds to cover the costs to conduct an Actuary Study to determine the towns' liability as it relates to the unfunded retiree health insurance obligation, as required by GASB 45

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Meeting Date: 5/7/15 Vote:**

**Recommended Amount: \$10,000**

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) be transferred to the above named account Free Cash.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-34**

**APPROPRIATION:**

**Central Services: 01196200 \$12,000**

**TOTAL REQUESTED: \$12,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer funds to cover anticipated shortfall in the postage account.

**Motion:**

Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) be transferred to the above named account Free Cash.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-36**

**SALARY SCHEDULE FULL-TIME ELECTED OFFICIALS**

A Resolution Setting Appendix A, Chapter 4 of the Code of the Town of Franklin, entitled "Salary Schedule – Full-Time Elected Officials".

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT:**

Appendix A Salary Schedule – Full-Time Elected Officials, Chapter 4 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is as follows:

**APPENDIX A**

**SALARY SCHEDULE – FULL-TIME ELECTED OFFICIALS**

OFFICE	INCUMBENT SALARY	OFFICE HOLDER ON/AFTER 11/4/15
Town Clerk	<del>\$81,000</del> \$84,000	<del>\$74,000</del>

This resolution shall become effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015 according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-37**

**ADOPTION OF FY 2016 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council conducted to Public Hearings on the FY 2016 Budget on June 10, 2015 and June 11, 2015, after due notice was given in the Milford Daily News; and

**WHEREAS**, The Finance Committee issued printed recommendations with Copies made available at each Public Hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council considered the FY 2016 Budget on a Departmental basis, and by vote so determined the size of the appropriations for each Department item on June 11, 2015.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE MOVED AND VOTED** to adopt said General Fund Budget, Water Enterprise Fund Budget, Sewer Enterprise Budget Fund Budget and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget as voted on June 11, 2015 with a Total Appropriation of \$113,363,424 of which \$102,238,606 is to be raised and appropriated and the balance transferred from available funds and Enterprise fund revenues to be appropriated as follows:

PARKING METER RECEIPTS RESERVED	\$40,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED	<u>\$40,000</u>
WATER FEES (ENTERRISE FUND)	\$4,879,047
SEWER FEES (ENTERRISE FUND)	\$4,367,242
SOLID WASTE FEES (ENTERRISE FUND)	\$1,738,529
SOLID WASTE RETAINED EARRINGINGS	\$100,000
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND:	<u>\$11,084,818</u>

This resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-38**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE RESCUE TRAINING REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**BE RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN** acting by and through the Town Council:

Hereby establishes a Fire Department Fire Rescue Training Revolving Account pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Said revolving account shall be used to collect participation fees generated from the marketing of open slots in regular training provided by the department. Said funds shall be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief. All fees shall be credited to said revolving account and expended for expanses directly related to the training program.

The Total amount to be expended from said revolving account shall not exceed Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for Fiscal 2016

This resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-39  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL ON AGING SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES PROGRAM REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**BE RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN** acting by and through the Town Council:

Hereby establishes a Council on Aging Senior Center Activities Program Revolving Account pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Said revolving account shall be used to collect fees generated from the participation in all senior center activities offered, other than the supportive day program, but including the Senior Center Gift Store. Said funds shall be expended under the direction of the Senior Center Director. All fees shall be credited to said revolving account and expended for expanses directly related to the training program.

The Total amount to be expended from said revolving account shall not exceed One Hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for Fiscal 2016

This resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-40**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL ON AGING SUPPORTIVE DAY PROGRAM REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**BE RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN** acting by and through the Town Council:

Hereby establishes a Council on Aging Supportive Day Program Revolving Account pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Said revolving account shall be used to collect participation fees generated from the enrollment in the day program provided by the department. Said funds shall be expended under the direction of the Senior Center Director. All fees

shall be credited to said revolving account and expended for expenses directly related to the supportive day program.

The Total amount to be expended from said revolving account shall not exceed One Hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for Fiscal 2016

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-41**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A USE OF FACILITIES REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**BE RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN** acting by and through the Town Council:

Hereby establishes a Use of Facilities Revolving Account pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Said revolving account shall be used to deposit usage fees generated from the collection of fees for use of town and school buildings to defray costs of utilities and maintenance of said buildings. Said funds shall be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Director. All

All fees shall be credited to said revolving account and expended for expenses directly related to the utility and maintenance of buildings.

The Total amount to be expended from said revolving account shall not exceed Two Hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for Fiscal 2016

This resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-42**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF NORFOLK FOR COUNTY OF NORFOLK TO PROVIDE VETERANS SERVICES TO FRANKLIN**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin is in need of a person to provide veterans services, and

**WHEREAS**, County of Norfolk (hereinafter: "County") currently employs a person as a Veterans' Advocate and is willing to make said person available to Franklin to provide veterans services in consideration of Franklins payment of compensation to County, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed arrangement, which would be the subject of a written intermunicipal agreement between

Franklin and County, a draft copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit 1", would benefit both governmental entities, and

**WHEREAS**, an intermunicipal agreement is governed by the provisions of G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4A which requires that each governmental entity authorize the agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Franklin hereby authorizes the Town Administrator pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4A to negotiate and execute an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Norfolk in substantially the form attached hereto as "Exhibit 1", which agreement will provide for County to provide veterans services to Franklin residents and to receive compensation therefore, provided that said agreement may contain such other terms and conditions as the Town Administrator determines to be in the Town's best interest.

This Resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-43**

**APPROPRIATION: FY 15 Fire Wages (Arbitration Award)**

**TOTAL REQUESTED: \$470,000**

**PURPOSE:** To fund the Fire Fighters Arbitration Award by transferring \$415,000 from the FY 15 Wage Settlement Account (01910200-519010) and \$55,000 from FY 15 Health Insurance Account (01910200-517150) to the FY 15 Fire Department Salary Account (01220105xxxx)

**Motion:** Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council to transfer Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000) for FY 15 Fire Wages (Arbitration Award) as outlined above.

**VOTED: PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 15-44**

**APPROPRIATION: Other Post Employment Stabilization Fund**

**TOTAL REQUESTED: \$200,000**

**PURPOSE:** To transfer funds \$200,000 from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Stabilization Fund.



## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars respectfully submits this annual report for FY15 to the citizens of Franklin.

**POPULATION**  
**AS OF Jan./2015.....33,590**  
**REGISTERED VOTERS.....20,365**

**FY15 brought with it two(2) scheduled elections and one (1) Special Town Election.**

**September 9, 2014 – State Primary Election**

The State Primary Election brought out a total of 2325 voters casting their ballots. The voters were very orderly and we had no problems. Once again, I worked with some of the school teachers and allowed the students to come by and watch how voting is done here in Franklin. The student, some of which were able to cast their votes for the very first time, were impressed with how the precincts were set and how voters knew just where to go to cast their votes. (Ballot tallies can be viewed on the following page.)

**November 4, 2014 – State Election**

Ballots cast at this election was 12,267. We always have a good turn out when we can cast a vote for a new Governor and this was no exception. The day ran very smoothly with no problems considering we were voting in the new high school and things were a little different. We had extra poll workers to help direct the voters to their precincts and by the end of the day, everyone seemed to be pleased with our new location. (Ballot tallies can be viewed on the following pages)

**December 16, 2014 – Special Town Election**

A Special Town Election was called due to the resignation of Glen Jones, Town Councilor who accepted a teaching position at the Tri County School. According to the Town Charter, a councilor cannot accept a position while a councilor. Although we had only one candidate take out papers to run for this position State Law mandates that an election shall be held to “elect”. We had a total of 217 votes cast to fill this unexpired term.

**Census by Mail** – Our annual street listing was once again accomplished through the Census-By-Mail using the State Computer Program. Our return was about 94%. We continue to follow-up with telephone calls and a second mailing but, for some unknown reason, people are hesitant to return their forms. Please remember that this helps on voting day to assure

that you are on the voting list in the proper location. This is a mandate for all communities passed down through the State.

We continue to use the census forms for proof of residency for the school system. Residents are asked to come to the Town Clerk’s office and obtain a census form before they can register their children in school. This helps not only the school department, but it helps us keep our records up to date during the year.

**Golf Carts** – Again this year, I would like to thank the Maplegate Country Club for the use of their golf carts on election day. The voters (and the kids) really seem to enjoy using them for transportation from the parking lot to the entrance of the Field House. Anything that I can do to make it easier.....I’m all for it!

**Voter Stats for the Town of Franklin:**

Pct.	Dem	Rep.	Unen.	Other	Total
1	543	320	1508	10	2381
2	526	327	1460	16	2329
3	636	340	1551	13	2540
4	560	501	1663	18	2742
5	600	343	1672	13	2628
6	570	346	1409	22	2347
7	589	490	1654	13	2746
8	530	423	1684	15	2652
	4554	3090	12,601	120	20,365

**School Registration**-We continued to use the services of John Leighton, High School Teacher, as our Assistant Registrar. He registers the students as soon as they turn 18 years old. We have also begun sending out letters to 18 year old inviting them to come in to register. It is working very well!

**In Conclusion**

Our Board is pleased with the progress that has taken place throughout the year regarding voter registration, petitions, nomination papers and maintaining a valuable street list that is used by all departments. Once again, I would like to thank Lois D’Amico for her continued assistance keeping the street lists up to date. Also, a big “thank you” to Joanne Bird for her assistance throughout the year

Respectfully submitted,  
 Deborah L. Pellegrini, CMC, Town Clerk  
 Ann Woodring, Registrar  
 Lesley McCaffrey Registrar  
 Elynor Crothers, Registrar

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK: ss
To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin, in Norfolk County.

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the qualified voters of the said Town of Franklin to vote at the polling place listed below on:

POLLING PLACE: NEW FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ON POND STREET

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00P.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE STATE PRIMARY FOR THE CANDIDATES OF POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

Table listing various state and local offices such as SENATOR IN CONGRESS, GOVERNOR, and COUNTY COMMISSONER, along with their corresponding districts and counties.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said election.

Given under my hand this 25TH DAY OF AUGUST, IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

Jeffrey Nutting
Town Administrator
Franklin, Norfolk, MA

Deborah L. Pellegri, CMC
Town Clerk
Franklin, Norfolk, MA

CONSTABLE

DATE

Warrant must be posted by August 30, 2014 (at least seven days prior to the September 9TH, 2014 State Primary)

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in the NEW FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL, on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, at 6:00am for the purpose within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in five places open to the public, in compliance with Sec. Two of Article Five, Section One of the Franklin Home Rule Charter.

Constable, Richard Delfino

Date

PROCEEDINGS FOR THE STATE PRIMARY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Pursuant to the warrant for the Town Elections, the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin qualified to vote in the Town Affairs, assembled in the Franklin high School field House (gym) on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at six o'clock in the forenoon. The election was officially opened by Deborah L. Pellegri, CMC, Town Clerk at exactly six am closing at exactly eight pm.

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST..... DEMOCRATIC----1590
REPUBLICAN----- 735

TOTAL VOTERS FOR THIS ELECTION..... 2325

Proceedings for the September 9, 2014 State Primary

Pursuant to the warrant for State Primary elections, the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin qualified to vote in town affairs, assembled in the Franklin High School (new FHS) on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at six o'clock in the forenoon. The following results were certified:

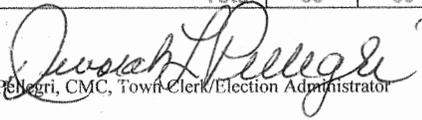
State Primary - September 9, 2014

	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>									
BLANKS	69	40	41	53	50	48	61	47	409
EDWARD J. MARKEY	160	128	148	134	136	125	163	147	1141
Write-in votes	6	8	3	3	5	2	5	8	40
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>GOVERNOR</b>									
BLANKS	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	3	10
DONALD M. BERWICK	53	33	32	28	43	34	33	42	298
MARTHA COAKLEY	91	71	95	67	69	71	76	69	609
STEVEN GROSSMAN	89	71	63	93	78	70	118	87	669
Write-in votes	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>									
BLANKS	57	28	43	40	37	25	41	35	306
LELAND CHEUNG	47	28	22	34	39	32	36	49	287
STEPHEN J. KERRIGAN	95	86	89	89	86	89	96	85	715
MICHAEL E. LAKE	36	34	38	27	29	29	55	31	279
Write-in votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>									
BLANKS	15	3	13	8	5	8	5	8	65
MAURA HEALEY	137	114	92	122	114	97	141	119	936
WARREN E. TOLMAN	83	59	86	60	72	70	82	73	585
Write-in votes	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>									
BLANKS	61	38	49	49	51	39	53	47	387
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	172	134	142	140	139	135	172	153	1187
Write-in votes	2	4	1	1	1	1	4	2	16
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>TREASURER</b>									
BLANKS	35	14	21	21	16	19	21	22	169
THOMAS P. CONROY	64	45	46	40	60	38	71	47	411
BARRY R. FINEGOLD	62	47	44	53	50	53	56	55	420
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	74	70	81	75	65	65	81	76	587
Write-in votes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>AUDITOR</b>									
BLANKS	84	46	65	69	58	62	81	58	523
SUZANNE M. BUMP	149	127	125	120	131	113	147	141	1053
Write-in votes	2	3	2	1	2	0	1	3	14
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REP IN CONGRESS</b>									
BLANKS	56	34	32	42	46	35	46	37	328
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, III	176	137	159	146	144	140	181	162	1245
Write-in votes	3	5	1	2	1	0	2	3	17
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>									
BLANKS	55	37	43	42	39	35	45	47	343
ROBERT L. JUBINVILLE	107	76	94	100	97	90	116	106	786
BART ANDREW TIMILTY	72	62	55	48	55	50	66	48	456
Write-in votes	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	5
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total

<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT NORFOLK, BRISTOL &amp; MIDDLESEX</b>									
BLANKS	59	26	46	44			48		223
DYLAN HAYRE	83	59	56	61			75		334
SARA LYNN REYNOLDS	93	90	90	84			105		462
Write-in votes	0	1	0	1			1		3
Total	235	176	192	190	0	0	229	0	1022
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT SECOND MIDDLESEX &amp; NORFOLK</b>									
BLANKS					41	48		52	141
KAREN E. SPILKA					149	126		148	423
Write-in votes					1	1		2	4
Total	0	0	0	0	191	175	0	202	568
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REP IN GENERAL COURT</b>									
BLANKS	41	28	35	35	34	33	30	39	275
JEFFREY N. ROY	194	144	155	155	156	142	196	163	1305
Write-in votes	0	4	2	0	1	0	3	0	10
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>									
BLANKS	78	50	60	60	62	58	71	54	493
MICHAEL W. MORRISSEY	156	125	132	130	127	117	157	147	1091
Write-in votes	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	6
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>									
BLANKS	88	52	61	73	67	63	77	61	542
PATRICK W. McDERMOTT	147	123	130	116	123	112	150	139	1040
Write-in votes	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	8
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>									
BLANKS	85	51	55	63	62	61	74	60	511
JOSEPH A. CONNOLLY	149	124	136	126	129	114	154	139	1071
Write-in votes	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	8
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>									
BLANKS	88	52	62	71	64	60	76	64	537
PETER H. COLLINS	147	122	129	118	127	115	152	135	1045
Write-in votes	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	3	8
Total	235	176	192	190	191	175	229	202	1590
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>									
BLANKS	21	16	8	13	27	20	18	26	149
BRIAN J. HERR	63	67	79	82	79	67	83	62	582
Write-in votes	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>GOVERNOR</b>									
BLANKS	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
CHARLES D. BAKER	64	63	73	78	82	73	78	59	570
MARK R. FISHER	20	20	15	18	24	14	20	28	158
Write-in votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>									
BLANKS	19	12	8	8	20	19	16	15	117
KARYN E. POLITO	66	71	78	88	86	68	85	73	619

Write-in votes	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>									
BLANKS	19	15	9	13	25	22	23	24	150
JOHN B. MILLER	65	68	79	83	80	65	77	64	581
Write-in votes	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>									
BLANKS	22	21	11	13	26	24	30	27	174
DAVID D'ARCANGELO	62	62	77	82	80	63	71	62	559
Write-in votes	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>TREASURER</b>									
BLANKS	22	18	11	16	25	25	25	28	170
MICHAEL JAMES HEFFERNAN	63	65	77	80	80	62	76	61	564
Write-in votes	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>AUDITOR</b>									
BLANKS	26	21	13	17	28	26	26	26	183
PATRICIA S. SAINT AUBIN	59	62	75	79	78	61	74	63	551
Write-in votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REP IN CONGRESS</b>									
BLANKS	74	76	78	83	93	77	94	78	653
Write-in votes	11	7	10	13	13	10	7	11	82
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>									
BLANKS	77	76	83	87	100	81	98	82	684
Write-in votes	8	7	5	9	6	6	3	7	51
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT NORFOLK, BRISTOL &amp; MIDDLESEX</b>									
BLANKS	22	18	16	13			20		89
RICHARD J. ROSS	62	65	72	83			81		363
Write-in votes	1	0	0	0			0		1
Total	85	83	88	96	0	0	101	0	453
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT SECOND MIDDLESEX &amp; NORFOLK</b>									
BLANKS					100	79		80	259
Write-in votes					6	8		9	23
Total	0	0	0	0	106	87	0	89	282
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REP IN GENERAL COURT</b>									
BLANKS	77	75	81	92	101	79	98	82	685
Write-in votes	8	8	7	4	5	8	3	7	50
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>									
BLANKS	78	76	84	93	101	81	98	84	695
Write-in votes	7	7	4	3	5	6	3	5	40
Total	85	83	88	96	106	87	101	89	735
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>									

<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Write-in votes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>735</b>
	<b>Pct.1</b>	<b>Pct.2</b>	<b>Pct.3</b>	<b>Pct.4</b>	<b>Pct.5</b>	<b>Pct.6</b>	<b>Pct.7</b>	<b>Pct.8</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>									
<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>692</b>
<b>Write-in votes</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>735</b>
	<b>Pct.1</b>	<b>Pct.2</b>	<b>Pct.3</b>	<b>Pct.4</b>	<b>Pct.5</b>	<b>Pct.6</b>	<b>Pct.7</b>	<b>Pct.8</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>									
<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>MICHAEL J. SOTER</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>535</b>
<b>Write-in votes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>735</b>

Attest:  
  
 Deborah L. Pellegrini, CMC, Town Clerk/Election Administrator

\*\*History was made today. This was the first election to be held in the new Franklin High School located right next to where the old high school was located. There were mixed feelings by many voters regarding the "FieldHouse" no longer being a part of the Town.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

NORFOLK SS.

To the Constables of the City/Town of FRANKLIN

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

ALL PRECINCTS  
(insert ward/precinct numbers)

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL  
(insert polling locations)

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014**, from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. ....	<u>    </u> FOURTH DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR .....	<u>    </u> SECOND DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT .Pct 5,6,8 .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Middlesex & Norfolk DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT .Pct 1-4,& 7.....	NORFOLK, BRISTOL, MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT .....	10 <sup>TH</sup> NORFOLK DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY. ....	NORFOLK DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE. ....	NORFOLK COUNTY
COUNTY TREASURER (if applicable) .....	NORFOLK COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (if applicable) .....	NORFOLK COUNTY

**QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that the state's gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of September 2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.

*A YES VOTE* would eliminate the requirement that the state's gas tax be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

*A NO VOTE* would make no change in the laws regarding the gas tax.

**QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches.

The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.

The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2¼ cents as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. It would also increase the

minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposed law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance or both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection.

The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

*A YES VOTE* would expand the state's beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

*A NO VOTE* would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

#### **QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

##### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would (1) prohibit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission from issuing any license for a casino or other gaming establishment with table games and slot machines, or any license for a gaming establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission might have issued before the proposed law took effect; and (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races.

The proposed law would change the definition of "illegal gaming" under Massachusetts law to include wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commission-licensed gaming establishments. This would make those types of gaming subject to existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

*A YES VOTE* would prohibit casinos, any gaming establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races.

*A NO VOTE* would make no change in the current laws regarding gaming.

#### **QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

##### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.

An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee's dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state

legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.

Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee.

Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee's exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee's support of another employee's exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers' obligations under any contract or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

Question 5---Town of Franklin Override (Binding)

Shall the Town of Franklin be allowed to assess an additional \$1,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a stabilization fund as provided in GL Chapter 40 Section 5 B, said funds to be expended solely for roadway, sidewalk and related drainage work for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and fifteen?

Yes  
No

Question 6---(Non Binding)

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution affirming that 1) rights protected under the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only and 2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

Yes  
No

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 27 day of October, 2014.  
(month)

[Signature] (Town Administrator)      [Signature] (Town Clerk)

By Hand \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate method of service of warrant.)

[Signature] Constable      October 27, 2014.

(con't Nov. 4, 2014)

Warrant must be posted by October 28, 2014, (at least seven days prior to the November 4, 2014 State Election).

By Virtue of the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Franklin herein described to assemble in the Franklin High School Gym, on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 6:00am for the purpose within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in five locations open to the public, in compliance with Section Two of Article Five, Section One of the Franklin Home Rule Charter.

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Constable	Date
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**PROCEEDINGS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 STATE ELECTION**

Pursuant to the warrant for the State Election, the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin qualified to vote in town affairs, assembled in the Franklin High School on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at six o'clock in the forenoon.

TOTAL VOTES CAST.....12,267

Results of the votes are on the following pages:

A true copy of the record:  
Attest:  
Deborah L. Pellegrini, CMC  
Town Clerk/Election Administrator

Massachusetts  
State Election  
FRANKLIN

November 4, 2014

	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>									
BLANKS	76	59	64	78	70	61	87	66	561
EDWARD J. MARKEY	753	631	751	725	807	719	781	739	5886
BRIAN J. HERR	646	630	641	882	728	575	849	853	5804
Write-in votes	3	3	1	3	0	0	3	3	16
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>GOVERNOR &amp; LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>									
BLANKS	14	12	13	22	9	6	17	12	105
BAKER and POLITO	843	776	790	1085	934	746	1072	1079	7325
COAKLEY and KERRIGAN	563	472	564	520	569	526	537	503	4254
FALCHUK and JENNINGS	33	36	66	36	57	36	51	40	357
LIVELY and SAUNDERS	11	10	11	12	17	15	11	9	96
McCORMICK and POST	12	15	13	11	19	24	12	12	118
Write-in votes	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	6	12
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>									
BLANKS	96	59	65	88	93	75	105	78	659
MAURA HEALEY	761	655	764	748	811	730	794	769	6032
JOHN B. MILLER	618	607	624	852	701	548	800	812	5562
Write-in votes	3	2	4	0	0	2	1	2	14
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>									
BLANKS	93	66	58	88	86	78	89	79	637
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	908	781	884	903	992	848	959	943	7218
DAVID D'ARCANGELO	433	437	465	665	479	382	603	601	4065
DANIEL L. FACTOR	43	38	47	32	48	47	49	36	340
Write-in votes	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	7
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>TREASURER</b>									
BLANKS	124	90	83	101	120	104	133	104	859
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	623	548	658	640	707	608	651	623	5058
MICHAEL JAMES HEFFERNAN	679	639	662	910	727	593	864	889	5963
IAN T. JACKSON	49	43	51	36	50	48	52	43	372
Write-in votes	3	3	3	1	1	2	0	2	15
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>AUDITOR</b>									
BLANKS	164	109	111	147	150	122	171	138	1112
SUZANNE M. BUMP	636	535	657	621	668	608	637	638	5000
PATRICIA S. SAINT AUBIN	629	638	629	887	742	583	843	841	5792
MK MERELICE	45	39	56	32	45	41	48	41	347
Write-in votes	4	2	4	1	0	1	1	3	16
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>									
BLANKS	451	402	368	555	448	347	531	508	3610
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, III	1010	880	1048	1090	1117	965	1132	1117	8359
Write-in votes	17	41	41	43	40	43	37	36	298
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267

*Dorothy L. Pellegrino*  
Town Clerk

Massachusetts  
State Election  
FRANKLIN

November 4, 2014

	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>									
BLANKS	576	518	474	718	544	442	652	638	4562
ROBERT L. JUBINVILLE	888	778	952	948	1036	888	1025	994	7509
Write-in votes	14	27	31	22	25	25	23	29	196
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>									
<b>NORFOLK, BRISTOL &amp; MIDDLESEX</b>									
BLANKS	152	106	122	141			178		698
RICHARD J. ROSS	818	804	837	1066			1048		4572
DYLAN HAYRE	503	413	496	480			472		2364
Write-in votes	5	1	2	2			2		12
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	0	0	1700	0	7646
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>									
<b>SECOND MIDDLESEX &amp; NORFOLK</b>									
BLANKS					503	410		605	1518
KAREN E. SPILKA					1078	911		1025	3014
Write-in votes					24	34		31	89
Total	0	0	0	0	1605	1355	0	1661	4621
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>									
BLANKS	427	405	390	533	459	351	468	526	3559
JEFFREY N. ROY	1039	897	1038	1127	1123	977	1212	1112	8525
Write-in votes	12	21	29	28	23	27	20	23	183
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>									
BLANKS	539	488	437	658	526	419	612	609	4288
MICHAEL W. MORRISSEY	927	816	991	1003	1059	910	1071	1026	7802
Write-in votes	12	20	29	27	20	26	17	26	177
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>									
BLANKS	576	508	467	689	553	439	663	646	4531
PATRICK W. McDERMOTT	893	789	965	974	1033	892	1029	989	7564
Write-in votes	9	26	25	25	19	24	18	26	172
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>									
BLANKS	555	508	456	670	528	432	642	638	4427
JOSEPH A. CONNOLLY	912	794	976	993	1047	896	1041	996	7655
Write-in votes	11	23	25	25	30	27	17	27	185
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>									
BLANKS		168	140	205	202	150	221	189	1275
PETER H. COLLINS	628	540	644	596	686	619	640	614	4967
MICHAEL J. SOTER	634	614	670	886	716	585	838	853	5796
Write-in votes	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	5	16
Total	1265	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12054

*Joseph L. Pellegrino*  
Town Clerk

Massachusetts  
State Election  
FRANKLIN

November 4, 2014

	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>QUESTION 1</b>									
BLANKS	49	46	75	55	80	60	44	43	431
YES	781	728	762	970	906	790	983	954	6784
NO	648	550	820	863	639	596	673	664	5052
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>QUESTION 2</b>									
BLANKS	13	12	25	20	18	11	14	6	119
YES	249	195	253	229	227	234	222	234	1843
NO	1216	1116	1179	1439	1360	1110	1464	1421	10305
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>QUESTION 3</b>									
BLANKS	21	13	29	25	27	17	22	18	172
YES	474	409	422	557	503	430	575	528	3898
NO	983	901	1006	1106	1076	908	1103	1115	8197
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>QUESTION 4</b>									
BLANKS	51	41	46	35	43	42	49	35	342
YES	803	670	768	808	893	753	835	820	6360
NO	624	612	643	845	669	560	816	806	5575
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>QUESTION 5</b>									
BLANKS	49	40	46	66	52	43	60	39	396
YES	469	393	392	495	406	396	529	503	3583
NO	960	890	1019	1127	1147	918	1111	1119	8289
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267
	Pct.1	Pct.2	Pct.3	Pct.4	Pct.5	Pct.6	Pct.7	Pct.8	Total
<b>QUESTION 6</b>									
BLANKS	178	126	142	174	167	130	178	159	1252
YES	925	836	922	1082	1014	866	1063	1070	7778
NO	377	361	393	432	424	369	468	432	3237
Total	1478	1323	1457	1688	1605	1355	1700	1661	12267

*Ernest P. Riley, Inc.  
Town Clerk*

**WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION – December 16, 2014**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**NORFOLK: ss**

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin, in Norfolk County.*

**GREETINGS:**

*In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the qualified voters of the said Town of Franklin to vote at the polling place listed below on:*

**POLLING PLACE: FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ON OAK STREET**

**TUESDAY, December 16, 2014 FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:**

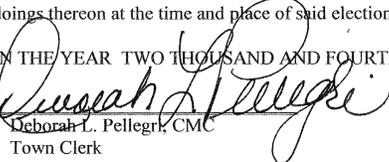
**TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION FOR:**

**TOWN COUNCILLOR..... FOR THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN  
FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER/2015**

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said election.

Given under my hand this 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey Nutting  
Town Administrator  
Franklin, Norfolk, MA

  
Deborah L. Pellegrini, CMC  
Town Clerk  
Franklin, Norfolk, MA

CONSTABLE

DATE

Warrant must be posted by December 9, 2014 (at least seven days prior to the December 16, 2014 Special Town Election)

**RETURN OF THE WARRANT**

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in the Franklin Field House, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 6:00am for the purpose within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in five places open to the public, in compliance with Sec. Two of Article Five, Section One of the Franklin Home Rule Charter.

Constable, Richard Delfino

Date

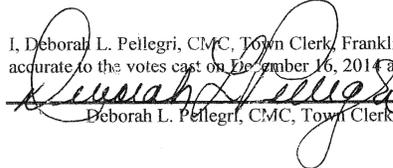
**PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SPECIAL STATE ELECTION HELD ON December 16, 2014**

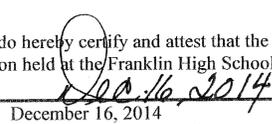
Pursuant to the warrant for the Town Elections, the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin qualified to vote in the Town Affairs, assembled in the Franklin High School (gym) on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at six o'clock in the forenoon.  
The election was officially opened by Deborah L. Pellegrini, CMC, Town Clerk at exactly six am closing at exactly eight pm.

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST.....217

<b>SPECIAL ELECTION DECEMBER 16, 2014</b>									
<b>TOWN COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>Pct. 1</b>	<b>Pct. 2</b>	<b>Pct. 3</b>	<b>Pct. 4</b>	<b>Pct. 5</b>	<b>Pct. 6</b>	<b>Pct. 7</b>	<b>Pct. 8</b>	
<b>BLANKS</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
<b>ROBERT DELLORCO</b>	30	25	30	27	29	22	22	17	207
<b>Write In</b>	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	12
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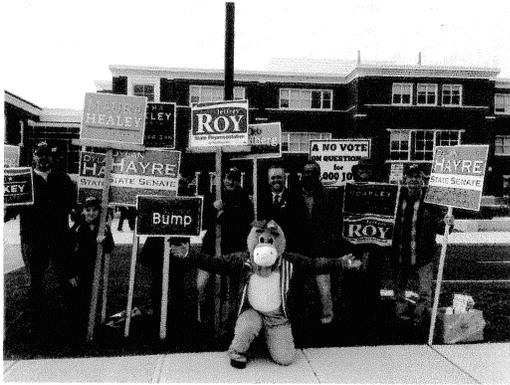
I, Deborah L. Pellegrini, CMC, Town Clerk, Franklin, Norfolk County, MA, do hereby certify and attest that the foregoing results are true and accurate to the votes cast on December 16, 2014 at the Special Town Election held at the Franklin High School..

  
Deborah L. Pellegrini, CMC, Town Clerk

  
December 16, 2014

## DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Franklin Democratic Town Committee, I am pleased to submit this report about the activities and accomplishments of our group over the past year.



1 Members of the FDTC at the polls November 2014

With the state elections in November 2014, the Franklin Democratic Town Committee was busy assisting many races, from the top of the ticket – governor, to the state house seat for our state rep. While the democrats were successful in many state wide races, electing Maura Healey as Attorney General, Deborah Goldberg as Treasurer, re-elected our state Rep, Jeff Roy, and the state Senator for part of Franklin, Karen Spilka. Unfortunately our efforts to elect another democratic governor were unsuccessful, but our elected officials are committed to working with the new administration and have done a great job so far reaching across the aisle!

Our many activities during the year include:

### Caucus

Registered Democrats in Franklin held their caucus at the Alumni Restaurant on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6pm to elect 14 delegates and 3 alternates to the 2015 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates were divided equally between men and women.

The caucus elected Susan Plume, Maria Lucier, Maryann Ziemba, Joni Magee, Christine Manns, Laura May as the female delegates to represent Democrats in Franklin at the annual convention. For the male delegates, those elected were Jack Manns, Henry Maddox, Michael Walker-Jones, Chris Lucier, Robert Vacca, John May, and Trevor Clement.

Alternate delegates include Christopher Yancich and Daniel Slyman. In addition, Representative Jeffrey Roy and FDTC Chair Denise Schultz served as ex officio delegates.

The delegates will attend the convention at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

### Election of New Committee

The leadership for the Franklin Democratic Town Committee remains the same – Chair is Denise Schultz, Vice-Chair is Rob Vacca, Secretary is John May, and Treasurer is Henry I Maddox. On the March 2016 primary ballot we will elect members (35) to the town committee, and in early 2016 the committee will elect (or re-elect) its officers.

### Scholarship

We are proud to announce that our 2015 Franklin Democratic Town Committee scholarship in Memory of Carol Pizzi has been awarded to Aleena Abraham!

Aleena will be attending Roger Williams University in the fall and plans to double major in Legal Studies and Political Science. Her ultimate career goal is to become a lawyer, and perhaps run for elective office in the future.

We congratulate Aleena, and wish her much success in her studies this fall



Thanks to all the FHS graduates that applied - it was not easy to select just one awardee! Congrats to FHS Class of 2015, and best of luck in your endeavors!

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July booth at the festivities on the Town Common provided another opportunity for community interaction, while allowing us to raise funds for our scholarship and other activities. We had over 20 volunteers helping in all aspects related to the booth operation. In participating in these festivities, we draw inspiration and context from an incredible letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail written 235 years ago. In the letter, there is a quote that reads as follows:

The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.

We are glad that Franklin continues to celebrate in this manner, and the Democratic Town Committee is honored to participate in the commemoration.

## Summer BBQ

Our tradition continues, holding a summer BBQ at the home of our committee secretary, John May. The summer of 2015 will be used as opportunity to plan for the 2016 election cycle, and thank all the volunteers from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July booth! It is a wonderful opportunity for the active members of the committee, and their friends, spouses and loved ones to gather for a fun time, and mingle with our elected officials and candidates for office. Many thanks to John and Laura May for hosting again this year!

## Guests

During the course of the year, the Committee had a number of guests and presentations. Among them were the following:

- Jeff Nutting, Town Administrator
- Progressive Massachusetts

- Nearly every Democratic candidate running for office in 2014
- State Rep Jeff Roy – special presentation on Israel visit
- State Senator Karen Spilka – informing us about her new leadership role as the Chair of the Ways and Means committee

We thank all those who visited our monthly meetings this year, and encourage guests to visit.

## About us

The purpose of Franklin Democratic Town Committee is to promote the objectives and interests of the Democratic Party.

The FDTC supports and advocates democratic policies that ensure equality of opportunity, enrich our children, foster economic security, and guarantee a vibrant and clean environment for Franklin. The Franklin Democratic Committee celebrates the diversity of Franklin, the Commonwealth and country, and we oppose discrimination in any form it takes.

As Democrats we are proud to stand as the Party of, and the Party for, all people, without regard to race, gender, religion, language, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, economic circumstance or other characteristics. We have been, and will be, the Party that is the defender of individual rights, while remaining the strong champion for the common good.

## Meetings

The Democratic Town Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Our meeting location is a semi-private room at the Union Street Grill. For more information on the Democratic Town Committee, please contact Denise L. Schultz at [DeniseLynnSchultz@gmail.com](mailto:DeniseLynnSchultz@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.franklindemocrats.com](http://www.franklindemocrats.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Franklin Democratic Town Committee,

Denise L. Schultz  
Chairperson

## Franklin Republican Town Committee

On behalf of the Franklin Republican Town Committee, I am pleased to submit this report about the activities and accomplishments of our committee over the past year.

### About Us

The Franklin Republican Town Committee is an organization of Franklin residents that hold sacred the conservative principles of our Founding Fathers. We promote and advocate for Republican candidates at the local, state and federal level who share these values. Our mission is to bring transparency and integrity back to government by educating the public on the lack of accountability that has become the new normal with self-serving leaders in Massachusetts.

### Growing Committee

Over the past year, the FRTC has welcomed six new members, and countless volunteers. The FRTC growth can be attributed to the countless concerns that continue to rise with the unacceptable and unaccountable one party rule the Democrats have established on Beacon Hill. Franklin residents are tired of the lack of transparency and are looking for ways to ensure their voice is heard. The FRTC is that collective voice.

Today the Franklin Republican Town Committee has a full slate of 35 members that volunteer their time to ensure all voices are heard on Beacon Hill. As of January 2015, there are well over 3100 registered republicans in Franklin, a base that continues to grow. All Franklin residents are welcome to participate. If you'd like to be included in our informational emails please visit our website at

[www.franklinmagop.com](http://www.franklinmagop.com).

### Committee Officers

**James Gianotti Jr. Chairman,**

[jgianotti@franklinmagop.com](mailto:jgianotti@franklinmagop.com)

**Glen Touhey Vice Chairman**

[gtouhey@franklinmagop.com](mailto:gtouhey@franklinmagop.com)

**Ray Fioravanti Treasurer**

[rfioravanti@franklinmagop.com](mailto:rfioravanti@franklinmagop.com)

**Sean Slater Secretary:**

[sslater@franklinmagop.com](mailto:sslater@franklinmagop.com) or

[sean.p.slater\\_pnlp@yahoo.com](mailto:sean.p.slater_pnlp@yahoo.com)

## Charlie Baker Wins the Massachusetts Governor's Race

With the win, Charlie Baker resurrects the Massachusetts tradition of electing Republican governors to lead one of the most progressive states in the country. Franklin voters overwhelmingly voted for Baker for Governor.

Franklin Results				
Baker	Coakley	Falchuk	Lively	McCormick
60%	35%	3%	1%	1%
7,325	4,254	357	96	118



Governor Baker with Franklin residents Sean and Jeannette Gianotti

### Working For ALL Franklin Residents

Throughout the year the FRTC and its volunteers have worked relentlessly on issues that matter most to Franklin residents and their families.

1. We The People repealed the automatic gas tax increase ballot initiative
2. We The People supported the Republican Welfare reform bill
3. We The People educated the public on the pros and cons of the unconstitutional approach and impact of common core
4. We The People raised the issue of free speech in supporting the common sense position to have open and honest debate about the FY2015 state budget
5. We The People supported our constitutionally protected 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Gun Rights by opposing H4121.
6. We The People supported the termination of the disgraced and incompetent DCF Director, Olga Roche.
7. We The People, in partnership with the Mass Fiscal Alliance educated Franklin residents on the unimpressive and dismal voting records of our locally elected representatives in the MA Senate and House of Representatives

Learn more at [www.massfiscalscorecard.org](http://www.massfiscalscorecard.org)

## Stop Automatic Tax Hikes

In the true spirit of our Founding Fathers, thousands of Franklin residents joined their fellow Norfolk County neighbors and the FRTC in the fight against “taxation without representation”. Thank you to all who signed petitions, collected signatures, wrote letters and called their legislators to stop the automatic gas tax. This bill was a textbook example of the Democrat controlled legislature ignoring the will of the people by passing a law that would increase our gas tax every year without having to vote on it. For more information on wasteful spending of taxpayers’ money visit

[www.tankthegastax.org](http://www.tankthegastax.org)

## 2015 FRTC Scholarship

The FRTC rewarded Josh Tvelia, a FHS senior, the \$500 award this year. The applicants wrote essays by citing examples of how our elected officials are not honoring an honest and transparent approach to government.

The following quote is attributed to Patrick Henry, one of the most respected patriots in United States history. Mr. Henry is not only one of our most admired founding fathers but was also an influential champion of Republicanism.

*“The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.”*

## 2016 FRTC Scholarship

The FRTC will be moving from an essay to a volunteer based scholarship. In order to better advance our conservative values and advocate for Republican candidates and causes, the FRTC will be focusing on activism within the Franklin community. That unselfish giving of time and effort will be rewarded. The most deserving Franklin High School senior will be awarded (amount to be determined) based on their volunteer contributions during the September 2015 – May 2016 timeframe. More details to be posted on the FRTC Facebook page.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Celebration

The Franklin Republican Committee would like to thank all the residents who stopped by our booth for our famous root beer floats, corn dogs and nachos. Your support will allow us to give a volunteer award to an incoming FHS senior in the spring of 2016.



All the way from Winchester, MA Ron T.S. (flag shirt) volunteers in the FRTC booth making root beer floats



Franklin residents Chris and Danielle Dupre stopped by for a root beer float

## Welcome To Attend

The FRTC holds monthly meetings at the Fire Station #2. For more updates, please visit our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/franklinmaeop>

Further, information can be obtained by calling FRTC Chairman Jim Gianotti Jr. at 508-520-9545

## TOWN ATTORNEY

**Mark G. Cerel**

The Town has an in-house attorney, Mark G. Cerel. Attorney Cerel has an office in the Town Administration offices and works three days a week. In addition, he attends regular Council sessions and meetings of town boards and commissions on an as-needed basis. His responsibilities include providing legal advice to the Town Administrator and other town officials, review and drafting of legal documents, and representation of the town in negotiations and litigation other than labor-related matters. Having an in-house attorney has enabled town officials to obtain prompt legal review and advice; it has also expedited various town projects which require legal input.

During the past year, Attorney Cerel has continued to be successful not only in resolving actual litigation but also in resolving disputes prior to litigation on terms favorable to the Town; he has also continued to draft proposed legislation and to be involved in contract and real estate negotiations. In addition, he has continued to work with the staff to review and update the Town's zoning and general bylaws.

An in-house attorney plays an essential role in limiting the town's legal exposure. He assists in resolving matters before they result in legal action and he provides the town with a strong legal presence that discourages people from filing frivolous lawsuits.

The Town Attorney represents the town and is only available to consult with individual residents if the Town Administrator's prior approval is obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cerel  
Town Attorney

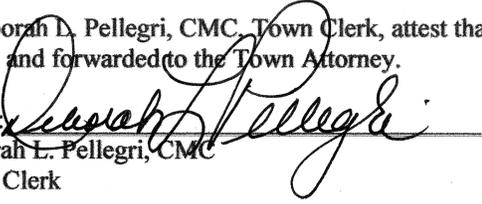


**LAW SUITS 2015**

<b><u>Received</u></b>	<b><u>Names</u></b>	<b><u>Decision</u></b>
2/19/2015	Jeffrey DeLucia and Amy DeLucia Vs. Town of Franklin	Demand for Jury

I, Deborah L. Pellegri, CMC, Town Clerk, attest that the above lawsuits have been filed with me, as Town Clerk, and forwarded to the Town Attorney.

Attest:  
Deborah L. Pellegri, CMC  
Town Clerk



**REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD  
OF APPEALS**  
**Municipal Building**  
**355 East Central Street**  
**Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**  
**ndanello@franklin.ma.us**  
**Telephone: 508-520-4926**  
**Direct line: 508-553-4856**  
**FAX: 508-520-4906**

The Zoning Board of Appeals currently consists of three (3) members and one (1) associate member appointed by the Town Administrator, subject to the confirmation by the Town Council, for terms of such length and so arranged that the term of one member shall expire each year. There are currently two (2) openings for associate members.

The Board of Appeals holds Public Hearings, as advertised, for Variance(s), Special Permits (including gravel removal), Findings and Chapter 40B applications. The Board also renders determinations on land use and zoning issues. All necessary forms and applications may be obtained through the Building Inspection Department and via Board of Appeals website at <http://www.franklin.ma.us>.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets in Town Council Chambers at the Franklin Municipal Building on Thursday evenings usually twice a

month, at 7:30pm. The calendar may be viewed via website at <http://www.franklin.ma.us>.

All meetings are open to the public.

The Board has been very active this fiscal year and the following agenda is a list of all applications filed, indexed and recorded with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Zoning Board of Appeals

	Member Since
Bruce Hunchard, Chairman	1991
Robert Acevedo, Vice Chairman	2003
Timothy Twardowski, Clerk	2010
Philip Brunelli, Associate Member	2009
Nancy Danello, Administrative Secretary	



Zoning Board of Appeals Members

**2014 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DECISIONS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>HEARING</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>A:</b>				
American Tower Corp.	60 Earls Way	5/22/2014	Sp.Permit/Modify	Grant: 4/30/2014
Athena Health Care Assoc.	864 Lincoln St.	5/22/2014	Variance	Denied: 10/23/2014
<b>B:</b>				
Benchmark Investments XI, LLC	4 Forge Hill Rd.	1/29/2014	Variance	Grant: 2/27/2014
<b>C:</b>				
Caccavelli, Dominic J & Carina M.	3 Matthew Dr.	9/30/2014	Sp.Permit	Grant: 10/23/2014
Cardin, Darin P. & Amy G.	6 Hilltop Rd.	8/20/2014	Variance	Grant: 10/23/2014
Carey Glenn J. & Nancy S.	10 Haverstock Rd.	12/18/2014	Sp.Permit/Var.	Grant: 1/12/2015
Coffey Joseph A. & Tamsen J.	154 Brook St.	8/7/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant: 9/18/2014
Coffey Joseph A. & Tamsen J.	154 Brook St.	8/22/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant: 10/23/2014
Columbia/Wegman Franklin,LLC	656 King St.	2/21/2014	Mod.Var.	Grant: 4/11/2014
Comeau, Charles	92 Pleasant St.	12/18/2014	Variance	Grant: 1/23/2015
Connolly, Timothy & Gaglione ,Jayne	13 Haverstock Rd.	1/10/2014	Variance	Grant: 2/7/2014
<b>D:</b>				
Drakeunderkoffler, Peter C. & Carla L.	107 Conlyn Ave.	3/6/2014	Variance	Grant: 4/11/2014
Dubois,Michael D.	41 Crescent St.	1/21/2014	Sp.Permit	Grant: 2/27/2014
Dumas, Jeffrey J. & Jennifer	352 Partridge St.	2/4/2014	Variance	Grant: 2/27/2014
<b>F:</b>				
Franklin MA Properties II,LLC	340 East Central St.	9/18/2014	Variance	Grant: 9/24/2014
Franklin Retail, LLC (Liscotti Dev.Corp)	648-652 Old W.Central	2/24/2014	Variance Relief	Grant: 4/24/2014
Franklin Retail, LLC(Liscotti Dev.Corp)	648-652 Old W.Central	2/24/2014	Variance Relief	Grant: 4/24/2014
<b>G:</b>				
<b>H:</b>				
Holland, Michael J.	6 Echo Bridge Rd.	8/1/2014	Variance	Grant: 9/18/2014
Holland, Virginia A. Trust	736 King St	6/30/2014	Variance	Grant: 8/7/2014
<b>I:</b>				
<b>K:</b>				
<b>L:</b>				
Landscape Network,LLC (M.Lang)	40 Alpine Row	12/11/2014	Sp.Permit	Grant: 12/15/2014
<b>M:</b>				
Menaker, Natalia & Yury	616 Pond St.	1/24/2014	Sp.Permit	Grant: 2/27/2014
Menaker, Natalia & Yury	616 Pond St.	7/2/2014	Variance	Grant: 8/7/2014
Moseley Realty ,LLC	106-108 Hayward	9/18/2014	Variance Relief	Grant: 1/29/2015
Mullaney, Bernard &Patty Shaw-Mullaney	14 Anthony Rd.	5/14/2014	Variance	Grant: 6/5/2014
<b>N:</b>				
North Berwick Trust	Franklin Heights Estates (Daniels/Linclon St)	12/7/2005	Mod/ Decision	Grant: 8/7/2014
<b>O:</b>				
Oteri Funeral Home,Inc.	33 Cottage St.	7/15/2014	Variance Relief	Grant: 8/7/2014
Oteri Funeral Home,Inc.	33 Cottage St.	7/15/2014	Variance Relief	Grant: 8/7/2014
<b>P:</b>				
Pepe, Martha J.& Peter A.Jr.	14 Oak St. Ext.	8/21/2014	Variance	Grant: 8/21/2014
Peterson, James & Mary	10 Juniper Rd	12/12,2014	Variance	Grant: 1/9/2015
<b>Q:</b>				
Quick, Brian	18 Opal Circle	4/8/2014	Variance	Withdrawal : 4/10/2014
<b>R:</b>				
<b>S:</b>				
Sabourin, Meredith D.	8 Taft Dr.	10/2/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant: 11/20/2014
Schools, Brian & Chantel Bonner	417 Coronation Dr.	6/25/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant: 7/28/2014
Swartz, Joel B. & Janella M.	614 Oak St.	8/21/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant: 10/23/2014
<b>T:</b>				
Thayer, Casey C.	512 Pleasant St.	7/3/2014	Variance	Grant: 8/7/2014
Thayer, Joel O. & William Durham	79 Cottage St.	2/19/2014	Variance	Grant: 3/21/2014
Trockman, Karen J. & Andrew	10 Teris Way	5/20/2014	Variance	Grant: 6/19/2014

U:					
V:					
Valencia, Harold A., Jr. & Lynn	55 Oxford Dr.	8/15/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant:	9/18/2014
Village at Cooks Farm, LLC	663-664/portion 672 E. Central St.	6/5/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant:	6/13/2014
Village at Cooks Farm, LLC	663-664/portion 672 E. Central St.	6/5/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant:	6/13/2014
W:					
Wise Eye Care, Inc.	76 Chestnut St.	2/4/2014	Sp. Permit	Grant:	2/27/2014
X:					
Y:					
Z:					

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

The Building Inspection Department is a multi-function office responsible for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair and occupancy of all residential, commercial, business and industrial uses for both existing and new construction in accordance with the Massachusetts Building Code. The department is responsible for the administration, interpretation and enforcement of the following codes:

Massachusetts State Building Code - 780CMR  
Town of Franklin Code - Zoning – CH 185  
Mass. Electrical Code – 527 CMR  
Mass. Plumbing & Gas Code – 248 CMR  
National Fuel Gas Code – NFPA 54-2002  
Sealer of Weights and Measure – G.L. CH 98  
Architectural Access Board – 521 CMR

### Hours of Operation

The Building Inspection Department's hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m., Wednesday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m. and Friday 8:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.

For your convenience, you may visit our website: at [www.franklin.ma.us/inspections](http://www.franklin.ma.us/inspections). This site contains a series of forms easily accessible and available to download. The website provides permit applications, sample plot plans, sign regulations, swimming pool instruction manuals. Shed/barn instruction manuals, zoning criteria and other information necessary to process a permit or to simply provide information to the public.

### Building Department Staff

**Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer:**  
**Lloyd Brown**

### Inspectors:

Inspector of Wires: Bernard Mullaney  
Asst Wiring Inspector: James Laughlin  
Plumbing/Gas Inspector: Richard Cornetta  
Asst Plumb/Gas Inspector: Richard McCormick  
Local Building Inspector: Stephen O'Neill  
Sealer of Weights & Measurers  
Comm. of Mass. /Div. of Standards

### Staff Assistants

Barbara J. Curran  
Nancy Danello/Zoning  
Judy Demers

Lloyd Brown, Commissioner of Buildings, is responsible for all construction trade inspectors, municipal maintenance and supervision of all construction, zoning interpretation and determination, pre-planning and review of all subdivisions and proposed construction and improvements and general input for all other municipal departments and construction-related inquiries.

### Building Permits

This year the Building Department issued a total of 1513 building permits and the revenues collected totaled \$318,071.00

The following is a breakdown of the past years building permit activity:

Single Family Residence	19
Attached Senior Units	27
Commercial Building	2
Solar Panels	130
Accessory Dwelling Units	5
Addition(s)	21
Alteration(s)	905
Amended Permit(s)	0
Deck	57
Swimming Pool(s)	25
Garage(s)	9
Shed(s)	3
Foundation(s) Only	0
Demolition(s)	16
Tent(s)	9
Sign(s)	46
Woodstove(s)	35
Carnival(s)	2
Fence	3
Earth Removal	0
Repair(s) Rehab	59
Sheet Metal	103

### Certificates of Inspection

Inspection and certification of specified use groups shall be inspected annually in accordance with Table 110 of the Massachusetts State Building Code. This year the staff issued 106 certificates of inspection and the fees collected for the certifications amounted to \$23,250.00. Certificates are issued for all public and private schools, churches, day care centers, nursing homes, funeral homes, bleachers, restaurants, alcoholic beverage establishments, multi-family dwellings (3or more units), movie theaters and other places of assembly. The Fire Department has assisted our department in assuring compliance with the Fire Prevention Code. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure the public safety and well being of the general public.

### Certificates of Occupancy

The Building Inspection Department issues a certificate of occupancy in accordance with the Massachusetts State Building Code. All buildings/structures shall not be used or occupied in whole or part until a certificate of occupancy is issued. This department has issued a total of 66 certificates of occupancy and the total fees collected amounted to \$4450.00

**Electrical Permits**

The total number of electrical permits issued was 1265, the total fees collected and deposited amounted to \$129,217.00.

**Plumbing Permits**

The total number of plumbing permits issued was 736, the total fees collected and deposited amounted to \$80,515.00.

**Gas Permits**

The total number of gas permits issued was 775 and the total fees collected and deposited amounted to \$34,432.00

**Vacant Property Registration**

The Town of Franklin voted in a mandatory registration requirement for all vacant properties to keep property information current. The total number of permits issued was 46 and the total fees collected and deposited amounted to \$1840.00

**REPORT OF FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CABLE ACCESS, INC. DBA FRANKLIN.TV (WWW.FRANKLIN.TV)**

Franklin.TV is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. We operate the local access TV studios for the Town of Franklin. We maintain 3 channels of TV service:

**Franklin All Access TV**

Our Public Access Channel (Comcast 8, Verizon 26).

**Franklin Pride TV**

Our Educational Channel (Comcast 96, Verizon 28).

**Franklin Town Hall TV**

Our Government Channel (Comcast 11, Verizon 29).



**Background**

Franklin as the Licensing Franchise Authority (LFA) maintains agreements with Comcast and Verizon as cable TV service providers. Funding for Franklin.TV comes from cable subscribers via these agreements. Franklin.TV

programs the local access channels but does not provide cable TV service. As a nonprofit corporation Franklin.TV does not rely on government funding, but may receive grants and donations from other businesses and individuals. Franklin.TV pays a PILOT fee (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) by agreement, becoming the first nonprofit organization to provide fair compensation for town services.

**Local Programs Produced in 2014**

During our 2014 operating year we generated:

- 213 Public Access Programs
- 159 School/Sports Programs
- 34 School/Civic Events Programs
- 103 Government Meetings
- 509 Locally Produced Programs**

All of these programs were produced, recorded and edited by our staff on behalf of Franklin residents, organizations, agencies and local government.

Our extensive production support reaches beyond the customary charter of other public access studios to lend equipment and provide technical training. This additional commitment of professional support enables us to provide a broader range of programs



**Community Bulletin Board Service**

In addition to our programming, we maintain a free community announcements Bulletin Board service for all three P/E/G channels. Organizations who wish to promote special events and activities are welcome to contact us.



**Our New Studios and Offices**

We conducted business and production operations from our temporary construction trailer located on the 23 Hutchinson St. site. In November we moved from the trailer into our newly completed facility.



We now have five thousand square feet of offices, two studios (an interview studio and a larger drive-in access studio), two audio recording and production rooms and four digital video editing systems. Our deep thanks go to F&P Molla Construction for their excellent overall project and budget management.

Included in our facility design is a general purpose Community Meeting Space. It is available free of charge to qualified, nonprofit groups and service organizations for occasional meetings.



**Franklin Promotion**

Through 2014 Franklin.TV developed and produced a marketing campaign of five video programs that will be used to advance local economic development and promote Franklin as a vibrant community. Franklin.TV provided the entire \$45,000. value of its video production services as a public service grant donation to the town.

**Franklin TV Our Public Service**

- Organizations we support
  - Creating a public good.



**New High School Video Facility**

The high school’s new media facility features a high-definition TV studio with a control room capable of live program origination via streaming video and the EDU channel, two computer-based classrooms, and a music recording and production facility.

In May of 2014 Franklin.TV provided a grant of \$164,000.00 for the purchase of video equipment for Franklin High School’s new TV studio. This grant supports half of the total equipment purchase. The equipment is used for training FHS students in the art and craft of video production. Per our bylaws and agreement with Franklin, this equipment is also to be used for producing student and school-related programs for Franklin’s Educational channel, Franklin Pride, on Comcast 96 or Verizon 28.

With the completion of the high school we have also extended our dedicated fiber video network to the school’s media center, enabling live TV coverage of graduation and other key school events.

This year’s return to live coverage of graduation was a complete success, including a first – live streaming of the event to the web.

### Scholarships

In June, as part of our continuing commitment to Franklin students, Franklin.TV awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors:

Cobi Frongillo of Franklin High

Christopher Lenzi of Tri-County High

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to them in their academic endeavors.

### A Broadcasting Opportunity, WFPR-FM

In February of 2014, Franklin.TV was awarded a construction permit by the FCC for a 100 Watt, noncommercial educational FM radio station. WFPR, (Franklin Public Radio) broadcasting on 102.9 FM. The FCC received 3,000 applications. Franklin.TV was among 81 Massachusetts applicants. Of these, 19 permits were granted, with 8 going to P/E/G studios like Franklin.TV. WFPR will be an extension of Franklin.TV's services to the local community and surrounding towns. Our construction permit runs to February, 2017 to allow sufficient time to properly site and construct a broadcast antenna.

FPR will also provide opportunities for local citizens to have a voice by producing their own programs or participating as volunteers to make our radio station successful as a local community resource.

### Our Charter Operations

We continue to see increasing requests from various town agencies and civic organizations to provide TV coverage for local events. We cover Franklin events that are cultural or institutional in nature and of general interest.

We are always interested in training volunteers who would like to learn the craft of video production. Trained volunteers and interns work alongside our roster of freelance and staff professionals to shoot and edit the institutional programs that we cover.

### Citizen Access

Residents who produce their own access programs are the owners of these programs. As such, these producers hold their own copyright and may copy and distribute these programs freely, provided that the programs are cablecast on the Franklin system.

Per our Public Access charter, we do not provide equipment for covering private or personal events or for purposes other than generating Access Programs to be shown over the Franklin cable system

Information about our weekly programming can be found on our web site: [www.franklin.tv](http://www.franklin.tv).

While visiting our website, also read our informative F.A.Q. on P/E/G TV studios, their operation, history and charter. We also recommend browsing our past newsletter archives to learn more about Franklin.TV, our growth and development, and the civic events that we cover throughout the year.

Finally, in closing, "*Thanks for watching!*"

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin.TV's Board of Directors

Ken Norman, President

Jay Horrigan, Vice President

Wesley Rea, Treasurer

John Milot, Clerk

Anne Bergen, Nick Remissong, Rose Turco

Peter Fasciano, Executive Director

## REPORT OF THE CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

During Fiscal Year 2015, the Charles River Pollution Control District's (District) regional advanced wastewater treatment facility received and treated approximately 1,440 million gallons (3.95 million gallons per day) of raw wastewater, including 5.85 million gallons of septage from the District's member and customer towns before discharge to the Charles River. The volume of waste treated was higher than the previous year due to an increase in precipitation.

The District received its renewed National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in July 2014 for discharge of its treated wastewater to the Charles River. Under the renewed NPDES permit, the District and the Towns of Franklin, Medway, Millis, and Bellingham will maintain an ongoing preventive maintenance program to prevent overflows and bypasses caused by malfunctions or failures of the sewer system and an infiltration and inflow reduction program. In addition, the new limit for phosphorus has been reduced from 0.2 mg/L to 0.1 mg/L in the summer months and a winter limit of 0.3 mg/L was added.

The District conducted an Infiltration and Inflow Study in 2013, with CDM Smith, to identify areas of the District's interceptors that needed further investigation and repair. Last summer, the District investigated the manholes in a portion of its interceptors to determine each manhole's condition. This winter/spring, the District will inspect the same portion of its interceptor to determine the condition of the pipe and identify any sources of infiltration and inflow.

CDM Smith and District staff prepared a 20-year capital improvement plan (CIP) to improve the wastewater treatment facility to meet more stringent NPDES permitting requirements and provide a more reliable wastewater treatment facility at its current capacity.

In July 2010, the District was informed of its acceptance on the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) Bureau of Resource Protection Calendar Year 2010 Intended Use List for State Revolving Funding (SRF). In order to expedite the designs

and proceed with the project in a timely manner, the CIP was divided into three phases (A, B and C).

Phase A, which was completed in December 2013, included the replacement of both primary clarifier mechanisms, addition of two screenings washer/compactors in the wet well, primary scum handling improvements, and plant lighting and security improvements. Phase B, the capping of the on-site residuals landfill, was completed in August 2013.

Phase C, focuses on improving phosphorus removal, replacing the disinfection system, and extending the life of the facility for an additional 20 years. This phase began construction in May 2014 and is expected to be completed in September 2016.

The District funded Phases A and B with a 20-year State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan of approximately \$2.9M. Phase C costs will be funded through separate SRF loans of approximately \$26.5M, which includes bidding, construction, and resident engineering. Ineligible costs (i.e. design of Phase C) for SRF loans were funded by a General Obligation Bond of approximately \$1.95M.

The District's Fiscal Year 2016 budget is 25.4% higher than the previous years' budget. The increase is mainly due to the commencement of the repayment of one of the Phase C SRF loans. The District's FY 2016 budget for operations and maintenance is \$3,372,370, while the capital projects budget is \$1,857,460. Franklin's share of the operation and maintenance and capital projects budgets are estimated to be \$1,789,070 and \$1,154,740, respectively.

Respectively submitted

Douglas M. Downing, Chairman (Medway)  
Gene Guidi, Vice-Chairman (Franklin)  
Alfred H. Wahlers, Clerk (Franklin)  
Joseph Cameron (Franklin)  
Paul J. DeSimone (Medway)

CRPCD Officers:

Elizabeth Taglieri, P.E., Executive Director  
Emma J. Catalano, Treasurer  
Barbara Maffeo, Executive Secretary  
Cornetta, Ficco & Simmler, Legal Counsel

## FRANKLIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Mission

*The mission of the Franklin Advisory Committee is to encourage and promote quality development that is aesthetically pleasing and financially beneficial to the community.*

The subjects of our meetings and discussions are primarily of a nature that is supportive of our mission. We discuss the permitting process, development consistent with the Master Plan, zoning issues, the maintenance of public (and to some degree) private properties, as well as any other topics we are asked to participate in or encourage.

As you can imagine, the above described subjects can, and often do, lead to a wide range of debate. At times, these debates go beyond our purview but worthy of discussion. This is particularly true if a subject has merit as there are a number of well run and responsive departments in the Town to address those subjects. Issues that put Franklin at a disadvantage are the responsibility of all to improve or correct.

### Agenda Discussions

Agendas have addressed and responded to questions and concerns about:

- \* cull de sac requirements
- \* fast-track permitting
- \* neighborhood development (essentially certain commercial development in residential zones) as provided in the Master Plan
- \* parking regulations
- \* commercial development
- \* site-plan and limited site plan review
- \* Town's gateway objectives and improvements
- \* maintenance and condition of our commuter rail stations
- \* certain R6 and R7 zoning proposals
- \* unkempt property by-laws
- \* maintenance of town properties as well as private and commercial properties
- \* acquiring land adjacent to our recycling center

\*residential, affordable and municipal sponsored housing

### Partnerships

We have taken an interest and hope to work in the protection and improvement of certain historical properties. We encourage an expanded and more aggressive partnership with Dean College and the private sector whenever possible.

Certain issues such as the train stations and land swap are under the Town Administrator with whom we have a strong working relationship.

### Conclusion

The ultimate objective of our mission is to help make Franklin competitive with our neighbors so that we can fund and support the many entities of a growing, small city. We recognize the need to provide for the thousands of students, senior citizens and veterans. We are responsible for and beholden to quality commercial development and potential revenue that will become a major part of meeting our needs.

A major component of meeting the needs of our residents lies in the good men and women who serve, work and volunteer to fulfill our Town's needs. I am particularly grateful to the members of all Committees, Town Council, Town Administrator, staff and departments who are supportive and helpful all through the year.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lawrence Benedetto  
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Franklin Conservation Commission is responsible for promoting and protecting the natural resources of Franklin and protecting the town's watershed resources. A large part of the Commission's attention is directed to administering Massachusetts and Franklin wetland protection laws and regulations. Those laws and regulations require the Commission permits to work in or within 100 feet of a wetland, in the 100 year flood hazard zone or within 200 feet of a perennial stream.

The Commission is comprised of up to seven volunteer residents appointed for three year terms by the Town Administrator. The current members of the Commission have diverse professional experience related to environmental science, biology, engineering, landscape design, and project management. Because of their different backgrounds, each commissioner is able to offer a different perspective during the review of applications for a wetland permit that ultimately benefits Franklin.

Franklin has continuously been well represented at the annual conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions in March, with Commissioners attending classes and workshops and talking with other Commissioners from across the state as well as lawyers, ecologists and engineers active in conservation.

The Commission, via its Chairman, has also participated in the Keystone Project, which is organized and run by UMASS. The Keystone Project is designed to stimulate forest landowners and community opinion leaders to be advocates of sound forest conservation, and to help inform the land management and conservation decisions of their friends, neighbors, organizations, and communities.

In 2012, the EPA proposed regulations to reduce the amount of phosphorus in storm water runoff into the Charles River basin, with Franklin, Bellingham and Milford as the pilot communities. These regulations remain at a standstill as the EPA continues to work out the regulatory details. The Commission monitors the status of these regulations while encouraging and advising on appropriate stormwater management practices where applicable in Conservation jurisdiction.

The Commission continues to work on the DelCarte Area (aka the Franklin Reservoirs) off of Pleasant Street. There are a series of seven "structures" (six dams that had been originally used for cranberry farming and a stone wall that beavers had dammed) along Miller brook thru the 100+ acre DelCarte Area. The dams are identified serially from Dam #1, located closest to downtown adjacent to the MBTA Dean station, to #6, located furthest downstream, closest to Miller Street. The Commission is currently in the process of investigating the undertaking of an ecological study to ascertain the flora and fauna viability in the pond.



New Informational signage developed by Charter School student Emma Goulet now installed at DelCarte Recreation area.

Since the last annual report, the Conservation Commission has received 63 permit applications to work within areas under their permitting jurisdiction. These applications range from the removal of dead trees in a buffer zone to the construction of industrial buildings and associated drainage. The Commission also issued 26 certificates of completion for various projects and granted extensions to allow projects to finish. Two emergency certifications were also issued to the Franklin Dept. of Public Works. In addition, based on the snow emergency declared by DEP in Feb-March 2015, emergency snow storage permissions were developed and issued.

The Commission would like to draw the attention of the Town's residents to the many protected natural areas in the Town and the opportunities for passive recreation they enable:

- The DelCarte Area, with parking off of Pleasant Street, has recently improved walking trails through woodlands along a series of ponds. Two canoe launches and an above-water boardwalk to completely connect the trail system have been installed.
- Several Eagle Scout and school/class projects have been completed or are on-going in the DelCarte and Dacey Field areas, and the town forest. These projects have helped in the clearing of trails and the erecting of educational signage and the cleaning up of debris. Additional projects are being undertaken in the Town Forest to improve the existing trail system;



2015 Flood control project on Conservation Property

- The Town Forest has good access points off of both Summer Street and Russet Hill Road with a network of walking trails thru woodlands and across Uncas Brook;
- There is a network of walking trails that cross Shepards Brook and go thru fields and woods behind the Dacey Recreation Area off Lincoln Street;
- Indian Rock has good access off of both King Phillip Road and Lost Horse Trail with walking trails thru woodlands near two large vernal pools and to the top of historic Indian Rock;
- The Metacomet Land Trust owns several pieces of protected land, notably the walking trails off of Bridle Path and The Lady Bug Trail near JFK school;
- The Franklin State Forest is accessible off of Grove Street and Forge Hill Road and boasts an extensive network of walking and ORV trails;
- The SNETT trail goes all the way to Douglas. There is a Town parking lot off of Grove Street. The Trail section from Prospect Street into Bellingham is currently being reconstructed by the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. The reconstruction was permitted by the Commission in early 2015;
- The expansive marsh near Interstate 495 exit #17 is the US Army Corps of Engineers Natural Valley Flood Storage Project, preserved to protect against downstream flooding in the Charles River basin. That marsh is along Mine Brook, the largest stream in town,

draining about half of Franklin, starting at the extreme south end of Franklin, passing underneath Washington Street, Beaver Street, 495, Grove Street, West Central Street, 495 again, Beech Street, and Pond Street before finally meeting the Charles River on the Medway border.

- Other significant streams in Franklin include Shepards Brook, Miller Brook, Uncas Brook and Bubbling Brook. Lake Populatic is part of the Charles River, the other navigable ponds in Franklin are Spring (Green's) Pond, Beaver Pond, and Uncas Pond, the last two of which are listed as Great Ponds by Mass DEP.

There are many other natural areas in Franklin waiting to be explored.

The Commission would also like the town residents to be aware of the potential tax savings of M.G. L. Chapter 61 (forest land), 61A (agricultural land) and 61B (recreational land). Such programs are designed to benefit the land owner via reducing the tax burden as well as to preserving and maintaining the quality and quantity of environmentally sensitive and natural areas within the commonwealth.

Conservation Commission Members:

Jeff Livingstone – Chair  
 Paul Harrington - - Vice Chair  
 Scott McLean  
 Ravi Pendkar  
 Steve Younis  
 Bill Batchelor

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Livingstone, Chair

Please visit our website for additional information including application forms, and regularly posted Conservation Commission agendas and meeting minutes at [www.franklin.ma.us](http://www.franklin.ma.us)

# REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

**Christopher Clay, Chair**

**Bonnie Kaiden, Vice Chair**

May 2015 marks our fifth successful season at the Franklin Community garden located at the King Street Memorial Park. It is a wonderful opportunity for Franklin residents to meet, learn, and grow in a healthy space while sharing in the joy and knowledge of growing organic fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

In partnership with the Town of Franklin, the Recreation Department and the nonprofit Friends of Franklin Community Gardens,

## Your Community Garden Committee:

- Identifies appropriate locations
- Coordinates design and construction of new gardens
- Develops and enforces rules and regulations for the gardens
- Oversees the plot lottery, gardener registration, and plot distribution

## We pledge to continue:

- Supporting our community in growing local food
- Providing locally harvested food to those in need
- Promoting increased social interaction through gardening within our community
- Developing an educational garden for all ages



**How do I sign up?** Simply email the garden committee at [franklincommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:franklincommunitygardens@gmail.com) to be put on a waiting list, or inquire at the Recreation Department.

**How much does it cost?** The season fee is \$40 per year, renewable if you are a gardener in good standing, payable to The Town of Franklin.

**I don't know anything about growing vegetables.** That's okay, our volunteers will teach you!



Chris Clay shows us how

## 2014/2015 Highlights

Garlic Planting School  
2 New Garden Beds built, bring our total to 52!  
Spring Plant Sale  
Native Plant Garden Installed



Spring Plant Sale

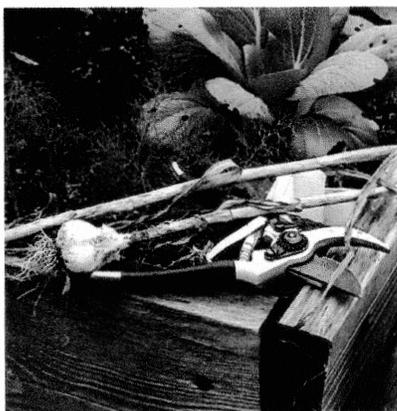
For more information, please visit the webpage at [www.franklincommunitygardens.com](http://www.franklincommunitygardens.com), or the blog at [www.growinginfranklin.blogspot.com](http://www.growinginfranklin.blogspot.com). If you would like to join us, please visit the Recreation Department in person or online, or inquire at [franklincommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:franklincommunitygardens@gmail.com)



*Visitors Welcome*



*Native Plant Garden*



*Garlic 101*

We continue to thank the DPW for our woodchips, our volunteers and gardeners for the never-ending chores of weeding and harvesting, our partners at the Recreation Department for coordinating the signups, and our community partners for material donations and supplies. *Thank You!*



*Little sprouts grown by the preschool children*



*Flowers feed the soul*

The Community Garden Committee meets the first Monday of the month at Town Hall. Check the Town of Franklin Meeting Calendar for details.

*If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact any committee member or visit the Town Clerk's Office.*

Christopher Clay, Chair  
Bonnie Kaiden, Vice Chair  
Kiernan Reed, Secretary  
Amy Acevedo, Member  
Rich Clauser, Member

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Acevedo*

## DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

The Design Review Commission (DRC) is a Committee comprised of 5 regular members and 2 alternate members. All are residents and volunteers who are appointed by the Town. The Committee represents Citizen interests and strives to ensure new developments and sign installations enhance the appearance of the Town while meeting Town codes and bylaws. This Committee has approval authority on signage and recommendation input to the Planning Board on Site Plans as to landscaping and lighting and Building Plans as to exterior design, colors and materials. The Commission meets twice monthly and has addressed numerous projects and sign applications this past fiscal year. The Commission is currently composed of Mark Fitzgerald, Chair, Chris Baryluk, Nancy Coleman, Anna Moses, and Claudine Silverman, as well as associate members, Doug Newton and Kate Harrington.

This past fiscal year, the Commission reviewed and addressed several Site Plans as to landscaping and lighting and exterior Building Plans as to elevations, design, colors and materials. Reviews included projects such as the Midas Store site on West Central, Planet Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram renovations and expansion, and Oteri Funeral Home, as well as several other, smaller projects. In addition sign applications were received, hearings held and decisions issued for 50 signs during the past fiscal year.

Meetings are held at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Room 205, at 7:00 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Meeting times, dates and agendas are posted at the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Fitzgerald, Chair

# REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Year in Review - 2015

Our fiscal year, which started July 1, 2014, began quietly as much of the town's focus was on the opening and completion of our newly built Franklin High School.

During the year the committee met 8 times. Four of those meetings were focused on the Fiscal 2016 budget process, with the end result being the approval of a projected \$115 million operating budget for the town. The budget allows for the town to provide services at the same level as FY 2015.

The long term financial plan continues to project some financial challenges over the next 5 years. In an effort to seek additional sources of recurring revenue, the town secured the sale of the old Municipal Building on Emmons Street to a commercial developer. Additionally, an OPEB Trust Fund was established to help reduce our overall funding requirements, hopefully saving us money over time.

Outside of our regularly scheduled meetings, we continued our participation in the Capital Budget,

Economic Development and Joint Budget subcommittees.

While towns must operate within Federal, State & local laws as well as municipal finance rules & regulations, continued focus and public debate enables progress and improvements. Some improvements are less visible, like the favorable restructuring of town debt in a low interest rate environment. Other improvements are more apparent, such as capital expenditures and expansion of our of our heavily utilized Senior Center, Library and public recreation space.

I am grateful for my fellow committee members and their ongoing dedication to continued improvements and the financial well being of our town.

#### Committee Members:

Paul Aparo	Tim Smith
William Dowd	Christopher Quinn
George Conley	Michael Dufour
Patricia Goldsmith	Linda Poll Huempfer

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Dewsnap  
Chairman, Franklin Finance Committee

# REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal Year 2014



Fire Headquarters  
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Franklin, Massachusetts 02038

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[http://town.franklin.ma.us/Pages/FranklinMA\\_Fire/index](http://town.franklin.ma.us/Pages/FranklinMA_Fire/index)

## The Department

The Franklin Fire Department is divided into two divisions: Operations and Maintenance, which is the largest and responsible for dispatch, emergency medical services, fire suppression and hazardous materials response. Administration and Support Services is responsible for personnel, budget and finance, training, code compliance and coordinating the Town's emergency preparedness.

## Our Mission

The mission of the Franklin Fire Department is to:

...Have a positive impact in the lives of citizens and visitors of Franklin in their time of crisis by providing compassionate, contemporary, community driven services.

...Safeguard human life from the perils of fire, sudden illness, injury or other emergency medical condition, natural and man-made disasters as well as preserve the environment and property from ensuing destruction.

... Be responsible for a safe, productive and pleasant work environment for our employees, and provide them opportunities to gain new skills and advance their personal career goals.

## Operational Objectives

- Initiating advanced life support to patients within 8 minutes of receiving the telephone call at our communications center.
- To access, extricate, treat and transport and transport trauma patients to a level one trauma medical facility within one hour of the occurrence of the injury.
- Interrupt the progression of fires in structures within 8 minutes of open flame ignition.
- To insure response readiness remains greater than 70%.
- Provide safety and survival skills for all school students in grade K through 5 consistent with the Student Awareness Fire Education (SAFE) initiative of the Commonwealth.
- Provide educational opportunities for department members to insure optimal performance and safety.
- To develop and maintain "best practice" to insure personnel and citizen safety.
- Insure fire safety through timely, consistent code compliance services to all external customers.
- Provide all department services in a manner that satisfies the needs of our customers.

## Message from the Fire Chief

Fiscal Year 2015 ended as the busiest year in department history, with nearly 3,800 emergency responses. The department continued to enjoy the benefit of a Federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant that provided four replacement Firefighter-Paramedics positions that were lost in 2009. The SAFER Grant will expire in November of Fiscal Year 2016, and with the direction and assistance of the Town Administrator, the department will be able to maintain these positions through the balance of Fiscal Year 2016 and beyond.

This continued support is imperative given the response pattern the department has experienced over the past several years. Over that time, we have seen the number of calls for service that occur back-to-back or simultaneously grow steadily averaging nearly 380 calls per year over the past five years. Back-to-back or simultaneous calls are where the department receives another emergency call for service while managing a call for service (two at a time). Indeed the department, with the guidance of the Town Council has developed our resources to manage this scenario. What is concerning is the frequency of receiving three or more emergency calls simultaneously as we are quickly stripped of resources to respond and typically must rely on out of Town resources. Over the past five years the frequency of 3 or more simultaneous emergency responses has risen by 50%, totaling 360 events in Fiscal Year 2015. The overwhelming majority of these responses involve requests for emergency medical services. In Fiscal Year 2015, this caused 138 ambulance responses from other Towns into Franklin. The increasing use of out-of-town resources causes delay in our ability to provide timely

transport to the hospital emergency room. Franklin’s average response time is 5 minutes, 44 seconds; the average response time for an out-of town ambulance is 12 minutes, 33 seconds – this time difference can have a great impact on the quality of patient outcomes for people with medical emergencies.

This trend of call distribution is compounded by the increasing calls for services. As previously noted, the department responded to nearly 3,800 emergency responses in Fiscal Year 2015, an increase of more than 10% from Fiscal year 2014. We believe this trend is in response to an upturn in our economy. This year saw increased occupancy rates in the Town’s Industrial Parks as well as opening of new businesses and facilities. All of these combine to bring more people into the community and increase our demands for services. We will continue to monitor all of these trends and work with the community to develop strategies to maintain acceptable levels of emergency services within the Town.

The year we welcomed Michael Berthiaume to the department. Mike is a graduate of Franklin High School and comes to the department by way of the Bourne Fire Department – we look forward to his contributions. Additionally, this year saw the promotion of Joseph Barbieri to the rank of Captain. Joe will be responsible for the department’s fire prevention and life safety operations and brings a great deal of energy and education to this position. Firefighter Keith Darling has been appointed as the department’s SAFE Officer, responsible for safety training and education for the Town’s young and senior populations. Congratulations to both!

In addition to emergency response, the department also continued to try to expand its fire prevention education activities, providing safety and survival education to the most vulnerable population to fire – our children and seniors. Through the dedicated efforts of SAFE Officer Keith Darling, the department continued to educate over 100 children per month as well as attend various activities at the Senior Center. This year the department began offering home visit for our senior citizens. The focus of these visits is to insure there are working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, remove trip hazards as well as provide safety education. Lieutenant Tom Carlucci with Firefighter Doug Perro, Paul Molla and Bill Blanchard provide dedicated assistance in completing this important service to our citizens.

Our employees continue to be the chief reason for maintaining our current the level of success and level of services we provide our citizens. They continue to work tirelessly to protect life and property within Franklin. In addition to their on-duty responses, our employees commit countless hours in continuing education and training targeted to maintain and improved upon their emergency skills. Additionally, they continue to press forward in attempt to provide the highest level of service to the community based upon advancement in the fire-rescue field

and advancements in technology. These efforts have yielded significant and broad insight into the requirements necessary to maintain and improve upon the services we provide to the citizens of Franklin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary B. McCarraher, Fire Chief



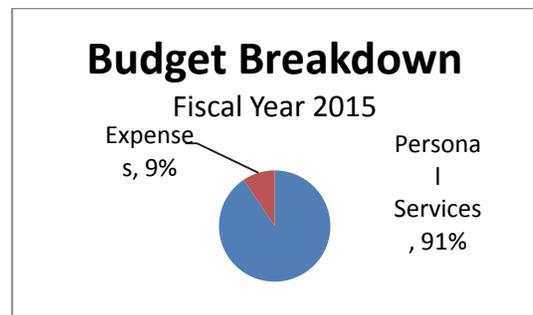
**Department Staffing**

*Summary*

<b>Division</b>	<b>Full Time Employees</b>	<b>Part Time Employees</b>
Administration and Support Services	3	0
Operations and Maintenance	53	4

*Budget Summary*

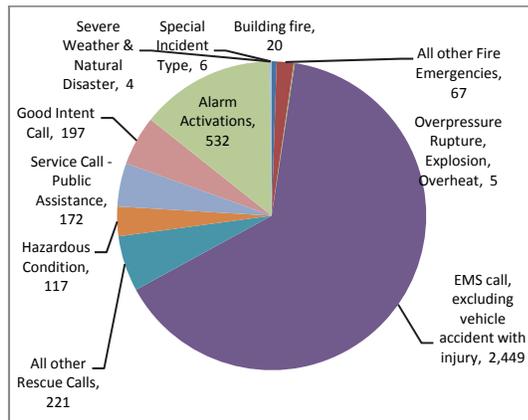
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>FY'14 Approved</b>	<b>FY'15 Approved</b>
<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>\$ 4,038,526</b>	<b>\$ 4,092,725</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 390,250</b>	<b>\$ 425,600</b>
<b>Equipment Outlay</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Capital Equipment</b>		
	<b>\$ 4,428,776</b>	<b>\$ 4,518,325</b>



**Statistical Summary**

## Emergency Response

Type of Emergency	2014	2015
Building fire	32	20
All other Fire Emergencies	59	67
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)	2	5
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2,248	2,449
All other Rescue Calls	215	221
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	123	117
Service Call - Public Assistance	134	172
Good Intent Call	166	197
Alarm Activations	442	532
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	4
Special Incident Type	5	6
<i>Total Emergency Response</i>	<i>3,427</i>	<i>3,790</i>



Fiscal Year 2015  
Emergency Response Breakdown

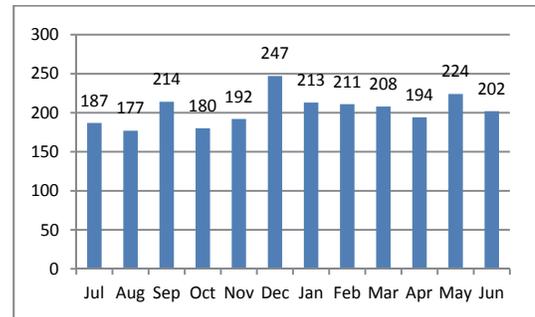
## Fire Emergencies

This year, the department responded to 1,341 incidents that involved damage due to fire and other non medical emergencies, nearly the same as the previous year. The incidence of fire within buildings decreased this year from 32 to 20 building fires from the previous year. This is consistent with our typical 24 to 36 building fire per year.

Of all fire incidents experienced within the Town, the majority (60%) occurred at residential property. Commercial property accounted for 28% of the department's fire damage, with special properties (e.g. roadways and outdoor areas) accounting for 7% of the fire problem.

## Medical Emergencies

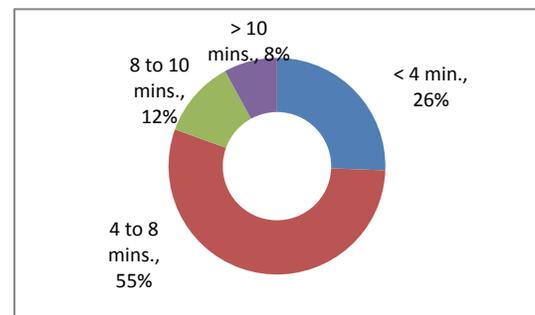
Requests for medical aid continue to be the largest service delivery for the department. In fiscal year 2014, medical emergencies accounted for 65% of the department's emergency responses. The department provided transport and medical assistance to a total of 1,867 patients. On average, the department responded to more than 204 medical calls per month, up from the average of 163 per month in 2005. Additionally, we served another 256 citizens with non transport services. The department generated \$ 759,000 in revenue for the General Fund through third party billing for ambulance services.



Medical Emergency Response  
by Month  
Response times

In Franklin, over 45% of all requests for emergency aid occur during the routine business day. This is the third year of an emerging decline over the past years where the majority of all responses occurred during this time frame. The least busy hour of the day was 3:00 AM with the busiest hour of the day between 11 AM and noon. The department's emergency incidents were distributed in a fairly equal fashion through the days of the week. Sundays were the least busy day with slightly more than 13% of the call volume with Tuesdays being the busiest with 16% of the call volume each day; the remaining days of the week ranged between 13% and 15% of the emergency call volume.

This year the department met the response time standards established by the National Fire Protection Association. This in large part is due to the inclusion of various dispatch time intervals which effectively increases the overall response time from 8 minutes to 10 minutes. The department responds within 10 minutes to 92% of all emergencies; medical emergencies 97% of all calls and to 100% for all building fires.



Emergency Responses Time Breakdown  
All Emergencies

The department's long range planning initiative anticipated this decline in overall response effectiveness which can be attributed to increased call volume to areas of the Town which have developed with increased population over the past several years. To no end, we will continue to monitor this critical benchmark and make appropriate recommendation to insure timely services to all citizens of Franklin.

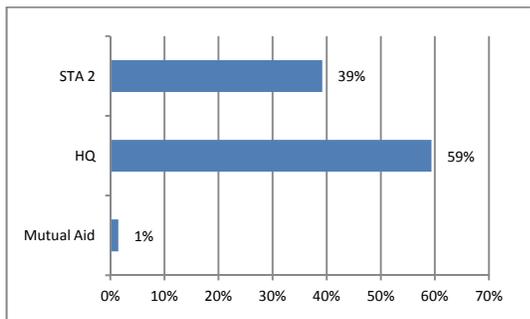


Headquarters – 40 West Central Street



Station #2 – 600 King Street

This year emergency responses between our station locations continued the trend of last year being not as equally divided as in the past. The Headquarters facility responded to the majority of our emergency responses. The King Street Station however continues to respond to a significant number of emergency responses and adds significantly to our ability to respond to requests for emergency aid in a timely fashion.



Response by Station

### Code compliance and Inspections

This was another busy year for Captain Barbieri and Fire Prevention. Overall, the volume for inspections grew by 13%. The annual inspection of the all Liquor License

holders, 17 Schools, Day Care facilities, Summer Camps and Multi-family houses along with the daily inspections of homes for resale and new construction, service calls, telephone inquiries, LP gas tanks inspection, oil burner inspection, oil tank removals and plans review is almost too much to be handled by one person.

We continue to increase the number of commercial business inspections along with helping businesses to formulate evacuation plans for their employees. In turn, this has shown an increase in the number of requests for conducted fire drills by this department in occupied business facilities. It is a good sign that employers are concerned with the safety of their employees.

We would like to thank the Building Commissioner Gus Brown and his staff for their assistance over the past year.

### Emergency Preparedness



The department continues to be the lead agency for the Town's emergency preparedness to natural and man-made disasters. This year we were fortunate in not experiencing any serious natural disasters. The Town's emergency management team met regularly over the year to insure preparedness in the event of large scale emergency and began addressing new threat identified within the Town. At the end of the year, the Town received a grant for enhance communications with citizens through Smartphone applications. The app is called PING 4 and can be downloaded for free on Apple or Android. This app allows us to provide you with up to date information during emergencies and information in preparation for emergencies.

As in previous years, we strongly encourage citizens to register their cell phones into the Connect CTY network so they can receive up-to-date information, even in the event of a power outage. Registration is easy, log onto the Town's web page, click on the Connect CTY icon and follow the instructions.

## FRANKLIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

### Mission Statement

The Franklin Health Department is charged with protecting the public health and well being of the community, in accordance with federal, state and local public health laws and regulations. To fulfill this responsibility, the Franklin Health Department enforces a multitude of public health laws and regulations, and administers a comprehensive inspection program.

### Inspections

The following list identifies the primary components of the department's inspection program, and the total number of inspections and re-inspections conducted for each component.

* Food Service/Retail Food/Inspections/ Complaint Investigations .....	370
* Title V Septic System Plan Review and Installation/Repair, Total Applications .....	56
14 New, 13 Repairs, 29 Minor Repairs and Approximately 165 Field Inspections Conducted.	
* Chapter II Housing Code Inspection/Re- inspections.....	35
* Public Health Nuisance/Odor/Noise/Animal/ Smoking Complaint Investigations .....	71
* Semi-Public Pool/Spa Testing/Inspection and Public Beach Testing.....	35
* Inspection and Licensing of Children’s Recreational Camps .....	10
* Tanning Salon Inspection.....	4
* Manicure/Pedicure Establishment.....	8

**Communicable Disease**

As mandated by the State Department of Public Health, local health departments must report, investigate and track all communicable disease occurrences in their jurisdictions. The Franklin Health Department has had a long-term contract with the former VNA and Hospice of Greater Milford, now call Salmon Health Care, to assist with the investigation and follow up of reportable communicable diseases that occur in the community. The VNA also conducts annual flu clinics for Franklin residents.

The following list depicts the reportable illness activity for fiscal year 2014-2015 in number of official confirmed cases:

Malaria .....	0
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis.....	1
Calicivirus/Norovirus .....	1
Babesiosis.....	0
Campylobacter .....	6
Hepatitis A .....	0
Hepatitis B.....	1
Hepatitis C.....	10
Lyme Disease .....	26
Meningitis .....	0
Streptococcus, Group A/B.....	3
E. Coli .....	0
Ehrlichiosis.....	1
Giardiasis .....	2
Salmonella Enteritis .....	1
Bacterial Infection, Avium, Vibrio.....	1
Encephalitis .....	0
Cryptosporidiosis .....	2
Legionellosis .....	1
Pulmonary TB.....	0
Chicken Pox .....	0
Pertussis .....	3
Influenza.....	67
Dog Bites.....	14
Cat Bites.....	4
Shigellosis.....	0
TB related.....	0
Streptococcus Pneumoniae.....	1

Yersiniosis .....	1
Vibrio sp.....	1
Dengue Fever.....	0
Enterovirus .....	1
Haemophilus Influenza.....	1
Legionellosis.....	3
Varicella .....	2
Chikungunya.....	1

**Flu Clinics**

In fiscal year 2014-2015, the VNA/Salmon Health Care held one seasonal flu clinic immunizing 55 residents. The wide spread availability of flu vaccine has reduced attendance at our public clinics in recent years. The VNA/Salmon Health Care also provided TB screening/testing and case follow-up for a number of residents, and held a fall prevention program in cooperation with the Franklin Senior Center.

**Licenses and Permits**

The following is a comprehensive list of all permits/licenses issued by the Franklin Health Department during fiscal year 2014-2015. Most licensed/permitted activities require at least annual inspections as part of the permitting process.

Beaver Permits.....	10
Burial Permits .....	86
Bottling.....	1
Catering .....	1
Cleaners/Laundromats .....	1
Recreational Camps.....	8
Septic Installers .....	43
Disposal of Offal .....	28
Food Establishment .....	105
Funeral Directors .....	3
Infectious Waste .....	1
Keeping of Animals.....	13
Frozen Desserts/Ice Cream.....	10
Milk and Cream.....	34
Milk and Cream Vehicles .....	3
Mobile Food .....	3
Pasteurization .....	1
Private Wells (potable).....	9
Irrigation Wells.....	6
Recycling.....	1
Retail Food .....	29
Stables .....	18
Manicure Establishment .....	16
Tanning Establishment .....	3
Temporary Food .....	15
Trench Permits.....	28
Semi-Public Pools/Spas.....	24
Tobacco/Nicotine Delivery Products.....	29

**Staff**

The current Health Department staff is as follows:  
David E. McKearney, R.S. Public Health Director  
Virginia M. McNeil, Health Agent, Elizabeth Hoey,  
Environmental Health Inspector, (14) hours,  
and Mary Ellen Ficco, Administrative Assistant, (16) hours.