

FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

September 7, 2022

Meeting will be held at the **Municipal Building**
2nd floor, Council Chambers
355 East Central Street
7:00 PM

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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

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- Chair to identify members participating remotely.*

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to three minutes on a matter that is not on the agenda. The Council will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Citizen Comments. The Town Council will give remarks appropriate consideration and may ask the Town Administrator to review the matter.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [July 20, 2022](#)

4. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS - None Scheduled.

5. APPOINTMENTS - None Scheduled.

6. HEARINGS - 7:00 pm - None Scheduled.

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None Scheduled.

8. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSION

- Dean College President Kenneth Elmore J.D. and Chancellor Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
- Discussion: Drought Conditions - Brutus Cantoreggi, DPW Director & Doug Martin, Water/Sewer Superintendent
- [Discussion: Massachusetts State Seal & Motto](#)

9. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Bylaw Amendment 22-883: Amendment to Water System Map, 2nd Reading](#) (*Motion to Approve Bylaw Amendment 22-883 - Majority Roll Call Vote*)
- b. [Resolution 22-59: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4](#) (*Motion to Approve Resolution 22-59 - Majority Vote*)
- c. [Resolution 22-60: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept. \(\\$3,289\), Senior Center \(\\$250\), Franklin Historical Museum \(\\$200\)](#) (*Motion to Approve Resolution 22-60 - Majority Vote*)

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

11. SUBCOMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Capital Budget Subcommittee
- b. Budget Subcommittee
- c. Economic Development Subcommittee

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None Scheduled.

15. ADJOURN

Note:

Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 20, 2022**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at the Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA. Councilors present: Brian Chandler, Theodore Cormier-Leger, Robert Dellorco, Cobi Frongillo, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Thomas Mercer, Deborah Pellegrini, Patrick Sheridan. Councilors absent: None. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney; Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER: ► Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Chair Mercer called for a moment of silence. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ► Chair Mercer reviewed the following as posted on the agenda. A Note to Residents: All citizens are welcome to attend public board and committee meetings in person. Meetings are live-streamed by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. In an effort to maximize citizen engagement opportunities, citizens will be able to continue to participate remotely via phone or Zoom. He announced that this meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting may be recorded by others.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Ms. Kathleen Trefethen, 3 Rizoli Circle, stated that the Massachusetts state seal and main feature on the state's flag is deeply offensive to Native Americans. She explained the offensive symbols. She explained that the image promotes violence, conquest, and oppression towards indigenous people. She stated that the current seal was designed in the late 1880s. In 2021, the Massachusetts state legislature established a special commission to study the flag, seal, and motto and make recommendations for change. She read aloud some language from the bill. She stated that the commission voted unanimously in May 2022 to seek a complete redesign of the flag, seal, and motto. ► Mr. Stephen Derdarian, 10 Regent Circle, stated that there are racist issues with the state flag. He stated that the time is overdue to have the flag and seal reflect our values. He stated that we are here tonight to request an important step towards this whereby Franklin can be part of the solution. He stated that they are asking that the Franklin Town Council pass a resolution in support of changing the Massachusetts's flag, seal, and motto. He stated that the commission deadline is the end of December 2022. He stated that we sincerely hope that passing this resolution will give us one more reason to be proud of living in Franklin and Massachusetts. ► Mr. Colin Cass, 146 Longhill Road, stated that he added his support to the suggestion that the Town pass a resolution in favor of replacing the flag with a more appropriate symbol.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ► *June 8, 2022 and June 22, 2022.* ► **MOTION to Approve** the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve** the June 22, 2022 meeting minutes by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: ► *Proclamation: Margaret (Peg) Simpson.* ► Chair Mercer stated that this is a proclamation honoring Ms. Margaret Simpson on her 100th birthday. ► Councilor Hamblen read aloud a proclamation honoring Ms. Simpson on the occasion of her 100th birthday. ► Representative Jeff Roy read aloud a resolution from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives congratulating Ms. Simpson on the occasion of her 100th birthday. He read aloud a proclamation from Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito congratulating Ms. Simpson on the joyous occasion of her 100th birthday.

► **Proclamation: Unified Basketball Team.** ► Chair Mercer read aloud the proclamation honoring the Franklin Unified Basketball Team on winning the gold medal at the 2022 Special Olympics. ► A team member thanked all the coaches who supported them every step of the way, and he thanked his teammates. ► The team coach thanked the Town Council for this honor and the Town of Franklin for the ongoing support and acknowledgement.

Chair Mercer declared a two-minute recess.

APPOINTMENTS: ► **2022 Election Workers.** ► Councilor Jones read the list of names as indicated on the attached "Exhibit 1" to be appointed as election workers for the upcoming 2022 elections.

► **MOTION** to appoint the persons whose names appear in "Exhibit 1" as Election Workers as requested by the Town Clerk by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-1.** (Chair Mercer abstained.)

HEARINGS: None.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► **Presentation: Elks Rider Donation Presentation.** ► Mr. Hellen stated that the Elks Riders and Veterans' Agent Shannon Nisbett will provide a short presentation. The resolution of acceptance is the first one on the list. ► Mr. Richard Gately, President of the Elks Riders introduced Mr. Peter Diamond, Treasurer, and Kurt, Road Capitan. Mr. Gately stated that they did another charity ride this year; they would like to donate \$1,000 to the Veterans' Gift Fund. He stated that they do the runs every year. This is a very good cause and this is what the riders do. ► Ms. Nisbett thanked Mr. Gately and the Elks Riders Club for their generous \$1,000 donation. She explained that the Veterans' Gift Fund is an important fund. She stated that the Elks Club supports veterans in many ways. She noted two other donations: \$500 from Ginley Funeral Home to the Monument Restoration Fund and \$500 from Grove Street Auto Repair to the Veterans' Municipal Assistance Fund. She thanked all the donators.

Chair Mercer stated that he was going to take the Legislation for Action items out of order.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

Note: Two-Thirds Vote requires six votes; Majority Vote requires majority of members present and voting.

- a. **Resolution 22-43: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department (\$2,000) (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-43 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 22-43: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department (\$2,000) by Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS (continued): ► **Discussion: Disposition of Town-owned land containing South Franklin Meeting House.** ► Mr. Hellen noted his memo to the Town Council dated July 15, 2022, regarding the disposition of the Town-owned land that contains the South Franklin Meeting House (Old South Church) which was provided in the meeting packet. He stated that this is a discussion item based on the EDC subcommittee; the committee voted 3:1 to recommend to the full Town Council to instruct the staff to put an RFP out for parties to bid on housing projects only. He reviewed that the Expressions of Interest received are attached as is the Solicitation Document that was posted on the Town website. He reviewed that an Expression of Interest went out for a two-month period to see if there are any interested parties willing to take on the preservation project. The Town received two formal, non-binding written proposals. He stated that this is just a discussion item; there is no resolution tonight to vote on. He stated that the Town Attorney advised that there was a discussion to make sure the Town

Council does not have other ideas. He stated that the Town Council still has full discretion over the use. He stated that they are still very early in the process. ► Councilor Hamblen, EDC Chair, stated that the EDC's job was to recommend to the full Town Council the best purpose for an RFP. Using these two serious Expressions of Interest for the building, they weighed what would be best for the Town as a whole and for the neighborhood where the meeting house is. They kept in mind traffic and parking for the neighborhood. She stated that they also wanted to see if they could get some revenue for the Town, and they wanted to make sure the exterior remained the same and would be taken care of. ► Councilor Sheridan stated that he was the one vote against making this housing. He stated that this building has been part of the Franklin Community since 1865. The people who built the building wanted it to be a community building. He stated that before we gut this historical building that has been for public use for over 100 years and give it to one family, we should at least look for other proposals which is what he thinks the original builders would have wanted. He stated that he thinks that the church that donated it to the town in the 1990s would have wanted it for the whole community and not just give it to one family. He stated that he thinks it would be better to use it for a public use. ► Councilor Jones stated that as part of the EDC subcommittee, the other members agreed it would be best to repurpose it as a residential property. He reviewed the proposal that was brought forward by Habitat for Humanity which was provided in the meeting packet, and he explained the reasons that he selected that proposal. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger asked about the selection process for the family that would reside there if the Habitat for Humanity proposal went forward. ► Ms. Kim Thomas, CEO of Old Colony Habitat for Humanity, stated she was excited to possibly have this opportunity to build a home in Franklin. She reviewed the selection criteria for the home. She stated that being a Franklin resident could be included. She stated that there would be a rider on the property that it would stay in the affordable housing inventory. ► Mr. Hellen noted that the Town Council could put in criteria for consideration. ► Councilor Chandler noted that he is concerned about the outside façade and who would be responsible for that. ► Mr. Tim Travers, President of the Board of Directors, stated that it would be the family's responsibility, but they work with the family on the upkeep of the property. He reviewed the construction process. He stated that the project will probably be around \$300,000; they try to spend the construction funds within the town they are working in when doing a project. ► Councilor Dellorco confirmed that it is probably a \$300,000 renovation project. ► Councilor Pellegrini stated that the project sounds very good. ► Chair Mercer stated that it has been vacant for a very long time. He stated that they have had very little interest in it. He stated that to have the church and the Habitat for Humanity come forward has piqued his interest in it. He stated that he does like the residential piece. He stated that there is very little parking there for a meeting house or community space. He stated that he very much supports this residential piece and he likes what Habitat for Humanity has brought forward. ► Mr. Cerel stated that the Town can be fairly stringent as it is the Town's property. He stated that there are two aspects to it: affordability that has been alluded to and the historic aspect and there would be specified remedies. ► Mr. Thomas Lennon, 11 Fort Apache Drive, stated that Old Colony Habitat for Humanity is a great organization. He stated that he has worked with Mr. Travers. He stated that with the housing shortage, this is probably a great way to repurpose this landmark. He stated that this would be a great thing. ► Mr. Hellen asked the Town Attorney what the next steps are. ► Mr. Cerel reviewed the next steps in the process which include a resolution to go out with an RFP. ► Chair Mercer stated that he would like Mr. Hellen to work on that. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger confirmed the RFP would be for housing. ► Councilor Pellegrini asked about the furniture inside the building. ► Mr. Cerel explained the RFP process.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION (continued):

- b. **Resolution 22-44: Authoring Tax Increment Financing, Plansee USA LLC, 115 Constitution Boulevard (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-44 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 22-44: Authoring Tax Increment Financing, Plansee USA LLC, 115 Constitution Boulevard by Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed the acronym TIF and stated that there have been many successful TIFs in town. He

thanked Mr. Peter Aldrian of Plansee USA and the company for being part of Franklin. He stated that this is how our governmental structure gives the Town of Franklin a huge competitive advantage. He stated that with the Town Council's approval tonight, this will move to the state approval process.

► Director of Planning and Community Development Bryan Taberner reviewed Plansee USA's proposed project; proposal materials were provided in the Town Council's meeting packet. He stated that the investment will be over \$6 million. He stated that the increased assessed value to the property will be about \$2 million which will bring in a little under \$30,000 per year; that is the increment we are dealing with. Regarding the TIF, he stated that he would recommend doing something similar to what was done with Cold Chain and other companies. ► Councilor Frongillo confirmed the actual TIF has not been constructed. ► Mr. Taberner stated that he and Mr. Hellen can sit down with the company and negotiate something that works for both the Town and the company. He reviewed how the TIF is constructed. He explained that the state requires that the company does annual reporting. He stated that this will bring more jobs in town; it is a win for everybody. ► Councilor Frongillo discussed the reasons for offering a TIF to a company and stated that tax revenue is tax revenue.

► Mr. Hellen stated that Councilor Frongillo is missing a couple of pieces that far exceed the value of \$30,000 such as having a great company like this expanding in Franklin, the jobs that come with it, and it is a way to allow the company to put down the up-front investment. He explained that the tax revenue comes back over a period of time. He stated that the other big piece of this is that we do not want the company to leave Franklin. The short-term project is to have a TIF, but it is 10 years and the tax revenue will come back on. ► Mr. Taberner stated that if the company does not get a TIF, they do not get the investment tax credits from the state. He stated that if the company decides that they do not want to expand here, Franklin will not get the \$30,000 increase in taxes. He stated that they are talking about a long-term TIF. ► Councilor Frongillo discussed that sometimes a town loses a business and it will get replaced by another business that will make investments in the community. So, to present this as we are either going to have this company or it is going to be an abandon lot is not explaining the full truth. He reviewed the requirements of a TIF. ► Mr. Aldrian discussed their planned expansion and the training center for the workforce. He stated that this is a strong contribution to the Town. He stated that he hopes the Town Council will support this. ► Councilor Frongillo stated that he is talking about the other companies besides Plansee in Franklin that are constantly making positive investments in the community and are not asking for a \$30,000 tax break per year. He stated that he is missing why this is unique and why it would not have happened anyway. He asked why are we so desperate for a one-story office space to become two stories? ► Mr. Hellen reviewed the TIF program. He stated that it is available to a lot of other businesses, and he cannot say why they do not take advantage of it. ► Councilor Frongillo stated that he does not think this would be given to any property owner who wanted to improve their space. ► Mr. Hellen explained that they are going to improve the property. He discussed that there may be some businesses who have not taken advantage of this. ► Councilor Frongillo stated that he is not satisfied by that answer. He asked how many jobs are being created. ► Mr. Taberner stated that the application with the state is due in August and before that point they will come up with numbers. The actual number of jobs does not come into the TIF agreement; the jobs are a benefit to the Town. He stated that if you give the state a number of jobs and you do not hire that many, they penalize you. So, it is important that the company provides a conservation estimate. Ms. Maggie Boyd, Head of People Engagement at Plansee USA, stated that they have about 130 employees right now. She stated that they are looking to make the expansion because they are at their limits right now. They are a manufacturing company. They are not at liberty to work at home; they need to be at the office. They have outgrown their space. They would like to create a work environment that allows for a lot of collaboration. She reviewed the training facility for machinists. She stated that they have conservative numbers and are thinking about five more headcount. ► Councilor Frongillo stated that this type of agreement cannot be done for every company. ► Councilor Hamblen stated that she liked the idea of making this a headquarters and bringing in more people to the town. ► Councilor Jones discussed how good industry is in Franklin and how many jobs industry brings to Franklin. This is a long-term investment. It could bring a lot of

money back into the community and jobs. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger stated that this is a multi-billion-dollar, multi-national company. He stated that he understands Councilor Frongillo's concerns about why this type of multi-national company is asking for a tax break; however, he supports the idea of more jobs and a training facility and bettering a lot that may need some modernization. He stated that his only throw-out to Plansee is that it would be nice to see some of the corporate philanthropy come to Franklin. ► Councilor Chandler reviewed why he supports the TIF for Plansee. ► Councilor Dellorco stated that he is happy that they will be training machinists at this site. ► Chair Mercer stated that he 100 percent supports this resolution. ► Mr. Stephen Sherlock, 10 Lawrence Drive, stated that the Town has three active TIFs. He stated that as a taxpayer, he is all for this as it is new growth in the tax base. It is a win-win. ► **VOTE: Yes-7, No-2, Absent-0.** (Councilor Frongillo voted No; Councilor Sheridan voted No.)

- c. **Resolution 22-45: Transfer of Care, Custody, Management and Control of Davis-Thayer Elementary School from School Committee to Town Council (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-45 – Two-Thirds Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-45: Transfer of Care, Custody, Management and Control of Davis-Thayer Elementary School from School Committee to Town Council by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that we are asking the Town Council to approve Resolution 22-45 which will transfer the care, custody, management, and control of the Davis Thayer Elementary School parcel and building from the School Committee to under the legal purview of the Town Council. He stated that there is no determined use at this time. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► In response to Town Council members' questions, Mr. Hellen stated that some of the items in Davis Thayer have gone to other schools; it is not as much as people think. He stated that there is still some surplus property in there. The building is currently being used for storage for both the Town and Schools, which will continue until a decision is made regarding its permanent future use. He noted that disposing of desks and other items of surplus property is a very long process. He discussed the recording at the Registry of Deeds. He stated that a lot of decisions have to be made as to what the building can and cannot be. ► Chair Mercer stated that we need to get it into our hands; then we can change the use at any time. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** (Councilor Chandler had temporarily left the meeting.)
- d. **Resolution 22-46: Gift Acceptance - Historical Commission (\$2,000) (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-46 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-46: Gift Acceptance - Historical Commission (\$2,000) by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that this and the next resolution are generous donations by the Emmanuel Bomobolakis Trust. He thanked the estate for the very generous donations. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- e. **Resolution 22-47: Gift Acceptance - Disability Commission (\$2,000) (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-47 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-47: Gift Acceptance - Disability Commission (\$2,000) by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Chair Mercer thanked the family of Emmanuel Bomobolakis for their generous donations. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- f. **Bylaw Amendment 22-881: Chapter 7 Affordable Housing Trust Fund: Add Vice Chair and Clerk positions, 1st reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 22-881 to 2nd Reading - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 22-881: Chapter 7 Affordable Housing Trust Fund: Add Vice Chair and Clerk positions, to a second reading by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that this bylaw amendment was at the request of the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust. This is the first reading of a proposed bylaw amendment to create membership positions of Vice Chair and Clerk on the Municipal

Affordable Housing Trust. He stated that the staff also made some housecleaning language updates that can be seen in the proposed revised paragraph in the resolution. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- g. ***Bylaw Amendment 22-882: Chapter 4 Admin. of Govt.: Authorize Town Clerk to make format changes, 1st reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 22-882 to 2nd Reading - Majority Vote).*** ► Councilor Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 22-882: Chapter 4 Admin. of Govt.: Authorize Town Clerk to make format changes, to a second reading by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that this proposed bylaw is at the suggestion of the Town Attorney, Town Clerk, and Town Administrator; we are requesting the Town Council approve the first reading of a proposed bylaw which would authorize the Town Clerk to renumber or otherwise reformat a bylaw amendment in the event General Code points out inconsistencies in our bylaws as part of their quality control process on updating the Town's online Code system. The bylaw does not allow the Town Clerk to amend bylaws, but to only revise them administratively in the event multiple bylaws do not reference one another in certain sections. He stated that a bylaw such as this exists in many communities and this has been a frequent resolution to administratively renumber or reorder bylaws that are extremely long. He stated that General Code, or eCode360, is the Town's online code database, and they do a wonderful job. As part of that contract, they quality control everything that goes online. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► Mr. Hellen explained that General Code is the service the Town uses, and they do quality control on all the bylaws and Town code. ► Councilor Pellegrini stated that when she was Town Clerk, they were allowed to change chapter numbers as she said the number was not part of the bylaw and could be changed. ► Mr. Cerel stated that this process makes it clear that it is legal. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- h. ***Resolution 22-55: Town Council's Local Authorization and Approval for Conduct of 2022 State Elections, as Required by Chapter 92 of Legislative Acts of 2022 (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-55 - Majority Vote).*** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-55: Town Council's Local Authorization and Approval for Conduct of 2022 State Elections, as Required by Chapter 92 of Legislative Acts of 2022 by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that this is the reality of the new law that was put into place this year. ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello stated that there have been a lot of changes to the election laws. Some of those changes are for early in-person voting. She stated that we have to offer a full week of in-person early voting which will be done at the high school. She reviewed the days and hours and the options provided by the state. She reviewed that mail-in voting is here to stay. She stated that if you complete your card, you will receive a ballot in the mail. ► Councilor Chandler asked if we are getting any money based on the new rules. ► Ms. Danello said that we may get some money; she will ask for some money. ► Mr. Hellen stated that the Town will get reimbursed a small portion, but not near the full cost. He stated that these are the growing pains of ballot access. He stated that the Town Clerk used to have the power to appoint the officers; but now the Town Council has to vote on the number of officers. He stated that this will be a resolution before every election going forward. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► ***"Friendly 40B" Application.*** ► Mr. Hellen stated that this is a new procedure in town for what is called a Local Initiative Program (LIP) also known as a Friendly 40B. He stated that this is a good thing. He stated that the staff put this process together. Under a Friendly 40B process, the Town Council is actually one of the required votes to approve a housing development and the ZBA is another required vote to approved the housing development. The Town Council is not traditionally in this position. He stated that in going through the Franklin for All project, a lot of people in town have passion and views on growth, development, and housing. We as a staff thought it was advantageous to put in an administrative process for applicants as to what the process is to approve a

Friendly 40B in Franklin. He reviewed the process. He stated that they are trying this out; it is fairly unique. This will help educate the public on a Friendly 40B project. It is an administrative item. He stated that there are a handful of rumored projects of this type that may be coming forward, and this is the process that we can give to them. He stated that he hopes that this will provide for a proposal that will have a chance. He stated that this is just an outline.

► **Town Administrator Five-Year Fiscal Forecast.** ► Mr. Hellen stated that he hoped to have it drafted and done; he stated that he hopes it will be in the next few days. He stated that inflation is settling in to the local level. He stated that recently prices for steel, goods, and services have increased. He stated that there will be projects that just will not be able to move forward. He stated that he thinks FY23 will be a challenging year.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- b. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- c. **Economic Development Subcommittee.** ► Councilor Hamblen stated that the EDC met tonight before the Town Council meeting. She stated that they talked a lot about the Nu Style information and what it meant for our community. She stated that Mr. Taberner is going to keep applying for grants to help clean up the site. She stated that they will revisit this regularly.

► Chair Mercer asked Councilor Frongillo if there was any GATRA news. ► Councilor Frongillo stated that a new executive director was hired. He stated that if residents have experiences with GATRA, please let him know.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Councilor Cormier-Leger stated that at the June meeting, they talked about bringing a discussion forward on a particular item. ► Chair Mercer stated that it is on a future agenda under a discussion item. ► Mr. Hellen stated that there is a commission delivering a report in a few weeks and there are a variety of suggestions. ► Councilor Frongillo stated that he is still waiting on trails, parking, climate, zoning, and branding. ► Chair Mercer stated that they will be on future agendas. ► Councilor Jones stated that he would like to put forth another resolution in support of Franklin Ridge; he stated that Mr. Jule stated that would go a long way in the application process to acquire funding.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Councilor Frongillo noted the Cultural Festival event on September 10, 2022, from 12 PM to 6 PM. ► Councilor Hamblen gave condolences to the Derick family for their loss. She reminded people about the Farmers' Market on Friday. She thanked Dean Bank and the Franklin Food Pantry for providing the SNAP matching funds. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger gave condolences to the Derick family for the loss of their son. ► Councilor Chandler congratulated DPW employee Mr. Steve D'Angelo on his retirement. He congratulated Mr. Lucas Giguere as the new superintendent of schools. ► Councilor Pellegrini gave condolences to the Derick family and the family of Rita Veronica Geromini. She wished Mr. Steve D'Angelo a good retirement. She thanked the Fourth of July Committee for doing a great job. ► Councilor Jones stated that everyone should stay safe. ► Councilor Dellorco reviewed the history of the SAFE Coalition. He stated that they now cover 28 communities. They have three full-time employees, one part-time employee, and many volunteers. He discussed the great work that Mr. Jim Derick has done for the SAFE Coalition. He noted the disease is so terrible that it took Mr. Derick's son Jack. He stated that overdoses have gone up 30 percent since Covid. He gave condolences to the Derick family for the loss of their son. ► Chair Mercer gave condolences to the Derick and Geromini families. He congratulated the Fourth of July Committee for a great celebration. He congratulated the Franklin High Unified Basketball Team.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ► *Collective Bargaining - Exemption #3: Collective Bargaining (DPW, Custodians, Facilities, Library, Firefighters, Police Sergeants) - To discuss strategy with respect to*

collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. ► Chair Mercer stated there is a need for an executive session for Collective Bargaining, Exemption #3, Collective Bargaining (DPW, Custodians, Facilities, Library, Firefighters, Police Sergeants) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares, and we will return to open session following executive session. ► **MOTION to Enter** executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining - Exemption #3: Collective Bargaining (DPW, Custodians, Facilities, Library, Firefighters, Police Sergeants) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares, and we will be returning to open session, by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Open Session ended at 10:06 PM.

Open Session returned at 10:23 PM.

Chair Mercer called the Town Council meeting back to order.

- a. *Resolution 22-48: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Public Library Staff Association and the Town of Franklin (Motion to approve Resolution 22-48 - Majority Vote).* ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-48: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Public Library Staff Association and the Town of Franklin by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that he would speak to this resolution, but it applies to all the following resolutions. These are the formal ratification votes to the memorandums of understanding for the collective bargaining agreements for the public library staff, DPW union, custodial union, public facilities union, firefighters union, and police sergeants union. He thanked Ms. Karen Bratt and others for their hard work in getting these contracts done. The next six votes are to ratify each one. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- b. *Resolution 22-49: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the DPW Union and the Town of Franklin (Motion to approve Resolution 22-49 - Majority Vote).* ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-49: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the DPW Union and the Town of Franklin by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Councilor Pellegri stated that she wishes there was a way to show that we would like to give four percent, but we just cannot do it. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- c. *Resolution 22-50: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Custodians Union and the Town of Franklin (Motion to approve Resolution 22-50 - Majority Vote).* ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-50: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Custodians Union and the Town of Franklin by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- d. *Resolution 22-51: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Public Facilities Union and the Town of Franklin (Motion to approve Resolution 22-51 - Majority Vote).* ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-51: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Public Facilities Union and the Town of Franklin by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- e. **Resolution 22-52: Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Professional Firefighters of Franklin and the Town of Franklin (Motion to approve Resolution 22-52 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 22-52:** Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Professional Firefighters of Franklin and the Town of Franklin by **Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
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Chair Mercer thanked the Town Administrator, Ms. Karen Bratt, and the entire administrative team for doing a wonderful job in bringing the contacts to fruition.

ADJOURN: ► MOTION to Adjourn by Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary

Franklin Resident Signatures in Support of
*A Franklin Resolution in Support of the Work of the
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Motto for the Commonwealth That May Better Reflect
our Aspirations for Harmonious and Respectful Relations
Between All People Who Now Call Massachusetts
Home.”

Resident signatures were collected between May and
July 2022.

By

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ipetitions.com/petition/change-the-ma-flag-seal

Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts

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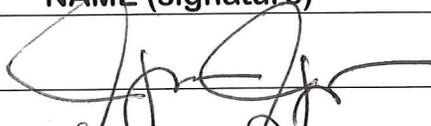
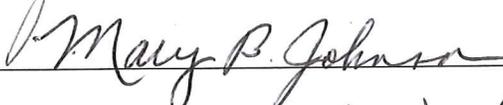
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Ask Franklin Town Council to Send a RESOLUTION IN SPPORT of the Commission to Change the MA Flag, Seal, and Motto

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Chelsea Joyce	Chelsea Joyce	80 Union Street
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Jamie Travis		4 Julie Dawn Dr
Mary B. Johnson		20 Newell Dr
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON	Ch B. John	20 Newell Dr
Jane F. Curran	Jane F. Curran	18 Park Rd
Christy Keeder	Chr K	4 Jeffrey Rd
Shauna Jean		127 Dean Ave #5307
Karen Kearns	Karen Kearns	36 Stone Ridge Rd
Danica Cucchi	Danica	12 Royal Court
Lori Von Iderstein	Lori Von Iderstein	19 Metcalf St
Frank Calabrese		72 Eighteen.
Johann Sanford	Johann Sanford	125 Dean Ave Franklin
Lauren Sanford	Lauren Sanford	125 Dean Ave Franklin
MICHAEL DAKOTA	M. Dakota	3 Pine Knoll, Franklin
Molly Dakota	Molly Dakota	3 Pine Knoll Franklin
Jane Gray	Jane Gray	31 Hayden Lane, Franklin
Shannon Gray	Shannon Gray	31 Hayden Lane Franklin
Carol Beckman	Carol Beckman	16 Falls St Franklin

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Jean Giordano Jean Giordano 77 Miller St. Franklin, MA

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For more than 50 years, Indigenous leaders have been calling for the Flag and Seal of Massachusetts to change. On January 6th, 2021, the Massachusetts Legislature, after 37 years, finally approved a bill to establish a Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and to invite Native leaders from the region to sit with legislators, historians, and others on this 19-member panel. The Special Commission is charged with making recommendations for changes to the Massachusetts flag and seal, and for an educational program on the history and meaning of the flag and sea. Our voices in support of this historic process are need now. *From changethemassflag.com*

Sword – modeled on Myles Standish broadsword. Plymouth military commander who was reprimanded by the Pilgrims for extensive killing of Natives

Native Image – Facial features came from photograph of Thomas Little Shell, a Chippewa chief from Montana

Belt – represents the belt of Metacomet (King Philip) whose severed head was displayed in Plymouth for more than 20 years

Body – modeled on a Native skeleton dug up in Winthrop

Downward Pointed Arrow – indicates a “pacified” Native person

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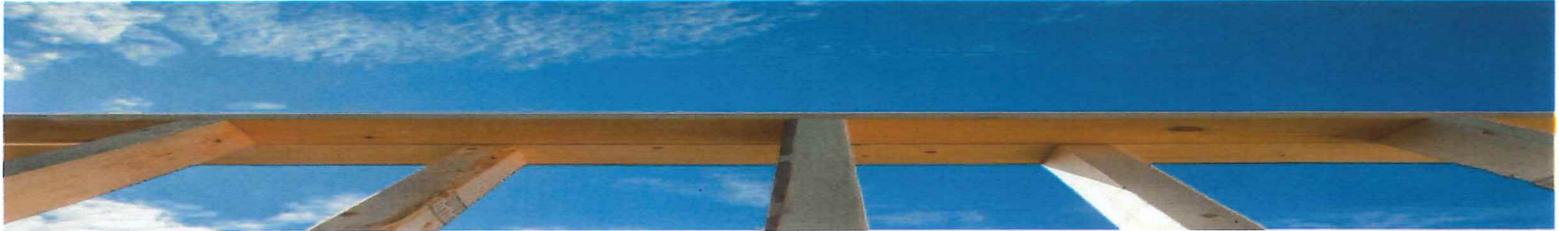
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Habitat is seeking partnerships to secure low-cost land for our next home!

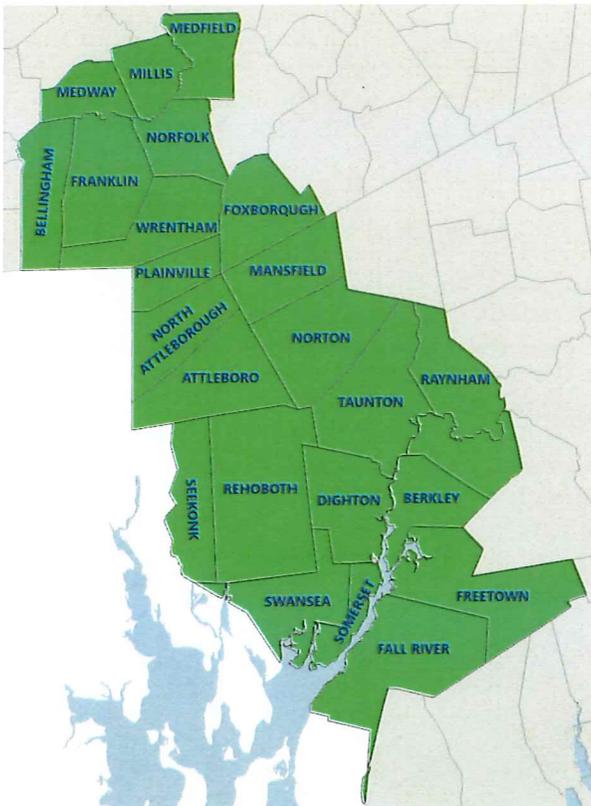


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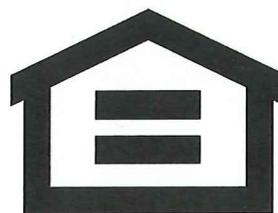
-  Purchase or donation from a private land owner
-  Purchase or donation from a business or institution
-  Obtain excess town-owned land through an RFP response

What are we looking for in a property?

-  Ideally, the lot meets local zoning requirements or ...
-  ... the lot has at least 7,000 to 10,000 s.f. of area
-  Access to amenities, such as water, sewer, gas, and electrical utilities
-  Ability to accommodate a private septic system if no sewer is present
-  Minimal site constraints, such as wetlands, ledge, or contamination
-  Good schools, safe roads, and friendly neighbors for our families



Habitat is a 501(c)3. Our mission is to provide decent, affordable housing in partnership with families.



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The logo for Habitat for Humanity Old Colony. It features a stylized house icon with a green roof and a blue silhouette of a family (two adults and a child) inside. Below the icon, the text "Old Colony" is written in a green, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the word "Habitat" is written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the words "for Humanity" are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to the right.

Old Colony Habitat for Humanity (OCHFH)



Our mission: Old Colony Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to providing decent, affordable housing in partnership with families in need. Reaching across religious, cultural, and racial boundaries, we seek to restore a sense of community with the common goal of strong neighborhoods and dignity through home ownership.

Our work: We are proud to have built homes for Habitat Partner families in Attleboro (1998), three homes in Norton (2003, 2004 and 2012), and one each in Plainville (2005), Norfolk (2010), Seekonk (2014), and Mansfield (2018).

Current Build-134 Pike Avenue, Attleboro



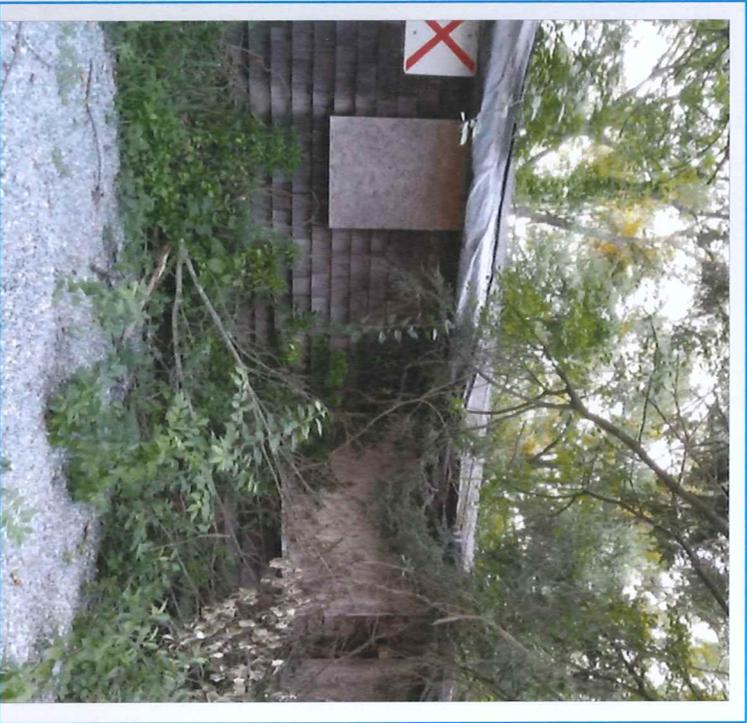
OCHFH History and Service Area

Our history: We started in 1989; we currently work in 22 communities in Norfolk and Bristol Counties. We've helped 8 families and their children build their homes! (The South Shore affiliate built 1 home in Medway prior to transferring to OCHFH.)

Our communities: Assonet, Attleboro, Bellingham, Berkley, Freetown, Fall River, Foxboro, Franklin, Mansfield, Medway, Millis, Medfield, Norfolk, North Attleboro, Norton, Plainville, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset, Taunton, & Wrentham



OCHFH Project – Before and After (Mansfield 2018)



Municipal Partnerships and OCHFH (Continued)

Advancing your local housing goals: The LIP program was designed by DHCD in the 1990's as a response to the mandate of state legislature to give local communities back some of the power in designing, financing, and building low-income housing. **OCHFH can be a partner in these efforts!**

Whereas most low-income housing that meets Chapter 40B requirements needs a Comprehensive Permit (Comp. Permit), which requires the developer to obtain state-approved subsidies, LIP program housing has only local support as it's prerequisite. The LIP program is administrated by DHCD; they are the ones who ultimately approve a project's feasibility and qualification. **OCHFH works with DHCD to make this happen - and to contribute to your community's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI)!**



Municipal Partnerships and OCHFH (Continued)

Land Acquisition: Since Habitat will be considered the 'developer' by DHCD, there is an expectation that the property title will be held by OCHFH. This may be accomplished through accepting donated land, purchasing land at below market rate, or by partnering with a town as developer through an RFP process. (See RFP information).

Once Habitat holds the title, the LIP process can begin!



OCHFH Families

In order to qualify for our homeowner program, applicants must:

- (a) have a need for safe and decent housing;
- (b) have lived or worked in our service area for at least a year;
- (c) attend homeownership / financial management seminars at our offices;
- (d) meet the HUD income guidelines of 80% of Area Median Income;
- (e) have secure employment, good credit, legal residency, no felony convictions, and no more than one misdemeanor;
- (f) be able to pay a down payment in the amount of \$2,000;
- (g) demonstrate an ability to pay a mortgage on time, in full, each month; **We have secured a lender who is offering 0% Mortgage for financing for families.**
- (h) the willingness to partner with Old Colony Habitat for Humanity by completing the required sweat equity. The requirement is 250 hours of sweat equity per adult in the household with a cap of 500 hours per household.
- (i) there is no minimum income – the figures are based on the 80% Median HUD limits.



OCHFH Policies

- Selected homeowners work alongside volunteers on the construction of their home.
- Families purchase the home with a 30-year affordable mortgage from a conventional lender. A perpetual deed restriction maintains the affordability status of each home.
- The proceeds from the home sales are used to further our mission to create other affordable housing opportunities in our service area.
- OCHFH does not discriminate in the selection of applicants on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, ancestry, children, familial status, genetic information, marital status, public assistance reciprocity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran/military status, or any other basis.
- OCHFH is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and we do business in accordance with Federal and Massachusetts Fair Housing and Lending Laws.



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Charles Beauchamp, Retired Engineer

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Debra Gagnon, BlueStone Bank (Branch Manager Norton)

Ian Hedges, Vieira & DiGianfilippo Ltd., Land Acquisition Committee Co-Chair

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

September 2, 2022

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Re: **Massachusetts State Seal and Motto**

Per the request of some Councilors, a discussion is on for this meeting regarding the state seal.

I have attached a copy of the literature that has been handed out at several meetings.

As many know, the effort to change the state seal has been addressed by the Legislature appointing a Special Commission to address this issue.

The Commission is working its way through their process. Recent news articles show the Commission will [recommend a change to the state seal](#) and are working through a [process on how to design a new seal](#).

We will do our best to answer any questions folks have.

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Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, occurred in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an appreciation of the need for better relations between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Franklin shares a rich Native history with modern tribal Nations like the Wampanoag, the Nipmuc and the Massachusett, who inhabited this area for thousands of years before the first colonial settlers arrived in 1660;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2020 and appointed by the Governor to **recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts**, and in support of a new seal and motto for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The city clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Marc Pacheco and Rep. Antonio Cabral, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, who serve as members of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and to Sen. Karen Spilka, Sen RebeccaRausch, and Rep. Jeffrey Roy, with the request that they continue their advocacy and support for the work of the aforementioned Special Commission.

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

September 2, 2022

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Allecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Re: Bylaw Amendment 22-883: Amendment to Water System Map, 2nd Reading

The action before the Town Council is to approve the subject referenced bylaw amendment.

For more information please see the attached memo dated August 12, 2022 along with its supporting materials, which was included in the agenda packet for the August 17th Town Council meeting. Also attached is the Legal Notice for the September 7, 2022 second reading, which was published in the Metrowest Daily News and Wickedlocal.com on August 24th.

If you have any questions please feel free to let us know.

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

August 12, 2022

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Re: **Bylaw Amendment 22-883: Amendment to Water System Map, 1st reading**

This is the first reading of Bylaw Amendment 22-883 which if approved will enable the homeowner at 20 Ridgeview Road to connect to the town water main located on Old Farm Road.

This property is one of six homes on Ridgeview with private wells. In 2018, two of these homes were approved for water extensions and have been connected to the town water main on Long Hill Road. The existing well at 20 Ridgeview is now failing, and the homeowners have applied to connect to the water main on Old Farm Road due to its closer proximity than the alternative on Long Hill Road.

Town Engineer Mike Maglio and DPW Director Brutus Cantoreggi both recommend that the four homes on Ridgeview (including #20) that are currently not connected to a town water main be allowed to connect, and that a water map amendment is warranted to provide a reliable source of drinking water to these homes.

Further information and recommendations are provided in the attached letter from Mike and Brutus dated July 28, 2022. Also attached is the proposed map amendment and the homeowners' application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to let us know.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Franklin Municipal Building
257 Fisher Street
Franklin, MA 02038-3026

July 28, 2022

Mr. Jamie Hellen
Town Administrator
355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

RE: Ridgeview Rd – Water System Extension

Dear Jamie,

The homeowner at 20 Ridgeview Road has submitted the attached application for a Water System Extension Permit. The application is for a single water service connection to the existing main on Old Farm Road due to problems with their existing well.

Ridgeview Road is a private road with six existing homes that were built with private wells, two of which have since been approved for water extensions and have been connected to the town water main on Long Hill Rd. Due to its proximity to the end of the existing water main on Old Farm Rd, it will be much more efficient to make the proposed connection at this location rather than connecting to the other end at Long Hill Road.

Whereas the existing homes sit at such a high elevation, we recommend that the remaining four homes be allowed to connect to Town water with individual services and the need for separate booster pumps would be the responsibility of each individual homeowner.

We believe due to the circumstances, a water map amendment is warranted to provide a reliable source of drinking water to the existing homes on Ridgeview Road. If the Council decides to approve the extension, we recommend the following conditions be attached to the approval:

1. The applicant will need to file all required permits and pay the required fees to the DPW prior to construction/installation of their water service.
2. The applicant shall construct their proposed water service in accordance with DPW standards.

Sincerely,

Michael Maglio, PE
Town Engineer

Robert A. Cantoreggi
Director of Public Works



Town of Franklin
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
257 Fisher Street
Franklin, MA 02038-3026
508-553-5500

WATER SYSTEM EXTENSION PERMIT

Location: 20 RIDGEVIEW RD
Tax Map #: _____ Lot #: _____ Parcel Number*: 249-046-000
Owner: PAUL AND KAREN MASSICOTTE Phone: [REDACTED]
Engineer: _____ Phone: _____

Description of Extension:
EXTEND EXISTING MAIN FOR SERVICE FROM OLD FARM RD TO RESIDENCE AT
20 RIDGEVIEW RD

Number of Homes:

new _____
 existing 1

Estimated Residential Flow:

new _____
 existing _____

Commercial/Industrial Flow:

new _____
 existing _____

Criteria for Approval

1. Was the water extension shown on a Definitive Plan approved by the Planning Board prior to October 21, 1998?
2. Does extension of the existing water main allow looping of the water system that will improve water flows or pressure to existing residential development?
3. Does the proposed extension improve fire services to existing buildings as required by the fire protection or building codes?
4. Does the proposed extension provide water service to existing residences that have lost water supply due to ground water contamination?
5. Is the proposed extension a minor extension associated with pipe replacement work as part of a road reconstruction project?
6. Does the extension serve facilities and residences at an elevation of less than 390 feet (MSL)?

Owner's explanation as to why the request meets or exceeds criteria:

EXISTING WELL IS FAILING

Owner's Engineer (signature)

Owner (signature)

**LEGAL NOTICE
FRANKLIN, MA**

The Franklin Town Council will hold a second reading and take a final vote on the adoption of Bylaw Amendment 22-883:

Chapter 179 §179-9.1. Water System Map Exhibit A (Map): be amended by adding as an eligible location the following:

§ 179-9.1 Water System Map.

Exhibit A: Extending a water service line from 20 Ridgeview Road for a single water service connection to the existing main on Old Farm Road.

This bylaw amendment shall not become effective until all conditions agreed to between the property owner and the Franklin DPW are satisfied.

This action will take place during the Town Council's public meeting on September 7, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM and will provide an opportunity for public input. Location: Municipal Building, 2nd floor Council Chambers, 355 E. Central Street, Franklin, and also via the "ZOOM" platform. Residents can visit the Town website (Franklinma.gov) town calendar to review the proposed bylaw amendment, including the proposed map, and for up to date meeting information, on and after September 2, 2022. Please call the Town Administrator's Office at (508) 520-4949 if you require further information or to make arrangements for translation services.

Submitted by,

Julie McCann



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BYLAW AMENDMENT 22-883**

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN
AT CHAPTER 179 §179-9.1 WATER SYSTEM MAP**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN that Chapter 179 §179-9.1. Water System Map Exhibit A (Map) be amended by adding as an eligible location the following:

§ 179-9.1 Water System Map.

Exhibit A:

Extending a water service line from 20 Ridgeview Road for a single water service connection to the existing main on Old Farm Road.

This bylaw amendment shall not become effective until all conditions agreed to between the property owner and the Franklin DPW are satisfied.

This bylaw amendment shall otherwise become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2022

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS _____

YES _____ NO _____

ABSTAIN _____

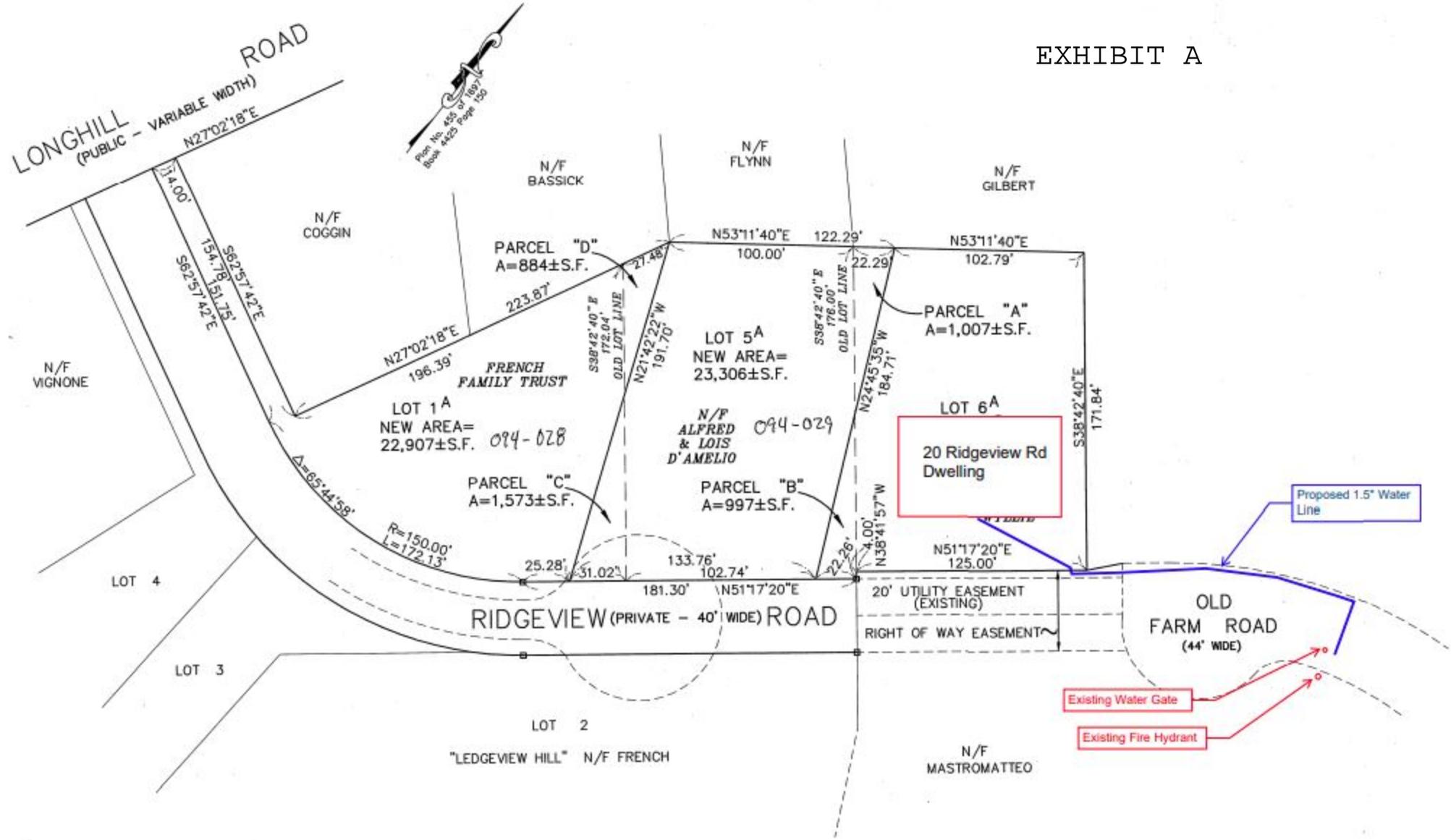
ABSENT _____

A True Record Attest:

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

EXHIBIT A



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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

September 2, 2022

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 22-59: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires the Town Council to vote to appropriate PEG funds received from Comcast and Verizon to an established revolving account.

Please find the attached resolution to appropriate \$84,707.83 in PEG funds received for the second quarter of 2022 from Verizon to Franklin Community Cable Access, Inc.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN RESOLUTION 22-59

APPROPRIATION: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per
MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4

TOTAL REQUESTED: \$84,707.83

PURPOSE: To appropriate \$84,707.83 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, representing the amount received from Verizon in the previous quarter, to be paid to Franklin Community Cable Access, Inc. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.

MOTION: Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of \$84,707.83 be appropriated from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, to be paid to Franklin Community Cable Access, Inc. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.

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

DATED: _____, 2022

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

September 2, 2022

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Re: **Resolution 22-60: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept., Senior Ctr. & Historical Museum**

The Veterans' Services Department, Senior Center and Historical Museum have received generous donations totaling \$3,739.00.

The \$3,289 donation to the Veterans' Services Department includes the proceeds from a Monument Restoration Dinner Dance Fundraiser held by the Franklin Elks in August, and will support efforts to clean, restore and annually maintain the monuments on the Town Common.

The \$250 donation to the Senior Center was made in the memory of Dona Mackintosh and will be used at the Department's discretion to provide services and programs to senior citizens in the Franklin community.

The two \$100 donations to the Franklin Historical Museum will be used at the discretion of the Museum to maintain and fund their programs and services.

Donation Summary:

- 1. Veterans' Services Department - Monument Restoration Fund**
 - Franklin Elks Club \$3,289
- 2. Senior Center**
 - Linda Perkins & David Mackintosh \$ 250
- 3. Franklin Historical Museum**
 - St. Mary's Parish Catholic Women's Club \$ 100
 - John & Laurie Thacker \$ 100

DONATION TOTAL \$3,739

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our local services.



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 22-60**

**Acceptance of Gifts – Veterans’ Services Department,
Senior Center & Franklin Historical Museum**

WHEREAS, The Veterans’ Services Department, Senior Center and Franklin Historical Museum have received generous donations in the total amount of \$3,739.00 to be used at the discretion of each respective department as follows:

DONATION SUMMARY:

VETERANS’ SERVICES DEPARTMENT - \$3,289

- Donated by the Franklin Elks Club, to be applied towards the Monument Restoration Fund and used to support efforts to clean, restore and annually maintain the monuments on the Town Common.

SENIOR CENTER - \$250

- Donated by Linda Perkins & David Mackintosh, to be used at the Center’s discretion to provide services and programs to senior citizens in the Franklin Community.

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM - \$200

- \$100 Donated by St. Mary’s Parish Catholic Women’s Club
- \$100 Donated by John & Laurie Thacker

Donations will be used at the discretion of the Museum to maintain and fund its programs and services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town Council of the Town of Franklin on behalf of the Veterans’ Services Department, Senior Center and Franklin Historical Museum, gratefully accepts these generous donations to be used at the discretion of each Department as described above.

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

DATED: _____, 2022

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**