

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 5, 2022**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 5, 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; this meeting may be recorded by others. ► Chair Mercer stated the following: Massachusetts's customers through National Grid and Eversource are expected to have rising electricity rates. Residents are reminded that through Franklin's municipal aggregation program, they do not have to worry. Municipal aggregation is when a town utilizes the buying power of the residents and small businesses to bulk purchase an electricity rate for a pre-determined amount of time. Leveraging our purchasing capacity allows the Town of Franklin to potentially have a lower electricity rate than an individual user may have received. Residents who did not opt out of our municipal aggregation program will not see an increase in the price per kilowatt through our contracted purchase cycle which ends November 2023. You can check if you are enrolled by taking a look at your energy bill. If you see Dynegy Energy named as your supplier, then you are enrolled. The Town has provided a sample bill online for you to compare your billing statements before and after enrolling. Please note that the changes may take up to two billing cycles to be processed which means that now is the perfect time to make the most of this program if you have not already. You can opt in to this program by visiting <https://colonialpowergroup.com/Franklin/> or by calling the supplier Dynegy directly at 866-220-5696. This information is also available on the Town of Franklin's website by clicking on the municipal aggregation quick link from the home page.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello provided an update on the upcoming election on November 8, 2022. She reviewed that in-person early voting will be at the Town Hall. She stated that hours and dates are listed on the Town Clerk's page on the Town's website. She stated that she has not yet received the ballots. She stated that the State has told her that she should receive the ballots by October 12, 2022. She stated that the timeline is very tight. She stated that when you receive your ballot, she recommended dropping it off at one of her two ballot boxes if possible. She explained advanced opening and advanced deposit. She stated that ballots will start to be opened on October 28, 2022, at 9 AM and go through November 4, 2022; she stated that observers are welcome. She stated that the ballots will be deposited on November 5, 2022, into each tabulator and there are nine precincts. She explained the process of running the tapes for the in-person and early voting on November 8, 2022, at 8 PM. She explained that there are four questions on the ballot. She stated that she has a packet in her office that she can email to residents with the four questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

HEARINGS - 7:00 pm: ► *Chapter 61A, Town's Right of First Refusal to Purchase Approx. 113 Acres of Land together with any and all buildings and any other improvements thereon, located at 215 Prospect St., Franklin.* ► Mr. Hellen narrated a slideshow presentation on the details of the proposed acquisition of Schmidt's Farm and gave an overview of the Schmidt Farm Chapter 61A Right of First Refusal (ROFR) Public Hearing. He stated that the presentation is available online. He reviewed that this is only a public hearing and there will not be a vote on the actual purchase this evening. He stated that the CPC endorsed the purchase of this property by unanimous vote. He noted the following dates which are key in the process moving forward: October 4 Community Preservation Committee meeting regarding the potential use of CPA funds for acquisition, October 5 Town Council required public hearing on a Chapter 61 property, and October 17 Planning Board consideration of the definitive subdivision plan. He reviewed Chapters 61, 61A, and 61B of the Massachusetts General Laws. He discussed that Chapter 61 is basically property tax breaks to maintain productive agricultural, forested, or passive recreation uses for private landowners who have eligible parcels which are five acres or greater. He stated that Franklin has over 1,200 acres enrolled in Chapters 61, 61A, and 61B on about 20 blocks of land which is 58 properties. He reviewed the two Chapter 61 statutory avenues toward a ROFR. He reviewed the Maple Hill process and stated it involves a long, cumbersome statutory appraisal process that has taken over a year to document and complete. He explained that the Schmidt Farm process will follow the second type of ROFR on which he provided a brief overview. He reviewed that for the Schmidt Farm 61A ROFR one parcel considered for purchase is 113 +/- total acres, the price is \$3.8 million, it abuts additional town owned open space, has very few access or connectivity points, and the seller will be retaining 2 +/- acres for their own use/home. He showed and described the provided maps detailing the proposal. He discussed that under the proposal, the seller will have until July 1, 2023, to maintain residence in the current structure while his family constructs their house, with an additional 60-day option. He reviewed that Schmidt Farm is one of the last and largest contiguous parcels of open space in town. He reviewed a list of potential ideas for the open space. He discussed that the Town would demolish the home, but the Town would attempt to keep the barn. He explained that although there is no subdivision proposed, the definitive subdivision plan will go before the Planning Board at their October 17, 2022, meeting. He explained that this property has been a big piece of the Master Plans. He reviewed additional maps showing the abutting properties. He reviewed and explained the financial model. He stated that it is \$3.8 million with 20-year borrowing using Community Preservation funds. He stated that this purchase has no impact on the Town's operating budget. He noted that regarding the financial model information, these are estimates until the true borrowing occurs which is anticipated in Fall 2022. ► Mr. Robert Pantano, 10 Prospect Street, stated that he thinks this is positive and a perfect project for the CPA. He stated that Prospect Street is a designated scenic road in town. He stated that he thinks Mr. Schmidt is doing a good thing. He asked the Town Council to consider this as a positive. ► Mr. Raymond Goulet, 118 Miller Street, stated that he just learned about the project recently. He stated that he is very excited about it and reviewed his reasons. He stated that this looks like an opportunity that we cannot pass. ► Ms. Cynthia Garboski, 9 Prospect Street, stated that she is familiar with Schmidt's property. She stated that it is a beautiful piece of land and it is amazing the possibilities of what we can do. ► Mr. Patrick Gallagher, 2 Cohasset Way, and Chair of Conservation Commission, (via Zoom), stated that he lends his support to this; he thinks it is an amazing opportunity for the town. He stated that he endorsed what we have before us. ► Mr. Mark Lepage, 2 Peppermill Lane, (via Zoom), stated that he was really excited to hear about the opportunity to preserve this piece of land and the heritage and open it up to some great agricultural use. ► Ms. Linda Noel, 555 Lincoln Street, and a member of the Agricultural Commission, (via Zoom), stated that this is a very wonderful opportunity for the town and stated that she hopes we go forward with it. She stated that she encouraged the Town Council to vote yes. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► Councilor Jones stated that this is a great opportunity and an added asset to the community. ► Councilor Hamblen stated that she was very excited about this opportunity. ► Councilor Dellorco and

Councilor Pellegri stated that this is a great opportunity for the Town of Franklin. ► Councilor Chandler asked about the bend at the entrance. ► Mr. Hellen discussed that CPA money cannot be used for operating or maintenance costs. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger asked if there was any feedback from residents opposed to this. He stated that this has his support. ► Mr. Hellen stated that he has not heard any opposition. ► Chair Mercer thanked all who worked hard on this including past Town Councils. He thanked Mr. Schmidt for this opportunity. ► Chair Mercer stated that he closed the public hearing.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: ► *License Modification - Change of Manager: Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club #105, Located at 100 Corporate Drive, Franklin, MA 02038.* ► Councilor Jones read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the request by Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club, for a Change of Manager to Cierra Wolfe by **Jones. SECOND by Dellorco.**

Discussion: ► Ms. Alleyne stated that this is a fairly routine change of manager; she stated that all departments have signed off. ► Councilor Jones stated that this license was a transfer from Anne's Market. He asked how much of a benefit has this license been to BJ's. ► Ms. Cierra Wolfe, (via Zoom), stated that it is an asset for the business. ► Councilor Chandler stated that half of the BJ's checkouts are self-serve. He asked if a person can self-checkout wine. ► Ms. Wolfe explained the checkout process for beer and wine and reviewed that a BJ's staff member needs to confirm the purchase. She stated that she is TIPS certified. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► *Discussion: Norfolk County Commission.* ► Mr. Hellen stated that Mr. Peter Padula has been the Town's representative for the Norfolk County Commission. He stated that Mr. Padula requested to come in to talk a little about what the Norfolk County Commission does.

► Mr. Peter Padula and Norfolk County Director John Cronin addressed the Town Council. ► Mr. Cronin reviewed Norfolk County's functions and operations. He stated that the county is managed by three elected commissioners who work with an advisory board that approves all the annual operating and capital spending to carry out the functions of their \$34 million organization. He reviewed that the county departments are broken into several components including facility maintenance which is responsible for maintaining the interior and exterior of all buildings for trial courts. He discussed that the county owns a golf course. He reviewed that the county oversees the Norfolk County Agricultural High School. He stated that they operate the Retired and Senior Volunteer program. He discussed the engineering program which is involved in highway layouts. He stated that the county commissioners are active in grants; to date, the county has distributed \$30 million to 16 communities including Franklin. He explained that they are trying to launch a weights and measures program. He discussed that they would like to expand regional services. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► In response to questions, Mr. Cronin discussed that there is a 3 percent administrative fee assessed to the distribution of the \$137 million in federal funds to cities and towns. He discussed that 2.5 percent is for the administrative parts of this program; he stated that managing a \$137 million grant for any organization is burdensome. He stated that the 3 percent pays for auditors, lawyers, building the portal, and other administrative costs. He stated that he wants to make sure the communities know that they are there to service their needs. He stated that they do not have a master plan at this time. He stated that the county commissioners have talked about doing an energy audit of all their facilities. He stated that the commissioners currently do not have a plan for their open space. He discussed the benefit of solar for the community and environment. He discussed the ARPA money being distributed to the county rather than the towns and cities. He stated that the funding designated by the federal government to be destined to communities was defined that way; it was not a choice that the county received the money. He discussed that the county commissioners had a team approach with the other counties; they are practicing the same interpretation of the rules as the other counties. He stated that with respect to the assigned value to each community based on 2019 population, he thinks it is the fairest distribution of funds. He stated that their website gives a breakout of the ARPA funds. He stated that he is very happy with the way the program is running to date. He stated that as they are holding the money, it is accruing interest. He discussed the revenue loss part of the ARPA funds. He stated that they are distributing this benefit to every community

based on the same formula. He stated that they are proud of their 3 percent administrative costs as it is pretty low. ► Chair Mercer stated that if the money came directly to the communities, the communities would have had to incur some of those administrative costs. ► Mr. Hellen stated that these are federal legislations. He stated that the CARES Act was funneled to the local level; ARPA is funneled to the counties. He stated that he did not know that if some towns do not take advantage of the money, it will be reallocated and other towns could apply for it. ► Mr. Padula thanked the Town Administrator and Town Council for allowing them the opportunity to explain what they do.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

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

- a. ***Resolution 22-62: Request for Special Legislation Re: Authority for the Town of Franklin Acting Through the Franklin Town Council to Grant an All Alcoholic Beverages Not to be Drunk on the Premises Alcoholic Beverages License in Excess of the Town's Quota to Madd Deli, Inc. D/B/A Dacey's Market (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-62 - Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ► **MOTION to Waive** the reading by **Hamblen**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **No discussion**. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-1, Absent-0**. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-62: Request for Special Legislation Re: Authority for the Town of Franklin Acting Through the Franklin Town Council to Grant an All Alcoholic Beverages Not to be Drunk on the Premises Alcoholic Beverages License in Excess of the Town's Quota to Madd Deli, Inc. D/B/A Dacey's Market by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Hamblen**. **Discussion:** ► Ms. Alleyne reviewed that Mr. Scott Corvi of MADD Deli, Inc. d/b/a Dacey's Market located at 353 Lincoln Street is seeking a full liquor license to replace his current beer and wine license. She reviewed that Dacey's Market was granted a retail wine and malt beverage license in 2020, via the same method, but the owners feel that for the business to grow and remain competitive they need to meet the increasing demand for ready-to-drink spirit-based beverages which can only be sold by establishments licensed to sell all alcohol. The letter of request from Dacey's Market is in the Town Council's meeting packet. She stated that this would be in excess of Franklin's current quota of eight beer and wine licenses and seven all alcohol licenses. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► In response to questions, Ms. Alleyne stated that this process was done in 2020 as Mr. Corvi petitioned for an additional beer and wine license; this is the same process as for the beer and wine license, but he is requesting an all alcoholic beverages license. ► Mr. Cerel stated that it is a common practice for communities to ask for licenses in addition to the quota. ► Mr. Corvi stated that he wants a full all alcoholic beverages license as the market has changed to ready-to-drink spirit-based beverages which he cannot sell at this time. ► Mr. Cerel stated that they are asking the legislature for authority to issue the license; then there will be a posted public hearing to take up the specifics at that time. He stated that there would be a notice in the newspaper and abutter notifications for the hearing process. He stated that it is not an automatic license issuance from the legislature. ► Mr. Corvi confirmed that this will include nips. ► Councilor Jones commented on the amount of litter caused by nips. He stated that he is not 100 percent in support of this request for that reason. ► Mr. Cerel stated that the legislature has been very liberal in granting these licenses. He stated that they are restricted to the applicant, and when the applicant ceases the business, the license ceases to exist; they are restricted to the location. He stated that the applicant's beer and wine license will cease to exist if the applicant is granted the all alcoholic beverages license. ► Mr. Hellen stated that the City of Boston has to go through this every time as they have been at their quota for years. ► Mr. Corvi explained that he wants this as a one-stop shopping location. ► Councilor Chandler stated that he did not like that there will be two full liquor stores so close to each other and close to the school crosswalk. ► Chair Mercer stated that what the Town Council is voting on tonight will just take it to the legislature; if it is approved by the legislature, it will come back to the Town Council. ► The owner of the Lincoln Street Market stated that they have been there since 2013 with their family working 10 hours per day. He stated that Mr. Corvi's location is only .3 miles from their store. He

stated that they are already meeting the community's and neighborhood's need; there is no need for an extra full package store that are next to each other. He stated that he and his family request that this license is not granted. ► A second owner of the Lincoln Street Market addressed the Town Council and stated that this is very close to his business and he does not believe there is a necessity for hard liquor in this location. He stated that a beer and wine license was already given to the applicant in 2020. He requested that the Town Council not issue this hard liquor license.

Councilor Frongillo began attending the Town Council meeting via remote access.

► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-NO; Jones-NO; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-NO. ► VOTE: Yes-6, No-3, Absent-0.**

- b. *Bylaw Amendment 22-884: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations, D. Parking Prohibited, Downtown Parking Map - First Reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 22-884 to a Second Reading - Majority Vote).* ► Councilor Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 22-884: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations, D. Parking Prohibited, Downtown Parking Map to a second reading by **Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that the next four items on the agenda are interrelated relative to downtown parking. He stated that these are all proposals endorsed by the EDC at their recent meeting. He stated that the downtown parking lots are on the Town Administrator's and Town Council's goal list for this year. He displayed and explained a current map of the area and a new map showing the proposed changes. He reviewed his memo to the Town Council EDC Subcommittee, dated September 16, 2022, regarding the Downtown Parking District Bylaw which was provided in the Town Council's meeting packet. He reviewed the proposed no parking, residential street parking, main downtown business corridor, and parking lots. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► Mr. Hellen, in response to questions, stated that he briefly reviewed all four bylaw amendments at once. ► Councilor Pellegri suggested a parking control officer is needed. She stated that if we are going to make bylaws, we are going to have to have someone to enforce them. ► Councilor Dellorco stated that he was thinking the same thing; he asked how are we going to control this. ► Chief of Police Thomas Lynch stated that there were over 100 parking tickets in September. He stated that there is not a dedicated position for parking tickets; he has rolled that into a patrol officer. He stated that they are trying to do the best they can. ► Mr. Hellen talked about vehicles in parking spaces and trash pickup; he stated that to some degree, we have to all modify our behavior. He discussed signage. He stated that he thinks the residents are going to have to realize that they may have to adjust where they put their trash. ► Councilor Frongillo stated that he wanted to propose a motion to amend the way the parking changes have to be made through public hearings. ► Mr. Cerel stated that you cannot go beyond what is in the proposed amendment at this time; that would have to be separate legislation. ► Mr. Hellen summarize that if Councilor Frongillo is proposing to delegate some of the authority for the zones proposed in these bylaws, the proposed legislation would have to be brought back as a separate piece of legislation for action. ► Chair Mercer stated that Councilor Frongillo could propose it, but not in this situation on this bylaw amendment. He stated that it can be discussed going forward. ► Town Council members continued discussion on the specifics of the proposed bylaw amendment. ► Mr. Hellen stated that this is clearly due to the pandemic. He stated that businesses are closed much earlier and the public is not going out; the parking times on the map can be adjusted. ► Councilor Chandler discussed that Box Seats is open until 1 AM; therefore, this bylaw amendment is not adequate as there is no parking after 12 AM. ► **MOTION to Amend** Bylaw Amendment 22-884: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations, D. Parking Prohibited, Downtown Parking Map to make it 2 AM and no overnight parking from 2 AM to 6 AM

by **Chandler**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Councilor Jones requested 1 AM. ► Chief of Police Lynch discussed enforcement of the proposed amendment. ► Discussion commenced on the proposed time of 2 AM for the amendment. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE (on the amendment): Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 22-884: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations, D. Parking Prohibited, Downtown Parking Map **As Amended** to a second reading by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Hamblen**. **Discussion:** ► Councilor Pellegrini questioned that the times were not mentioned in the bylaw. ► Mr. Cerel stated that the times were noted on the map which is referenced in the bylaw. ► Mr. Hellen reviewed where the times are mentioned in the bylaw map. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- c. *Bylaw Amendment 22-885: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, §170-20, Additional regulations; violations and penalties. - First Reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 22-885 to a Second Reading - Majority Vote).* ► Councilor Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► Mr. Cerel stated that to summarize, all the specifics were stricken and the town administrator was given the authority to set user fees; the language contrary was stricken, and then it was renumbered. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 22-885: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, §170-20, Additional regulations; violations and penalties to a second reading by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Hamblen**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that the next bylaw after this one which had to be separate proposes to strike the dedicated merchant and commuter spaces. He stated that one of the biggest complaints is that no one can park in the downtown Depot Street lots unless you are a commuter or a merchant and you buy a quarterly pass for \$180. He stated that what is being proposed is to get kiosks which allow change, cash, credit card, and payment apps on a daily fee rate. He discussed some of the issues including having prorated rates. He stated that in lieu of having a specific merchant or commuter-only space, the spaces are now open to everyone on a first-come, first-served basis. He stated that it is \$3 per day which is half the price that the MBTA charges in their lot. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► Mr. Cerel stated that the bylaw states that the Town Council sets the fees; so, if you put this language in, the Town Council can delegate that. He stated that the Town Council can choose to keep the system of the Town Council setting the fees, but you do not have to. ► Councilor Pellegrini stated that she thinks all fees should come through the Town Council; she stated that it is our responsibility. ► Councilor Hamblen discussed the location and fee structure for the kiosks. She stated that this is something that will need to be adapted and worked on. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-NO; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-NO; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-NO; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-NO; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-5, No-4, Absent-0.**
- d. *Bylaw Amendment 22-886: Chapter 82, Fees, Municipal Service, § 82-6, Subsection K. Police - First Reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 22-886 to a Second Reading - Majority Vote).* ► Councilor Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 22-886: Chapter 82, Fees, Municipal Service, § 82-6, Subsection K. Police to a second reading by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Hamblen**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that the only vote being taken on this is to strike out the \$180 per quarter parking permit from the fee schedule. ► Councilor Pellegrini confirmed that when this fee is taken out, there will be no charges until the kiosks are put in. ► Mr. Cerel discussed that this is going to a second reading. ► Mr. Hellen discussed the challenges of the kiosks and the current \$180 per quarter fee. He stated that in lieu of a fee, he will put out the fee and set the rate when the machines arrive. He noted that all of these resolutions are not going to go into effect until July. He stated that there is a four to five month wait time for the kiosks, then they need to be installed and signage put up. He stated that he needs these votes to order the kiosks. He discussed the rates that he is suggesting. In response to Councilor Pellegrini's concern regarding the effective

date, he stated that this proposed bylaw could be amended to indicate July 1, 2023. ► **MOTION to Amend** Bylaw Amendment 22-886: Chapter 82, Fees, Municipal Service, § 82-6, Subsection K. Police to include that it will be effective starting July 1, 2023, by **Hamblen**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **No discussion**. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE (on the amendment):** **Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0**. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 22-886: Chapter 82, Fees, Municipal Service, § 82-6, Subsection K. Police **As Amended** to a second reading by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Hamblen**. **No discussion**. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0**.

- e. ***Bylaw Amendment 22-879: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Appendix A, Fines, Parking Violations - First Reading (Motion to Take off the Table and Move Bylaw Amendment 22-879 to Second Reading - Majority Vote)***. ► Councilor Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 22-879: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Appendix A, Fines, Parking Violations to a second reading by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Hamblen**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that these are all the proposals put forth by Lt. Jason Reilly with the exception of one item regarding all night parking. ► **MOTION to Amend** Bylaw Amendment 22-879: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Appendix A, Fines, Parking Violations for all night parking when restricted from \$50 down to \$25 because of general consensus of much of the public and other people during the EDC meeting as a \$25 fine seemed reasonable at the time by **Jones**. **NO SECOND**. **Discussion:** ► Chair Mercer stated that since there was no second, they are back to the original motion. ► Councilor Hamblen thanked Lt. Reilly for working so hard on getting this fee schedule together. ► Councilor Chandler stated that to get Dean under control, he thinks the \$50 fee is better. ► Lt. Reilly reviewed the fee schedule. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0**.
- f. ***Resolution 22-63: Gift Acceptance - Police Dept. (\$2,550), Fire Dept. (\$2,500) (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-63 - Majority Vote)***. ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-63: Gift Acceptance - Police Dept. (\$2,550), Fire Dept. (\$2,500) by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Hamblen**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen thanked the donators. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0**.

Chair Mercer stated that Councilor Frongillo was going off remote access.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► ***Beaver Street Interceptor***. ► Mr. Hellen stated that they have applied for the funding; those awards will probably come out within the next few months. He stated that the interest rate will be stable; they will likely get 1.5 percent. He stated that the real decision next year is about when to go out to bid and what is the full cost of the project. He stated that everything is on schedule based on what was proposed earlier this year. He noted the Faith & Blue event will be held on October 8, 2022, from 10 AM to 1 PM, to help people with car seat installation. He stated that the Touch a Truck event will be held on October 15, 2022, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at the DPW. He stated that the DelCarte cleanup event will be held on October 22, 2022. The Fallen Firefighters Ceremony and Police Department Halloween Party will both be held on October 23, 2022. The open house at the Fire Department will be held on October 29, 2022. The Veterans Day Breakfast will be held on November 11, 2022, at the Elks. He stated that there is an award on the wall because we max out our reward credits for training every year for our insurance premium; we usually get back about \$60,000 or \$70,000 on the premium. He stated that this training keeps our employees safe and it saves us money.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- b. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- c. **Economic Development Subcommittee.** ► None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Councilor Cormier-Leger questioned the final water reading inspection fee and asked if it can be looked. ► Councilor Pellegrini asked for an update from the School Department regarding the opening of school.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Councilor Sheridan thanked the Harvest Festival organizers. ► Councilor Hamblen stated Happy Birthday to Mr. Robert Catalano on his 100th birthday. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger congratulated Mr. Hellen and his team for saving the money regarding the training. He asked that in going forward the Town Council should not be meeting on a Jewish holiday; he stated that it seems disrespectful that we are here tonight. He asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Robert Lillis who passed away today; Mr. Lillis was born in 1938 and was in the US Navy. Councilor Cormier-Leger thanked Mr. Lillis for his service. ► Councilor Chandler spoke about Town Clerk Nancy Danello's comments earlier in the meeting about memory sticks and processing votes. He asked for something to be put on the website on how it is going to work and for more information about the memory sticks being taken in and out. He thanked the EDC for their work on the parking. ► Mr. Hellen stated that he thinks that what Ms. Danello was trying to get across was that all those moments are public access; the testing of the machines, opening of the ballots, and all of that is all open to the public. He stated that he did not know about the memory sticks, but he would have her reach out to Councilor Chandler. ► Mr. Cerel stated that there are paper ballots which are kept as backup; Ms. Danello is talking about the machines which count the ballots. ► Councilor Pellegrini thanked all for the Harvest Festival. She noted Mr. Catalano's birthday event. ► Councilor Jones thanked all for the hard work that goes into making the elections happen. Regarding the parking situation, he stated that he agreed with Councilor Cormier-Leger that they need to reach out to Dean College to have them discuss it with the students. ► Councilor Dellorco said Happy Birthday to Mr. Catalano. ► Chair Mercer thanked all the Harvest Festival workers and all those who came out. He thanked those who came to the Schmidt's Farm public hearing tonight. He noted the parking has been on the Town Council's agenda for a very long time. He congratulated Councilor Jones for attaining Lieutenant rank in Sea Cadets. He stated that he received a phone call from a resident regarding the South Franklin Meeting House bell. He stated that there is a substantial amount of history with the bell. He stated that the resident's concern is that maybe a good place for the bell would be the museum. ► Mr. Hellen stated that they are happy to do it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: ► **MOTION** to Adjourn by Dellorco. **SECOND** by Jones. **No Discussion.** ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary