



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

August 13, 2025

Meeting will be held at the **Municipal Building**

2nd floor, Council Chambers

355 East Central Street

6:00 PM

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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- a. *This meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast channel 9 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting may be recorded by others.*
- b. *Chair to identify members participating remotely.*
- c. *Upcoming Town Sponsored Community Events.*

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- a. *Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to three minutes on a matter that is not on the agenda. In compliance with G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20 et seq, the Open Meeting Law, the Council cannot engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Citizen Comments. The Council may ask the Town Administrator to review the matter. Nothing herein shall prevent the Town Administrator from correcting a misstatement of fact.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None Scheduled

4. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- a. Proclamation: John "Jay Bird" Simons
- b. Proclamation: Saumy Jani & Andrew Bairos

5. APPOINTMENTS

- a. [Appointments and Reappointments of Town Board and Committee Members](#)
 - i. See "Committee Appointments" in packet for member names

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – 7:00 PM – None Scheduled.

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a. [Pledge of License of a Section 12 All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License: Santa Fe Burrito Grill, LLC, Located at 28 West Central Street, Franklin, MA, 02038](#)

8. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSION -

- a. [FY26 Budget Update - Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator](#)

9. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 25-52: FY26 Budget Amendment](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 25-52 - Majority Vote)
- b. [Resolution 25-53: Acceptance of Gift to the Town of Franklin to Restore Part-Time Health and Wellness Nurse Position](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 25-53 - Majority Vote)
- c. [Resolution 25-54: Approval of the Installation of a Sign on Public Property in Recognition of Nello P. Bassignani](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 25-54 - Majority Vote)
- d. [Bylaw Amendment 25-942: A Bylaw to Amend the Code of the Town of Franklin at Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic - First Reading](#)
(Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 25-942 to a Second Reading - Majority Vote)
- e. [Resolution 25-55: Acceptance of Gifts - Senior Center \(\\$1,571\), Library \(\\$970\), Historical Museum \(\\$90\)](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 25-55 - Majority Vote)

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- a. Franklin Ridge Senior Housing Complex Update
- b. [National Grid Smart Meter Announcement](#)

11. SUBCOMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Capital Budget Subcommittee
- b. Economic Development Subcommittee
- c. Joint Budget Subcommittee
- d. Police Station Building Committee
- e. GATRA Advisory Board

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. *To review and approve minutes from Town Council Executive Sessions.*
- b. *Exemption #3: Collective Bargaining (The Franklin Police Association) - 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.*
- c. *Exemption #6: Considering the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Public Body: CSX Land.*
- d. *Exemption #6: Considering the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Public Body: Other Property.*
- e. *Exemption #2: Contract negotiations with non-union personnel: Town Administrator.*

15. ADJOURN

Note: Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting '



**TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR**
TOWN of FRANKLIN

MEMORANDUM

August 8, 2025

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

RE: Town Boards & Committees Appointments

We are asking the Town Council to ratify the appointments of 5 returning members of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) whose terms expired on 6/30/2025, as listed below:

- Citizen-at-Large: Michael Giardino with a 2-year term to expire June 30, 2027
- Citizen-at-Large: Lisa Oxford with a 2-year term to expire June 30, 2027
- Historical Commission: Phyllis Malcolm with a 1-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.
- Housing Authority: Christopher Feeley with a 1-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.
- Planning Board: Jay Mello with a 1-year term to expire on June 30, June 30, 2026.

Please note that the Conservation Commission and Recreation Advisory Board have not yet held a formal vote on their FY26 nominees for membership on the CPC. The ratification of these appointments will be on the September 3rd or September 17th Town Council agenda, depending on when each committee has had the opportunity to vote on CPC membership.

Aside from the CPC, we are also asking the Town Council to ratify two additional new committee members as described below. Volunteer applications for both are included in the agenda packet for the 8/13/25 Town Council Meeting.

Council on Aging: James Lane, with a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Design Review Commission: Kyle Galvin, with a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you to all committee members for volunteering their service to the Town of Franklin!

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

August 13, 2025



The Town Administrator has appointed the following individuals to serve on Town boards and committees with terms effective August 13, 2025:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS	TERM EXPIRATION
<u>Community Preservation Committee</u>		
Christopher Feeley (Housing Authority)	17 Tuscany Drive	June 30, 2026
Michael Giardino (Citizen-at-Large)	18 Sherman Avenue	June 30, 2027
Phyllis Malcolm (Historical Commission)	37 Uncas Avenue	June 30, 2026
Jay Mello (Planning Board)	15 North Park Street	June 30, 2026
Lisa Oxford (Citizen-at-Large)	18 Lincoln Street	June 30, 2027
<u>Council on Aging</u>		
James Lane	154 Longhill Road	June 30, 2028
<u>Design Review Commission</u>		
Kyle Galvin	27 Church Avenue, #2	June 30, 2026

MOTION to ratify the appointments by the Town Administrator of the above listed individuals to serve as members of Town boards and committees as described above.

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



Town of Franklin MA

355 East Central Street

Franklin, MA 02038

Phone: 508-520-4949

Volunteer Form

Good Government Starts with You!

Date Submitted: May 19, 2025

Name: James D. Lane

Home Address: 154 Longhill Road
02038

Mailing Address: 154 Longhill Road
02038

Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Current Occupation/Employer: Retired

Narrative: I am available for Friday's COA Meetings and others if needed. I am a Franklin resident and Senior Citizen.

Board(s) / Committee(s): ___ Council on Aging



Town of Franklin MA

355 East Central Street

Franklin, MA 02038

Phone: 508-520-4949

Volunteer Form

Good Government Starts with You!

Date Submitted: June 27, 2025

Name: Kyle Galvin

Home Address: 27 Church Ave #2
FRANKLIN, MA 02038

Mailing Address: 27 Church Ave #2
FRANKLIN, MA 02038

Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Current Occupation/Employer: Case Coordinator/Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Trial Court

Narrative: I am available most weeknights. I commute from Boston, usually by train. I have an undergraduate degree in criminal justice, and I am currently a Master of Public Administration Student at the University of Massachusetts – Lowell. I will graduate with my MPA next spring. I am currently employed as a case coordinator for the Massachusetts Trial Court. I have worked here for about 4.5 years. I am responsible for managing the case-flow of the thousands of active cases at Suffolk Superior Court. I am also the department head for the Prisoner Department. With this, I oversee the department that is responsible for managing the caseloads for incarcerated individuals who are filing civil lawsuits. I also issue orders to appear and work closely with other Commonwealth agencies. I have an interest in getting involved with local government, specifically Franklin. I am confident my years of experience in administration with the Trial Court would make me a good candidate for a board or committee member.

Board(s) / Committee(s): ___ Design Review Commission
___ Franklin Disability Commission
___ Housing Authority
___ Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Committee
___ Zoning Board of Appeal

LICENSE TRANSACTION



Pledge of License

Santa Fe Burrito Grill, LLC

d/b/a Santa Fe Burrito Grill
28 West Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

Santa Fe Burrito Grill, LLC, d/b/a Santa Fe Burrito Grill, located at 28 West Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038, is seeking approval of a Pledge of License on their Section 12 Restaurant, All Alcoholic Beverages license.

MOTION to approve the request by Santa Fe Burrito Grill, LLC, d/b/a Santa Fe Burrito Grill, for a Pledge of License on their Section 12 Restaurant, All Alcoholic Beverages license.

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

Upton Connell & Devlin, LLP

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Boston, Massachusetts 02109

617-227-3277

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aupton@ucdlaw.com

Town of Franklin
355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

**RE: Santa Fe Burrito Grill LLC - Application for a Pledge of License – located at
28 W Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038**

Dear License Administrator:

Enclosed please find the following documents with regard to the above referenced application:

- 1) DOR Certificate of Good Standing;
- 2) DUA Certificate of Compliance;
- 3) ABCC Application for Pledge of License;
- 4) Vote of the Entity;
- 5) Pledge Documentation;

Please let us know if there is any additional information you may require for this application. You can contact me directly at (617) 227-3277. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter!

Very truly yours,



Andrew Upton

Your Information

Payment

Receipt

Payment Confirmation

YOUR PAYMENT HAS PROCESSED AND THIS IS YOUR RECEIPT

Your account has been billed for the following transaction. You will receive a receipt via email.



Transaction Processed Successfully.

INVOICE #: 82560be8-e1ac-4436-b3eb-17c242f0beb2

Description	Applicant, License or Registration Number	Amount
FILING FEES-RETAIL	Santa Fe Burrito Grill LLC	\$200.00
		\$200.00

Total Convenience Fee: \$5.18

Date Paid: 7/30/2025 1:55:50 PM EDT

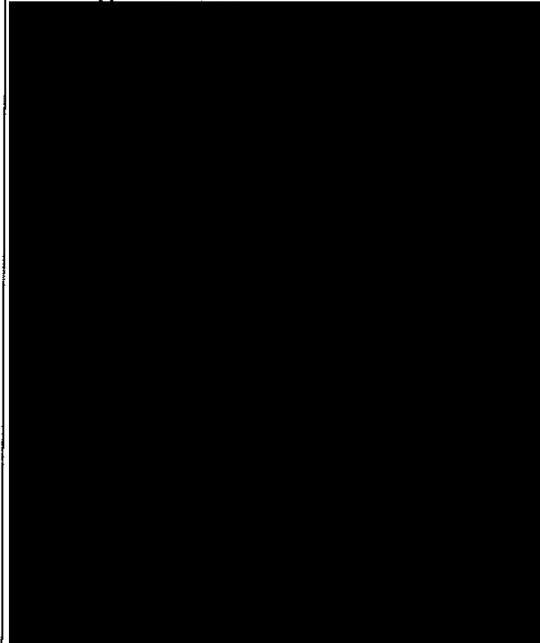
Total Amount Paid: \$205.18

Payment On Behalf Of

License Number or Business Name:
Santa Fe Burrito Grill, LLC

Fee Type:
FILING FEES-RETAIL

Billing Information





Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Revenue
Geoffrey E. Snyder, Commissioner

mass.gov/dor

Letter ID: L0029423712
Notice Date: July 28, 2025
Case ID: 0-002-981-599



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING AND/OR TAX COMPLIANCE



SANTA FE BURRITO GRILL LLC
28 W CENTRAL ST
FRANKLIN MA 02038-2102

Why did I receive this notice?

The Commissioner of Revenue certifies that, as of the date of this certificate, SANTA FE BURRITO GRILL LLC is in compliance with its tax obligations under Chapter 62C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

This certificate doesn't certify that the taxpayer is compliant in taxes such as unemployment insurance administered by agencies other than the Department of Revenue, or taxes under any other provisions of law.

This is not a waiver of lien issued under Chapter 62C, section 52 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions, call us at (617) 887-6400, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visit us online!

Visit mass.gov/dor to learn more about Massachusetts tax laws and DOR policies and procedures, including your Taxpayer Bill of Rights, and MassTaxConnect for easy access to your account:

- Review or update your account
- Contact us using e-message
- Sign up for e-billing to save paper
- Make payments or set up autopay

Edward W. Coyle, Jr., Chief
Collections Bureau



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3, Chelsea, MA 02150-2358
 www.mass.gov/abcc

RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE APPLICATION
 MONETARY TRANSMITTAL FORM

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT-Pledge of Collateral

APPLICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON-LINE, PRINTED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY.

ECRT CODE: RETA

Please make \$200.00 payment here: ABCC PAYMENT WEBSITE

PAYMENT MUST DENOTE THE NAME OF THE LICENSEE CORPORATION, LLC, PARTNERSHIP, OR INDIVIDUAL AND INCLUDE THE PAYMENT RECEIPT

ABCC LICENSE NUMBER (IF AN EXISTING LICENSEE, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY)

ENTITY/ LICENSEE NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN

STATE

ZIP CODE

For the following transactions (Check all that apply):

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New License | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Location | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Class (i.e. Annual / Seasonal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Change Corporate Structure (i.e. Corp / LLC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of License | <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration of Licensed Premises | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of License Type (i.e. club / restaurant) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pledge of Collateral (i.e. License/Stock) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Change Corporate Name | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Category (i.e. All Alcohol/Wine, Malt) | <input type="checkbox"/> Management/Operating Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Officers/
Directors/LLC Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Ownership Interest
(LLC Members/ LLP Partners,
Trustees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Hours |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of DBA |

THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MUST SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ONCE APPROVED VIA THE ePLACE PORTAL

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3
 Chelsea, MA 02150-2358



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3, Chelsea, MA 02150-2358
 www.mass.gov/abcc

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT-Pledge of Collateral

Pledge of License **Pledge of Stock** **Pledge of Inventory**

- Payment Receipt
- Monetary Transmittal Form
- DOR Certificate of Good Standing
- DUA Certificate of Compliance
- Change of Pledge of License, Stock or Inventory Application
- Vote of the Entity
- Pledge documentation
- Promissory note

1. BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION

Entity Name	Municipality	ABCC License Number
Santa Fe Burrito Grill LLC	Franklin	04360-RS-0430

Please provide a narrative overview of the transaction(s) being applied for. On-premises applicants should also provide a description of the intended theme or concept of the business operation.

The Licensee is seeking to pledge its liquor license (6 liquor licenses and 6 separate pledge applications) as collateral to Northern Bank & Trust Company, as part of a Loan Agreement for \$3,410,000.00 to assist with the acquisition of a new "Santa Fe Burrito Grill" and to refinance existing "Santa Fe Burrito Grill" locations.

APPLICATION CONTACT

The application contact is the person who should be contacted with any questions regarding this application.

Name	Title	Email	Phone
Andrew Upton	Attorney	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

2. AMENDMENT-Pledge Information

Pledge of License

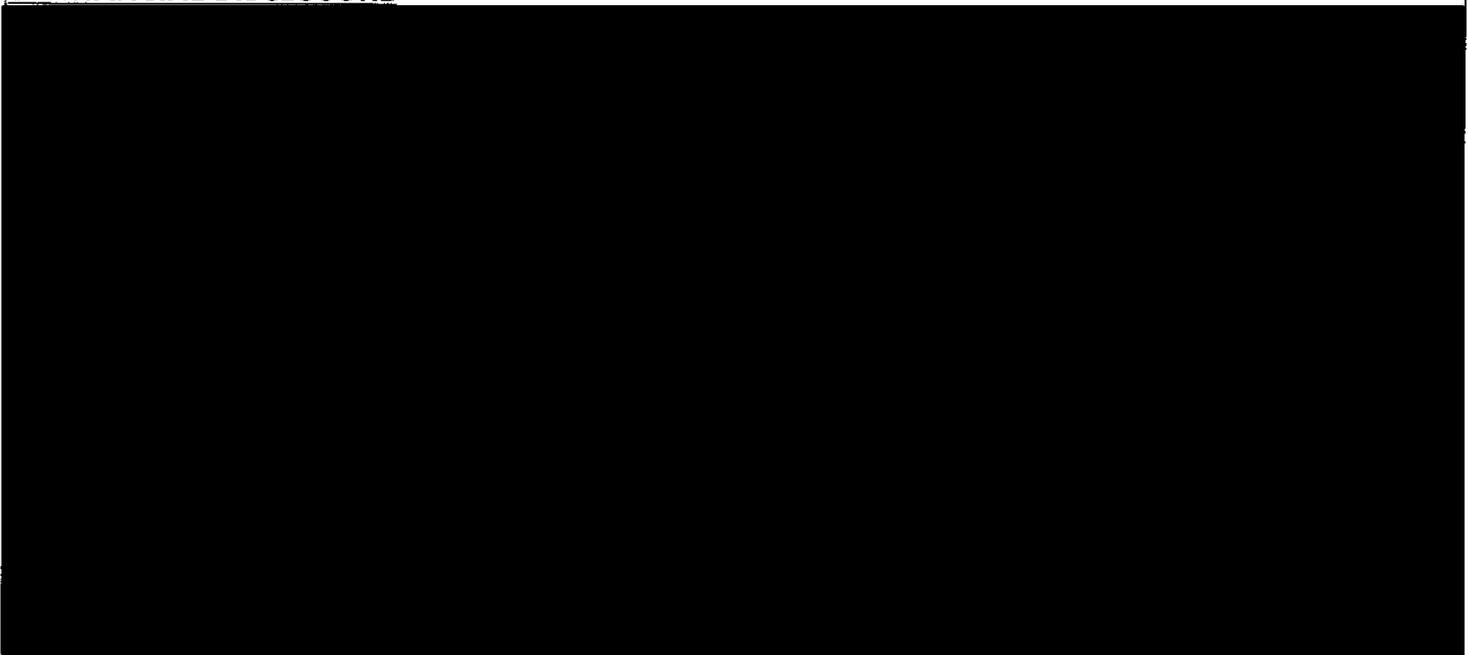
To whom is the pledge being made:

Pledge of Inventory

Northern Bank & Trust Company

Pledge of Stock

3. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE



APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I, Hector Angel the: sole proprietor; partner; corporate principal; LLC/LLP manager
Authorized Signatory

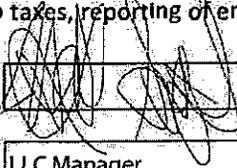
of Santa Fe Burrito Grill LLC
Name of the Entity/Corporation

hereby submit this application (hereinafter the "Application"), to the local licensing authority (the "LLA") and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "ABCC" and together with the LLA collectively the "Licensing Authorities") for approval.

I do hereby declare under the pains and penalties of perjury that I have personal knowledge of the information submitted in the Application, and as such affirm that all statements and representations therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further submit the following to be true and accurate:

- (1) I understand that each representation in this Application is material to the Licensing Authorities' decision on the Application and that the Licensing Authorities will rely on each and every answer in the Application and accompanying documents in reaching its decision;
- (2) I state that the location and description of the proposed licensed premises are in compliance with state and local laws and regulations;
- (3) I understand that while the Application is pending, I must notify the Licensing Authorities of any change in the information submitted therein. I understand that failure to give such notice to the Licensing Authorities may result in disapproval of the Application;
- (4) I understand that upon approval of the Application, I must notify the Licensing Authorities of any change in the ownership as approved by the Licensing Authorities. I understand that failure to give such notice to the Licensing Authorities may result in sanctions including revocation of any license for which this Application is submitted;
- (5) I understand that the licensee will be bound by the statements and representations made in the Application, including, but not limited to the identity of persons with an ownership or financial interest in the license;
- (6) I understand that all statements and representations made become conditions of the license;
- (7) I understand that any physical alterations to or changes to the size of the area used for the sale, delivery, storage, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, must be reported to the Licensing Authorities and may require the prior approval of the Licensing Authorities;
- (8) I understand that the licensee's failure to operate the licensed premises in accordance with the statements and representations made in the Application may result in sanctions, including the revocation of any license for which the Application was submitted; and
- (9) I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation will constitute cause for disapproval of the Application or sanctions including revocation of any license for which this Application is submitted.
- (10) I confirm that the applicant corporation and each individual listed in the ownership section of the application is in good standing with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting of child support.

Signature:



Date:

7/24/2025

Title:

LLC Manager



**TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR**
TOWN of FRANKLIN

MEMORANDUM

August 7, 2025

To: Finance Committee & Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

RE: FY26 Budget Adjustment & Five Year Forecast

The Finance Committee will review recommended FY26 Operating Budget adjustments to put forward to the Town Council for their consideration on August 13, 2025. The Council will consider a revised budget for FY26 to make modest adjustments based on the final state budget for FY26. We will also conduct a short slide presentation at the meetings next week.

Final FY26 State Budget

The final state budget was signed by the Governor the first week of July. Final [Cherry Sheets](#) and local aid numbers were amended, which included the Governor's vetoes. Cherry Sheets are official local aid numbers from the Commonwealth to cities and towns detailing the upcoming year's state aid *and* state assessments. Chapter 70 is the largest allocation of state aid, but there is much more to local aid than Chapter 70, including charter school tuition reimbursements, regional transit, mosquito control, veterans benefits, and more.

The final state budget results in Franklin losing \$231,152 in local aid relative to the final budget approved by the Council on June 4th. The main reason is due to the increase in sending tuition to the Charter School for additional enrollment \$282,864 and less Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) funds, among other small tweaks.

We want to note the final state budget from the Legislature *lowered* overall spending by \$800 million from what both branches passed in their final budgets in April/May, respectively. The Governor vetoed an additional \$130 million beyond that. The Legislature and the Governor have reduced the FY26 state budget by *almost \$1 billion* from what they proposed in January, April and May, respectively. Furthermore, we expect potential mid-year "9C" spending cuts at the state level. 9C cuts are unilaterally decided by the Governor and are a statutory tool for mid-year budgeting.

FY26 Budget Amendment Proposals

Staff are proposing two sample budget models for the Finance Committee, Town Council and community to consider:

1. Model A is a proposal to split the reductions 50/50 between Town/Schools. The proposal would cut the Franklin Public School Account 300 by 50%, or \$115,576 for FY26 and Town services would be cut an equal 50%, or \$115,576 for FY26 from various accounts. This model does not restore any lost services or cuts, while splitting the effect of the local aid cuts. The purpose of showing this model is due to widespread community feedback that the town did not restore any of the services the Town indicated would be cut as part of the failed override.
2. Model B is a proposal to restore the two paramedics, which would also restore some of the lost revenue from local aid. The restorations of paramedics would be effective January 1, 2026, which would assume ½ year restoration in ambulance revenues to local coffers. To accomplish this, the town is proposing an additional lane of municipal cuts to restore the paramedics. Between ambulance revenues and additional cuts, the Town can balance the budget with the loss in local aid from the state.

Model B also seeks to maintain/improve trust within the community. A central message after the override failure was to cut the services the town/schools said would likely be cut. Model B restores only one service, while also cutting approximately another \$71,000 in additional municipal services to do so, albeit most of the savings is from employee benefits after recalculating “actuals” after the open enrollment period this Spring/Summer.

The Finance Committee, Town Council or residents of the community can offer additional ideas or feedback from. These two models simply outline a couple of scenarios based on the feedback staff have received so far from the community.

A final reconciled budget is required prior to the tax rate hearing in November/December.

Five Year Fiscal Forecast

Forecasting can be very helpful, but the 2020's have been an impossible decade to properly forecast relative to previous standards. This dynamic will likely remain through the end of the decade, given global turbulence and economic change and uncertainty.

Regardless, we have drafted a five-year fiscal forecast based off tonight's budget amendment (Model B) proposal to show you a snapshot into the future. We have also highlighted some very important factoids as we look out to FY27 and beyond.

The model includes the following assumptions:

- Annual increases of 1% in state aid, 5% for (Municipal) Local Receipts, 14% for employee health care and municipal benefits for retiree and employee health care, and 8% for Norfolk County Pension assessments. The assumptions do not account for enrollment predictions within Tri-County or Norfolk Aggie.
- A 3.8% annual increase for Account 300 Franklin Public Schools, per the School Business Administrator.
- Inclusion of the three Mental Health Clinicians within the Franklin Police Department. The model assumes half of that cost in FY28 and then the full cost in FY29.
- Includes all municipal and school collective bargaining agreements for FY27 and FY28. Collective bargaining will occur again for the FY29-FY31 cycle, costs to be determined.
- Eliminates the estimated borrowing costs for both the Remington-Jefferson School and the Horace Mann roof projects, as those projects are likely on hold until the community can address the structural deficit. Both projects will remain at the top of the list for repairs, should the Town address its structural deficit. It is important to note that these projects will fall into further disrepair and cost the town more money the longer repairs are delayed.

The Municipal budget has now been cut \$3.136 million over the last two fiscal years – harming the Town’s overall financial standing and placing significant stress on municipal workloads at a time when all municipal services are seeing record breaking demand. We have linked a [very well written letter from the municipal Department Heads from last December](#) outlining their concerns over ongoing municipal budget cuts. The organization is now into the bone and has zero budget flexibility without severely damaging additional core services to the public.

With the recent cuts we have experienced an increase in concerns and complaints over an increase in trash issues in public spaces, lack of tree trimming, the loss of SRO’s, a lost ambulance, and continued school cuts, etc. These cuts, coupled with the state of our economy, guarantee future cuts each year over the next five years.

Options for the FY27 and beyond

The following list of ideas are a starter list of potential strategies to begin to mitigate future reductions in service with the scarce dollars the town has:

- Employee Health Care. Consolidate all employee and retiree health insurance, including Account 300 FPS active employee health care, to the Town 910 Benefits line item. This was requested last year from several school stakeholders at the JBSC listening sessions. Having one dedicated staff member monitor benefits for the entire community would likely produce

some short and long term structural efficiencies as we tackle the enormous challenge of health insurance. Benefits Coordinator, Emma Collins, would oversee all metrics and trends for all employee and retiree benefits.

- Technology Reform. Consolidate the Technology Department into one departmental line item. Currently the IT budget mostly falls under both the School budget, which most people do not know and, at times, gets lost despite being one of the most important departments in town. This strategy would require that the IT budget divest out of the School Budget and move completely into the broader budget to create efficiencies in the system.

Director Rapoza and the IT staff continue to do more with dwindling, limited resources. However, a new model is sorely needed as our IT department needs the necessary resources in order to protect the Town's systems, software, security, service delivery, and much more. This is exceptionally challenging when there are split departments. Over the short to long term, one department in the town budget would give greater visibility to the challenges the department faces and a much needed narrative on how to better coordinate resources. Technology is conducting a "deep dive" session on September 10th with the Finance Committee.

Note: These suggestions do NOT imply the Town can pay for either of these endeavors without reducing the school budget. Account 300 would have to be reduced to achieve these projects, but having these two costly town services under one roof would allow for economies of scale and streamlined management.

- Free Cash. The Town will likely need a substantial amount of free cash, \$1 million to \$2 million, on an annual basis to balance the budget. The capital needs of the town and schools will unquestionably be reduced and will set our community back if this idea moves forward. This course will force the annual capital plan to focus narrowly every year on only essential items, such as fire and police safety gear, SPED vans and fleet or programmatic items that are absolutely necessary, completely broken or outdated.
- No New Initiatives Policy. The Town and schools should consider approving a policy for no new positions, new programs, or new requests for services from the community. We are currently staffed to perform the basic level of service operations from our departments. The time is now to end additional spending and focus on doing the best with what we have and seeking sustainability. This will require all elected and appointed officials to set realistic and reasonable expectations with the community as to what our departments can do within the resources we have.
- Zero % Raises & Furloughs. The Town will need to evaluate 0% raises for all non-union or non-contractual school and town staff. Furloughs may also have to be evaluated.

- Significant service and staff reductions. One option would be to shrink the size of school and town operations to develop a more sustainable future and set clearer expectations on what service levels the town and schools can deliver.
- Hold Harmless School Funding. Elected officials should monitor the Chapter 70 Commission at the state level, due to our “Hold Harmless” status as the second highest “Hold Harmless” community in the Commonwealth – second only to the city of Boston.

In the FY26 state budget, the Legislature mandates the state DESE agency report findings on the Chapter 70 formula to the Legislature by Summer of 2026. This will set the stage for a Chapter 70 Commission, which will be the first in twenty years.

Franklin is currently at \$12 million in “hold harmless” funding. We would expect revisions to the Chapter 70 local aid formula as early as FY28, but certainly by FY27 or FY29 depending on how the report from DESE unfolds, how the Commission is defined and how much budget pressures fall on the state from federal reductions. The Franklin Public School District could be in a very challenging position, as it has been nearly 20 years since the town began to be “held harmless” due to the significant declining enrollment that began in 2009.

- Eliminate Town Council subcommittees to save staff time scheduling, preparing more agendas, spending thousands of taxpayers dollars on minutes, as well as the constant staff time pressures to prepare and execute these committees. Additional meetings also require more nights out for staff and contribute to work-life balance issues throughout the staff. The School Committee should also consider reducing subcommittees for the same reasons.
- Adjustments to town operations and office hours. Operational adjustments will be considered concerning Municipal Building hours for public access to the staff. At the current juncture, responsiveness of town staff to citizens will be slower due to staffing cuts. As a result of the cuts, staff have been inundated with many complaints and calls for service, which we cannot fill. Alternative means of service delivery will be examined in order for current staff to be able to get additional work done that were part of the responsibility of positions we just cut. without having to work extra nights, longer hours and weekends. I may propose a “Closed Friday’s” policy for the municipal building where staff report for work, but the buildings are closed to the public so the staff can get research, writing, coordinating and other work done without disruptions. Many towns operate in a similar manner such as Ashland, which has been very successful for morale, culture and productivity. Most services are conducted online by most customers and we will, of course, maintain the drive through window being open!

The above list is not exhaustive of the ideas that could be developed and deployed, but an early list of ideas to get the community thinking about how operations must change to work within the fiscal reality.

Future Municipal & School Reductions

The municipal organization does not have any more room for cuts without severe consequences to the quality of life, public safety, staff morale and retention and the overall services provided throughout the community that are expected. Franklin’s livelihood and respected reputation is at risk if the structural deficit is not permanently addressed.

We have attached a table with the proposed *likely* next set of municipal services to be reduced if the town is required to reduce its budget by \$1 million a year over the next three years. As you can see from the following chart, these cuts will significantly harm service delivery to the community and in some cases eliminate services entirely – services that scored very high in the citizen satisfaction survey.

The figures below are based on FY26 budget numbers to illustrate the general landscape of what is at stake moving forward in FY27 or future fiscal years.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Service</u>
123	Administration	\$200,387	Reduce Deputy Administrator. Administration will have only two staff remaining in the office.
164	Town Clerk	\$56,181	Reduction in 1 FTE for Town Clerk/Elections.
192	Facilities	\$100,420	Reduce two custodians.
422	Public Works	\$109,280	Reduce two grounds/snow and ice removal staff.
610	Library	\$1,168,606	Close the entire library.
541	Senior Center	\$571,063	Close the entire Senior Center.
693	Arts, Culture & CE	\$114,776	Close the entire department and all grants.
690	Historic Museum	\$76,809	Close the Historic Museum.
691	Historical Comm.	\$2,000	Reduce \$2,000.
695	Cultural Council	\$20,000	Eliminate all Cultural Council grants.
910	Benefits	\$650,000	Reduction in benefits for 26 staff.
	Total:	\$3,069,522	

Furthermore, the chart below will show expected tax levy revenue versus Account 300 at 3.8% expense growth per year over 5 years.

Fiscal Year	Account 300	Increase	Estimated Tax Levy	Variance	% of levy
FY26	\$78,309,495	N/A	N/A	N/A	
FY27	\$81,285,255	3.8% (\$2,975,760)	\$3,536,509	\$560,749	84%
FY28	\$84,374,094	3.8% (\$3,088,839)	\$3,624,922	\$536,083	85%
FY29	\$87,580,309	3.8% (\$3,206,215)	\$3,715,545	\$509,330	86%
FY30	\$90,908,360	3.8% (\$3,328,051)	\$3,808,434	\$480,383	87%

The above chart illustrates what will be lost to municipal services over the coming years if the structural budget deficit is not properly dealt with. The charts also show unsustainable figures for the Account 300 School Department, which are not feasible due to health care, pension and inflation costs affecting the budget.

Conclusion

Until the residents and stakeholders of the community address the structural budget deficit through reductions in service, setting proper expectations in the community, innovative solutions, or other means, reductions and cuts will continue for the foreseeable future to both school and town budgets. The delivery of core services and reputation of the community is in jeopardy.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
FISCAL YEAR 2026 REVENUE AND CONTROL SHEET

	FINAL FY24	FINAL FY25	PROPOSED FY26	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	Option A		Option B		
					Adjustment	PROPOSED FY26	Adjustment	PROPOSED FY26	
TAX LEVY									
Prior Year Levy Limit plus 2 1/2%	\$ 89,436,897.00	\$ 92,839,014.00	\$ 96,360,363.65	\$ 3,521,349.65	\$ -	\$ 96,360,363.65	\$ -	\$ 96,360,363.65	
New Growth	\$ 1,137,751.00	\$ 1,171,097.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ (71,097.00)	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00	
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$ 90,574,648.00	\$ 94,010,111.00	\$ 97,460,363.65	\$ 3,450,252.65	\$ -	\$ 97,460,363.65	\$ -	\$ 97,460,363.65	
DEBT EXCLUSIONS									
Horace Mann Issue #1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Keller-Sullivan	\$ 376,050.00	\$ 360,325.00	\$ -	\$ (360,325.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Horace Mann Issue #2	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 260,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 260,000.00	\$ -	\$ 260,000.00	
High School Issue #1	\$ 2,878,163.00	\$ 2,879,488.00	\$ 2,880,588.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,880,588.00	\$ -	\$ 2,880,588.00	
High School Issue #2	\$ 151,563.00	\$ 153,062.00	\$ 149,313.00	\$ (3,749.00)	\$ -	\$ 149,313.00	\$ -	\$ 149,313.00	
Tri-County New School	\$ -	\$ 132,298.00	\$ 1,608,430.00	\$ 1,476,132.00	\$ -	\$ 1,608,430.00	\$ -	\$ 1,608,430.00	
TOTAL DEBT EXCLUSIONS	\$ 3,685,776.00	\$ 3,795,173.00	\$ 4,898,331.00	\$ 1,103,158.00	\$ -	\$ 4,898,331.00	\$ -	\$ 4,898,331.00	
TOTAL POTENTIAL TAX LEVY	\$ 94,260,424.00	\$ 97,805,284.00	\$ 102,358,694.65	\$ 4,553,410.65	\$ -	\$ 102,358,694.65	\$ -	\$ 102,358,694.65	
STATE REVENUE									
Chapter 70 School Aid	\$ 29,191,961.00	\$ 29,717,993.00	\$ 30,460,643.00	\$ 742,650.00	\$ -	\$ 30,460,643.00	\$ -	\$ 30,460,643.00	
Charter School Reimbursements	\$ 1,032,630.00	\$ 767,369.00	\$ 638,571.00	\$ (128,798.00)	\$ -	\$ 638,571.00	\$ -	\$ 638,571.00	
Unrestricted Aid	\$ 2,953,914.00	\$ 3,042,531.00	\$ 3,075,999.00	\$ 33,468.00	\$ -	\$ 3,075,999.00	\$ -	\$ 3,075,999.00	
All Other Net of Offsets	\$ 426,733.00	\$ 428,538.00	\$ 589,360.00	\$ 160,822.00	\$ -	\$ 589,360.00	\$ -	\$ 589,360.00	
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	\$ 33,605,238.00	\$ 33,956,431.00	\$ 34,764,573.00	\$ 808,142.00	\$ -	\$ 34,764,573.00	\$ -	\$ 34,764,573.00	
OTHER REVENUES									
Local Receipts - General Fund	\$ 12,456,309.00	\$ 13,621,033.00	\$ 14,806,868.71	\$ 1,185,835.71	\$ -	\$ 14,806,868.71	\$ 249,623.68	\$ 15,056,492.39	
Host Community Agreement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
J&J Opioid Settlement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$ 12,456,309.00	\$ 13,621,033.00	\$ 14,806,868.71	\$ 1,185,835.71	\$ -	\$ 14,806,868.71	\$ 249,623.68	\$ 15,056,492.39	
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS									
Net Budget Stabilization / Other Transfers	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,032,009.00	\$ -	\$ (3,032,009.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Enterprise Fund (Indirects)	\$ 1,593,000.00	\$ 1,841,000.00	\$ 1,984,600.00	\$ 143,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,984,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,984,600.00	
TOTAL OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 1,843,000.00	\$ 4,873,009.00	\$ 1,984,600.00	\$ (2,888,409.00)	\$ -	\$ 1,984,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,984,600.00	
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FUNDS	\$ 142,164,971.00	\$ 150,255,757.00	\$ 153,914,736.36	\$ 3,658,979.36	\$ -	\$ 153,914,736.36	\$ 249,623.68	\$ 154,164,360.04	
ASSESSMENTS & OTHER VOTES									
School Choice	\$ 426,028.00	\$ 513,872.00	\$ 518,346.00	\$ 4,474.00	\$ -	\$ 518,346.00	\$ -	\$ 518,346.00	
State Assessments	\$ 528,947.00	\$ 524,133.00	\$ 537,505.00	\$ 13,372.00	\$ -	\$ 537,505.00	\$ -	\$ 537,505.00	
County Assessment	\$ 255,963.00	\$ 262,362.00	\$ 281,111.00	\$ 18,749.00	\$ -	\$ 281,111.00	\$ -	\$ 281,111.00	
Charter School Assessment	\$ 5,874,756.00	\$ 5,895,585.00	\$ 6,123,477.00	\$ 227,892.00	\$ -	\$ 6,123,477.00	\$ -	\$ 6,123,477.00	
Provision for Abatements & Exemptions	\$ 622,394.43	\$ 636,146.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 13,854.00	\$ -	\$ 650,000.00	\$ -	\$ 650,000.00	
TOTAL ASSESMENTS & OTHER VOTES	\$ 7,708,088.43	\$ 7,832,098.00	\$ 8,110,439.00	\$ 278,341.00	\$ -	\$ 8,110,439.00	\$ -	\$ 8,110,439.00	
TOTAL NET REVENUE	\$ 134,456,882.57	\$ 142,423,659.00	\$ 145,804,297.36	\$ 3,380,638.36	\$ -	\$ 145,804,297.36	\$ 249,623.68	\$ 146,053,921.04	
LESS: TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$ 134,403,451.00	\$ 142,357,538.99	\$ 146,035,449.04	\$ 3,677,910.05		\$ 145,804,297.36		\$ 146,053,921.04	
UNUSED LEVY	\$ 53,431.57	\$ 66,120.01	\$ (231,151.68)			\$ -		\$ -	

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET**

OPERATING BUDGET	FINAL FY24	FINAL FY25	Estimated FY26	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	Option A		Option B	
					Adjustment	PROPOSED FY26	Adjustment	PROPOSED FY26
111 Town Council								
Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
123 Town Administration								
Salaries	\$ 584,802.00	\$ 579,799.00	\$ 557,108.00	\$ (22,691.00)	\$ -	\$ 557,108.00	\$ -	\$ 557,108.00
Expenses	\$ 44,782.00	\$ 31,826.00	\$ 37,532.00	\$ 5,706.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ 35,032.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ 35,032.00
	\$ 629,584.00	\$ 611,625.00	\$ 594,640.00	\$ (16,985.00)	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ 592,140.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ 592,140.00
131 Finance Committee								
Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
135 Finance								
Salaries	\$ 702,487.00	\$ 723,925.00	\$ 736,615.00	\$ 12,690.00	\$ -	\$ 736,615.00	\$ -	\$ 736,615.00
Expenses	\$ 85,800.00	\$ 119,800.00	\$ 120,780.00	\$ 980.00	\$ -	\$ 120,780.00	\$ -	\$ 120,780.00
	\$ 788,287.00	\$ 843,725.00	\$ 857,395.00	\$ 13,670.00	\$ -	\$ 857,395.00	\$ -	\$ 857,395.00
141 Assessors								
Salaries	\$ 368,198.00	\$ 381,597.00	\$ 385,258.00	\$ 3,661.00	\$ -	\$ 385,258.00	\$ -	\$ 385,258.00
Expenses	\$ 104,900.00	\$ 127,400.00	\$ 165,500.00	\$ 38,100.00	\$ -	\$ 165,500.00	\$ -	\$ 165,500.00
	\$ 473,098.00	\$ 508,997.00	\$ 550,758.00	\$ 41,761.00	\$ -	\$ 550,758.00	\$ -	\$ 550,758.00
147 Treasurer-Collector								
Salaries	\$ 442,959.00	\$ 431,047.00	\$ 441,674.00	\$ 10,627.00	\$ -	\$ 441,674.00	\$ -	\$ 441,674.00
Expenses	\$ 91,105.00	\$ 75,605.00	\$ 75,605.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,605.00	\$ -	\$ 75,605.00
	\$ 534,064.00	\$ 506,652.00	\$ 517,279.00	\$ 10,627.00	\$ -	\$ 517,279.00	\$ -	\$ 517,279.00
151 Legal								
Salaries	\$ 125,105.00	\$ 128,726.00	\$ 131,944.00	\$ 3,218.00	\$ -	\$ 131,944.00	\$ -	\$ 131,944.00
Expenses	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
	\$ 185,105.00	\$ 188,726.00	\$ 191,944.00	\$ 3,218.00	\$ -	\$ 191,944.00	\$ -	\$ 191,944.00
152 Human Resources								
Salaries	\$ 260,903.00	\$ 324,904.00	\$ 304,055.00	\$ (20,849.00)	\$ -	\$ 304,055.00	\$ -	\$ 304,055.00
Expenses	\$ 38,650.00	\$ 38,950.00	\$ 37,100.00	\$ (1,850.00)	\$ -	\$ 37,100.00	\$ -	\$ 37,100.00
	\$ 299,553.00	\$ 363,854.00	\$ 341,155.00	\$ (22,699.00)	\$ -	\$ 341,155.00	\$ -	\$ 341,155.00
155 Information Technology								
Salaries	\$ 36,952.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses	\$ 457,215.00	\$ 520,053.00	\$ 559,423.00	\$ 39,370.00	\$ -	\$ 559,423.00	\$ -	\$ 559,423.00
	\$ 494,167.00	\$ 520,053.00	\$ 559,423.00	\$ 39,370.00	\$ -	\$ 559,423.00	\$ -	\$ 559,423.00
161 Town Clerk								
Salaries	\$ 235,340.00	\$ 248,955.00	\$ 255,167.00	\$ 6,212.00	\$ -	\$ 255,167.00	\$ -	\$ 255,167.00
Expenses	\$ 20,850.00	\$ 21,150.00	\$ 21,750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 21,750.00	\$ -	\$ 21,750.00
	\$ 256,190.00	\$ 270,105.00	\$ 276,917.00	\$ 6,812.00	\$ -	\$ 276,917.00	\$ -	\$ 276,917.00
164 Elections & Registration								
Salaries	\$ 19,480.00	\$ 171,279.00	\$ 69,521.00	\$ (101,758.00)	\$ -	\$ 69,521.00	\$ -	\$ 69,521.00
Expenses	\$ 60,700.00	\$ 65,700.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ (17,700.00)	\$ -	\$ 48,000.00	\$ -	\$ 48,000.00
	\$ 80,180.00	\$ 236,979.00	\$ 117,521.00	\$ (119,458.00)	\$ -	\$ 117,521.00	\$ -	\$ 117,521.00
171 Conservation								
Salaries	\$ -	\$ 75,541.00	\$ 87,461.00	\$ 11,920.00	\$ -	\$ 87,461.00	\$ -	\$ 87,461.00
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 12,060.00	\$ 12,060.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,060.00	\$ -	\$ 12,060.00
	\$ -	\$ 87,601.00	\$ 99,521.00	\$ 11,920.00	\$ -	\$ 99,521.00	\$ -	\$ 99,521.00
176 Appeals Board								
Expenses	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00
177 Planning & Growth Management								
Salaries	\$ 445,416.00	\$ 366,017.00	\$ 311,294.63	\$ (54,722.37)	\$ (13,575.68)	\$ 297,718.95	\$ -	\$ 311,294.63
Expenses	\$ 32,300.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 30,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,500.00	\$ -	\$ 30,500.00
	\$ 477,716.00	\$ 396,517.00	\$ 341,794.63	\$ (54,722.37)	\$ (13,575.68)	\$ 328,218.95	\$ -	\$ 341,794.63
184 Agricultural Commission								
Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
192 Public Property & Buildings								
Salaries	\$ 3,312,437.00	\$ 3,484,614.00	\$ 3,554,086.20	\$ 69,472.20	\$ -	\$ 3,554,086.20	\$ -	\$ 3,554,086.20
Expenses	\$ 5,172,200.00	\$ 5,384,040.00	\$ 5,456,492.00	\$ 72,452.00	\$ -	\$ 5,456,492.00	\$ -	\$ 5,456,492.00
	\$ 8,484,637.00	\$ 8,868,654.00	\$ 9,010,578.20	\$ 141,924.20	\$ -	\$ 9,010,578.20	\$ -	\$ 9,010,578.20
196 Purchasing / Central Services								
Salaries	\$ -	\$ 92,249.00	\$ 94,921.00	\$ 2,672.00	\$ -	\$ 94,921.00	\$ -	\$ 94,921.00
Expenses	\$ 161,000.00	\$ 170,524.00	\$ 189,524.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -	\$ 189,524.00	\$ -	\$ 189,524.00
	\$ 161,000.00	\$ 262,773.00	\$ 284,445.00	\$ 21,672.00	\$ -	\$ 284,445.00	\$ -	\$ 284,445.00
Subtotal, General Government	\$ 12,881,081.00	\$ 13,681,261.00	\$ 13,763,870.83	\$ 82,609.83	\$ (21,075.68)	\$ 13,742,795.15	\$ (7,500.00)	\$ 13,756,370.83
210 Police								
Salaries	\$ 6,652,746.00	\$ 6,974,304.00	\$ 6,956,793.00	\$ (17,511.00)	\$ -	\$ 6,956,793.00	\$ -	\$ 6,956,793.00
Expenses	\$ 332,331.00	\$ 374,016.00	\$ 386,434.00	\$ 12,418.00	\$ -	\$ 386,434.00	\$ -	\$ 386,434.00
	\$ 6,985,077.00	\$ 7,348,320.00	\$ 7,343,227.00	\$ (5,093.00)	\$ -	\$ 7,343,227.00	\$ -	\$ 7,343,227.00

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET**

OPERATING BUDGET	FINAL FY24	FINAL FY25	Estimated FY26	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	Option A		Option B	
					Adjustment	PROPOSED FY26	Adjustment	PROPOSED FY26
Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Subtotal, Culture & Recreation	\$ 1,940,161.00	\$ 2,182,455.99	\$ 2,242,074.45	\$ 59,618.46	\$ (19,500.00)	\$ 2,222,574.45	\$ (13,500.00)	\$ 2,228,574.45
710 Retirement of Debt								
Non-Excluded	\$ 1,897,000.00	\$ 1,745,000.00	\$ 1,930,000.00	\$ 185,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,930,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,930,000.00
Excluded	\$ 2,175,000.00	\$ 2,245,000.00	\$ 2,085,328.00	\$ (159,672.00)	\$ -	\$ 2,085,328.00	\$ -	\$ 2,085,328.00
	\$ 4,072,000.00	\$ 3,990,000.00	\$ 4,015,328.00	\$ 25,328.00	\$ -	\$ 4,015,328.00	\$ -	\$ 4,015,328.00
750 Interest								
Non-Excluded	\$ 587,478.00	\$ 516,773.00	\$ 524,411.06	\$ 7,638.06	\$ -	\$ 524,411.06	\$ -	\$ 524,411.06
Excluded	\$ 1,520,775.00	\$ 1,550,314.00	\$ 2,813,002.00	\$ 1,262,688.00	\$ -	\$ 2,813,002.00	\$ -	\$ 2,813,002.00
	\$ 2,108,253.00	\$ 2,067,087.00	\$ 3,337,413.06	\$ 1,270,326.06	\$ -	\$ 3,337,413.06	\$ -	\$ 3,337,413.06
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 6,180,253.00	\$ 6,057,087.00	\$ 7,352,741.06	\$ 1,295,654.06	\$ -	\$ 7,352,741.06	\$ -	\$ 7,352,741.06
910 Benefits								
Retirement & Pension	\$ 7,501,821.00	\$ 7,890,141.00	\$ 8,448,186.00	\$ 558,045.00	\$ -	\$ 8,448,186.00	\$ -	\$ 8,448,186.00
Health/Life Insurance Benefits	\$ 3,704,743.00	\$ 3,861,000.00	\$ 4,338,098.00	\$ 477,098.00	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ 4,313,098.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 4,363,098.00
Retired Teacher Health Insurance	\$ 570,000.00	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 740,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 690,000.00	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ 665,000.00
Non-GIC School Retirees	\$ 1,145,000.00	\$ 1,283,000.00	\$ 1,574,000.00	\$ 291,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,574,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,574,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 620,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ 620,000.00	\$ -	\$ 620,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 143,529.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 6,471.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
Medicare	\$ 341,250.00	\$ 368,550.00	\$ 435,995.00	\$ 67,445.00	\$ -	\$ 435,995.00	\$ -	\$ 435,995.00
OPEB	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (300,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
Compensation Reserve	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
	\$ 14,952,814.00	\$ 15,156,220.00	\$ 16,506,279.00	\$ 1,350,059.00	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ 16,431,279.00	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 16,456,279.00
945 Liability Insurance								
	\$ 775,000.00	\$ 819,571.00	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 100,429.00	\$ -	\$ 920,000.00	\$ -	\$ 920,000.00
	\$ 775,000.00	\$ 819,571.00	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 100,429.00	\$ -	\$ 920,000.00	\$ -	\$ 920,000.00
Subtotal, Benefits & Insurance	\$ 15,727,814.00	\$ 15,975,791.00	\$ 17,426,279.00	\$ 1,450,488.00	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ 17,351,279.00	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 17,376,279.00
TOTAL ALL BUDGETS	\$ 134,403,451.00	\$ 142,357,538.99	\$ 146,035,449.04	\$ 3,677,910.05	\$ (231,151.68)	\$ 145,804,297.36	\$ 18,472.00	\$ 146,053,921.04
ENTERPRISE FUNDS								
434 Solid Waste Disposal								
Salaries	\$ 132,806.00	\$ 141,400.00	\$ 144,705.10	\$ 3,305.10	\$ -	\$ 144,705.10	\$ -	\$ 144,705.10
Expenses	\$ 2,681,622.00	\$ 2,774,732.00	\$ 3,012,610.00	\$ 237,878.00	\$ -	\$ 3,012,610.00	\$ -	\$ 3,012,610.00
OPEB	\$ 1,211.00	\$ 1,817.00	\$ 1,999.00	\$ 182.00	\$ -	\$ 1,999.00	\$ -	\$ 1,999.00
	\$ 2,815,639.00	\$ 2,917,949.00	\$ 3,159,314.10	\$ 241,365.10	\$ -	\$ 3,159,314.10	\$ -	\$ 3,159,314.10
440 Sewer								
Salaries	\$ 935,104.00	\$ 989,282.00	\$ 998,597.07	\$ 9,315.07	\$ -	\$ 998,597.07	\$ -	\$ 998,597.07
Expenses	\$ 554,750.00	\$ 569,750.00	\$ 578,500.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$ -	\$ 578,500.00	\$ -	\$ 578,500.00
Charles River Assessment	\$ 3,430,990.00	\$ 3,655,000.00	\$ 3,655,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,655,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,655,000.00
OPEB	\$ 9,810.00	\$ 12,474.00	\$ 13,721.00	\$ 1,247.00	\$ -	\$ 13,721.00	\$ -	\$ 13,721.00
Principal & Interest	\$ 1,084,173.00	\$ 641,525.00	\$ 302,050.00	\$ (339,475.00)	\$ -	\$ 302,050.00	\$ -	\$ 302,050.00
	\$ 6,014,827.00	\$ 5,868,031.00	\$ 5,547,868.07	\$ (320,162.93)	\$ -	\$ 5,547,868.07	\$ -	\$ 5,547,868.07
450 Water								
Salaries	\$ 1,694,900.00	\$ 1,783,316.00	\$ 1,821,404.96	\$ 38,088.96	\$ -	\$ 1,821,404.96	\$ -	\$ 1,821,404.96
Expenses	\$ 2,428,000.00	\$ 2,468,500.00	\$ 2,564,000.00	\$ 95,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,564,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,564,000.00
OPEB	\$ 18,045.00	\$ 22,647.00	\$ 24,912.00	\$ 2,265.00	\$ -	\$ 24,912.00	\$ -	\$ 24,912.00
Principal & Interest	\$ 2,665,437.00	\$ 2,857,672.00	\$ 3,721,030.08	\$ 863,358.08	\$ -	\$ 3,721,030.08	\$ -	\$ 3,721,030.08
	\$ 6,806,382.00	\$ 7,132,135.00	\$ 8,131,347.04	\$ 999,212.04	\$ -	\$ 8,131,347.04	\$ -	\$ 8,131,347.04
460 Stormwater								
Salaries	\$ 334,117.00	\$ 371,296.00	\$ 399,356.02	\$ 28,060.02	\$ -	\$ 399,356.02	\$ -	\$ 399,356.02
Expenses	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 724,000.00	\$ 724,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 724,000.00	\$ -	\$ 724,000.00
OPEB	\$ -	\$ 4,360.00	\$ 4,796.00	\$ 436.00	\$ -	\$ 4,796.00	\$ -	\$ 4,796.00
	\$ 834,117.00	\$ 1,099,656.00	\$ 1,128,152.02	\$ 28,496.02	\$ -	\$ 1,128,152.02	\$ -	\$ 1,128,152.02
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$ 16,470,965.00	\$ 17,017,771.00	\$ 17,966,681.23	\$ 948,910.23	\$ -	\$ 17,966,681.23	\$ -	\$ 17,966,681.23
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 150,874,416.00	\$ 159,375,309.99	\$ 164,002,130.27	\$ 4,626,820.28	\$ (231,151.68)	\$ 163,770,978.59	\$ 18,472.00	\$ 164,020,602.27



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 25-52**

APPROPRIATION: General Funds Appropriation Reductions FY26

PURPOSE: To reduce the FY26 General Fund appropriations as follows:

Dept No.	Department	Appropriation	(Reduction)
123	Town Administration	Expenses	(2,500)
176	Appeals Board	Expenses	(5,000)
300	School	Expenses	(115,576)
192	Public Property	Salaries	(13,576)
690	Historical Museum	Expenses	(2,500)
691	Historical Commission	Expenses	(2,000)
693	Arts, Culture Creative Economy	Expenses	(5,000)
695	Cultural Council	Expenses	(10,000)
910	Benefits	Expenses	(75,000)
		Total	(231,152)

MOTION:

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Two Hundred Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$231,152) be reduced from the FY26 General Fund budget appropriations as indicated above.

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

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 25-52**

APPROPRIATION: General Funds Increase and Reductions FY26

PURPOSE: To increase or reduce the FY26 General Fund appropriations as follows:

Dept No.	Department	Appropriation	(Reduction)
123	Town Administration	Expenses	(2,500)
176	Appeals Board	Expenses	(5,000)
220	Fire	Salaries	89,472
690	Historical Museum	Expenses	(2,500)
691	Historical Commission	Expenses	(1,000)
693	Arts, Culture Creative Economy	Expenses	(5,000)
695	Cultural Council	Expenses	(5,000)
910	Benefits	Expenses	(50,000)
		Total	18,472

MOTION:

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council to increase or reduce the FY26 General Fund budget appropriations as indicated above that in total amount to an increase of Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$18,472).

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

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
FIVE YEAR FISCAL FORECAST FY26 THROUGH FY31

	BUDGET		FORCAST				Assumptions
	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	
TAX LEVY							
Prior Year Levy Limit plus 2 1/2%	\$96,360,364	\$99,896,873	\$103,521,795	\$107,237,340	\$111,045,774	\$114,949,419	Fixed Increase
New Growth	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	0.00%
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$97,460,364	\$100,996,873	\$104,621,795	\$108,337,340	\$112,145,774	\$116,049,419	
DEBT EXCLUSIONS							
Horace Mann Issue #2	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Fixed Increase
High School Issue #1	\$2,880,588	\$2,879,088	\$2,879,888	\$2,877,888	\$2,877,988	\$2,878,744	Fixed Increase
High School Issue #2	\$149,313	\$150,563	\$151,563	\$152,313	\$152,813	\$153,063	Fixed Increase
Tri-County New School	\$1,608,430	\$1,604,172	\$1,909,791	\$1,890,313	\$2,071,794	\$2,076,944	Fixed Increase
TOTAL DEBT EXCLUSIONS	\$4,898,331	\$4,633,822	\$4,941,241	\$4,920,513	\$5,102,594	\$5,108,750	
TOTAL POTENTIAL TAX LEVY	\$102,358,695	\$105,630,695	\$109,563,036	\$113,257,853	\$117,248,368	\$121,158,169	
STATE REVENUE							
Chapter 70 School Aid	\$30,460,643	\$30,765,249	\$31,072,902	\$31,383,631	\$31,697,467	\$32,014,442	1.00%
Charter School Reimbursements	\$638,571	\$644,957	\$651,406	\$657,920	\$664,500	\$671,145	1.00%
Unrestricted Aid	\$3,075,999	\$3,106,759	\$3,137,827	\$3,169,205	\$3,200,897	\$3,232,906	1.00%
All Other Net of Offsets	\$589,360	\$598,200	\$607,173	\$616,281	\$625,525	\$634,908	1.50%
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	\$34,764,573	\$35,115,166	\$35,469,308	\$35,827,037	\$36,188,389	\$36,553,400	
OTHER REVENUES							
Local Receipts - General Fund	\$15,056,492	\$15,809,317	\$16,599,783	\$17,429,772	\$18,301,261	\$19,216,324	5.00%
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$15,056,492	\$15,809,317	\$16,599,783	\$17,429,772	\$18,301,261	\$19,216,324	
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Net Budget Stabilization / Other Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Enterprise Fund (Indirects)	\$1,984,600	\$2,083,830	\$2,188,022	\$2,297,423	\$2,412,294	\$2,532,908	5.00%
TOTAL OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$1,984,600	\$2,083,830	\$2,188,022	\$2,297,423	\$2,412,294	\$2,532,908	
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FUNDS	\$154,164,360	\$158,639,008	\$163,820,149	\$168,812,085	\$174,150,311	\$179,460,802	
ASSESSMENTS & OTHER VOTES							
School Choice	\$518,346	\$539,080	\$560,643	\$583,069	\$606,392	\$630,647	4.00%
State Assessments	\$537,505	\$559,005	\$581,365	\$604,620	\$628,805	\$653,957	4.00%
County Assessment	\$281,111	\$292,355	\$304,050	\$316,212	\$328,860	\$342,015	4.00%
Charter School Assessment	\$6,123,477	\$6,368,416	\$6,623,153	\$6,888,079	\$7,163,602	\$7,450,146	4.00%
Provision for Abatements & Exemptions	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	0.00%
TOTAL ASSESMENTS & OTHER VOTES	\$8,110,439	\$8,408,857	\$8,719,211	\$9,041,979	\$9,377,658	\$9,726,765	
TOTAL NET REVENUE	\$146,053,921	\$150,230,151	\$155,100,938	\$159,770,105	\$164,772,653	\$169,734,037	
LESS: TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$146,053,921	\$152,146,730	\$157,559,091	\$163,582,856	\$170,331,464	\$177,319,111	
UNUSED LEVY	\$0	-\$1,916,579	-\$2,458,153	-\$3,812,751	-\$5,558,811	-\$7,585,074	

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
FIVE YEAR FISCAL FORECAST FY26 THROUGH FY31

	BUDGET		FORCAST				Assumptions
	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	
111 Town Council							
Expenses	\$5,500	\$5,638	\$5,778	\$5,923	\$6,071	\$6,223	2.50%
	\$5,500	\$5,638	\$5,778	\$5,923	\$6,071	\$6,223	
123 Town Administration							
Salaries	\$557,108	\$571,036	\$585,312	\$599,944	\$614,943	\$630,317	2.50%
Expenses	\$35,032	\$35,908	\$36,805	\$37,726	\$38,669	\$39,635	2.50%
	\$592,140	\$606,944	\$622,117	\$637,670	\$653,612	\$669,952	
131 Finance Committee							
Expenses	\$7,000	\$7,175	\$7,354	\$7,538	\$7,727	\$7,920	2.50%
	\$7,000	\$7,175	\$7,354	\$7,538	\$7,727	\$7,920	
135 Finance							
Salaries	\$736,615	\$755,030	\$773,906	\$793,254	\$813,085	\$833,412	2.50%
Expenses	\$120,780	\$123,800	\$126,894	\$130,067	\$133,319	\$136,651	2.50%
	\$857,395	\$878,830	\$900,801	\$923,321	\$946,404	\$970,064	
141 Assessors							
Salaries	\$385,258	\$394,889	\$404,762	\$414,881	\$425,253	\$435,884	2.50%
Expenses	\$165,500	\$169,638	\$173,878	\$178,225	\$182,681	\$187,248	2.50%
	\$550,758	\$564,527	\$578,640	\$593,106	\$607,934	\$623,132	
147 Treasurer-Collector							
Salaries	\$441,674	\$452,716	\$464,034	\$475,635	\$487,525	\$499,714	2.50%
Expenses	\$75,605	\$77,495	\$79,433	\$81,418	\$83,454	\$85,540	2.50%
	\$517,279	\$530,211	\$543,466	\$557,053	\$570,979	\$585,254	
151 Legal							
Salaries	\$131,944	\$135,243	\$138,624	\$142,089	\$145,641	\$149,283	2.50%
Expenses	\$60,000	\$61,500	\$63,038	\$64,613	\$66,229	\$67,884	2.50%
	\$191,944	\$196,743	\$201,661	\$206,703	\$211,870	\$217,167	
152 Human Resources							
Salaries	\$304,055	\$311,656	\$319,448	\$327,434	\$335,620	\$344,010	2.50%
Expenses	\$37,100	\$38,028	\$38,978	\$39,953	\$40,951	\$41,975	2.50%
	\$341,155	\$349,684	\$358,426	\$367,387	\$376,571	\$385,986	
155 Information Technology							
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2.50%
Expenses	\$559,423	\$573,409	\$587,744	\$602,437	\$617,498	\$632,936	2.50%
	\$559,423	\$573,409	\$587,744	\$602,437	\$617,498	\$632,936	
161 Town Clerk							
Salaries	\$255,167	\$261,546	\$268,085	\$274,787	\$281,657	\$288,698	2.50%
Expenses	\$21,750	\$22,294	\$22,851	\$23,422	\$24,008	\$24,608	2.50%
	\$276,917	\$283,840	\$290,936	\$298,209	\$305,665	\$313,306	
164 Elections & Registration							
Salaries	\$69,521	\$69,521	\$69,521	\$69,521	\$69,521	\$69,521	
Expenses	\$48,000	\$49,200	\$50,430	\$51,691	\$52,983	\$54,308	2.50%
	\$117,521	\$118,721	\$119,951	\$121,212	\$122,504	\$123,829	
171 Conservation							
Salaries	\$87,461	\$87,461	\$87,461	\$87,461	\$87,461	\$87,461	
Expenses	\$12,060	\$12,362	\$12,671	\$12,987	\$13,312	\$13,645	2.50%
	\$99,521	\$99,823	\$100,132	\$100,448	\$100,773	\$101,106	
176 Appeals Board							
Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,050	\$2,101	\$2,154	\$2,208	\$2,263	2.50%
	\$2,000	\$2,050	\$2,101	\$2,154	\$2,208	\$2,263	
177 Planning & Growth Management							
Salaries	\$311,295	\$319,077	\$327,054	\$335,231	\$343,611	\$352,202	2.50%
Expenses	\$30,500	\$31,263	\$32,044	\$32,845	\$33,666	\$34,508	2.50%
	\$341,795	\$350,340	\$359,098	\$368,076	\$377,278	\$386,710	

184 Agricultural Commission								
Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,025	\$1,051	\$1,077	\$1,104	\$1,131		2.50%
	\$1,000	\$1,025	\$1,051	\$1,077	\$1,104	\$1,131		
192 Public Property & Buildings								
Salaries	\$3,554,086	\$3,685,080	\$3,793,635	\$3,888,476	\$3,985,688	\$4,085,330		UNION
Expenses	\$5,456,492	\$5,592,904	\$5,732,727	\$5,876,045	\$6,022,946	\$6,173,520		2.50%
	\$9,010,578	\$9,277,985	\$9,526,362	\$9,764,521	\$10,008,634	\$10,258,850		
196 Purchasing / Central Services								
Salaries	\$94,921	\$97,294	\$99,726	\$102,220	\$104,775	\$107,394		2.50%
Expenses	\$189,524	\$194,262	\$199,119	\$204,097	\$209,199	\$214,429		2.50%
	\$284,445	\$291,556	\$298,845	\$306,316	\$313,974	\$321,823		
Subtotal, General Government	\$13,756,371	\$14,138,498	\$14,504,463	\$14,863,150	\$15,230,804	\$15,607,650		
210 Police								
Salaries	\$6,956,793	\$7,130,713	\$7,308,981	\$7,491,705	\$7,678,998	\$7,870,973		2.50%
Expenses	\$386,434	\$396,095	\$405,997	\$416,147	\$426,551	\$437,215		2.50%
	\$7,343,227	\$7,526,808	\$7,714,978	\$7,907,852	\$8,105,549	\$8,308,187		
220 Fire								
Salaries	\$7,326,113	\$7,478,095	\$7,708,410	\$7,901,120	\$8,098,648	\$8,301,114		UNION
Expenses	\$525,300	\$538,433	\$551,893	\$565,691	\$579,833	\$594,329		2.50%
	\$7,851,413	\$8,016,528	\$8,260,303	\$8,466,811	\$8,678,481	\$8,895,443		
225 Regional Dispatch								2.50%
Expenses	\$1,315,838	\$1,348,734	\$1,382,452	\$1,417,014	\$1,452,439	\$1,488,750		2.50%
	\$1,315,838	\$1,348,734	\$1,382,452	\$1,417,014	\$1,452,439	\$1,488,750		
240 Inspection								
Salaries	\$431,676	\$442,468	\$453,530	\$464,868	\$476,490	\$488,402		2.50%
Expenses	\$29,950	\$30,699	\$31,466	\$32,253	\$33,059	\$33,886		2.50%
	\$461,626	\$473,167	\$484,996	\$497,121	\$509,549	\$522,287		
292 Animal Control								
Expenses	\$104,700	\$107,318	\$110,000	\$112,750	\$115,569	\$118,458		2.50%
	\$104,700	\$107,318	\$110,000	\$112,750	\$115,569	\$118,458		
Subtotal, Public Safety	\$17,076,804	\$17,472,554	\$17,952,730	\$18,401,548	\$18,861,587	\$19,333,126		
300 Town Schools	\$78,309,495	\$81,285,256	\$84,374,096	\$87,580,311	\$90,908,363	\$94,362,881		3.80%
390 Tri-County Regional School	\$2,981,204	\$3,055,734	\$3,132,127	\$3,210,431	\$3,290,691	\$3,372,959		2.50%
395 Norfolk Aggie	\$71,743	\$73,537	\$75,375	\$77,259	\$79,191	\$81,171		2.50%
Subtotal, Education	\$81,362,442	\$84,414,526	\$87,581,598	\$90,868,001	\$94,278,245	\$97,817,010		
422 DPW-Highway Dept								
Salaries	\$2,070,598	\$2,122,363	\$2,175,422	\$2,229,808	\$2,285,553	\$2,342,692		2.50%
Expenses	\$3,636,750	\$3,727,669	\$3,820,860	\$3,916,382	\$4,014,292	\$4,114,649		2.50%
	\$5,707,348	\$5,850,032	\$5,996,282	\$6,146,190	\$6,299,844	\$6,457,340		
TOTAL DPW - Hwy	\$5,707,348	\$5,850,032	\$5,996,282	\$6,146,190	\$6,299,844	\$6,457,340		
510 Health								
Salaries	\$262,990	\$269,565	\$276,304	\$283,211	\$290,292	\$297,549		2.50%
Expenses	\$54,600	\$55,965	\$57,364	\$58,798	\$60,268	\$61,775		2.50%
	\$317,590	\$325,530	\$333,668	\$342,010	\$350,560	\$359,324		
535 Disability Commission								
Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,025	\$1,051	\$1,077	\$1,104	\$1,131		2.50%
	\$1,000	\$1,025	\$1,051	\$1,077	\$1,104	\$1,131		
541 Council on Aging								
Salaries	\$532,063	\$545,365	\$558,999	\$572,974	\$587,298	\$601,980		2.50%
Expenses	\$39,000	\$39,975	\$40,974	\$41,999	\$43,049	\$44,125		2.50%
	\$571,063	\$585,340	\$599,973	\$614,972	\$630,347	\$646,105		
543 Veterans Services								
Salaries	\$125,594	\$128,734	\$131,952	\$135,251	\$138,632	\$142,098		2.50%

	Expenses	\$13,115	\$13,443	\$13,779	\$14,123	\$14,477	\$14,838	2.50%
	Veterans Assistance	\$165,000	\$169,125	\$173,353	\$177,687	\$182,129	\$186,682	2.50%
		\$303,709	\$311,302	\$319,084	\$327,061	\$335,238	\$343,619	
	Subtotal, Human Services	\$1,193,362	\$1,223,196	\$1,253,776	\$1,285,120	\$1,317,248	\$1,350,180	
610	Library							
	Salaries	\$881,606	\$918,731	\$948,060	\$971,762	\$996,056	\$1,020,957	UNION
	Expenses	\$287,000	\$294,175	\$301,529	\$309,068	\$316,794	\$324,714	2.50%
		\$1,168,606	\$1,212,906	\$1,249,590	\$1,280,829	\$1,312,850	\$1,345,671	
630	Recreation							
	Salaries	\$528,883	\$542,105	\$555,658	\$569,549	\$583,788	\$598,383	2.50%
	Expenses	\$321,700	\$329,743	\$337,986	\$346,436	\$355,097	\$363,974	2.50%
		\$850,583	\$871,848	\$893,644	\$915,985	\$938,884	\$962,357	
690	Historical Museum							
	Salaries	\$71,809	\$73,604	\$75,444	\$77,330	\$79,264	\$81,245	2.50%
	Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,563	\$2,627	\$2,692	\$2,760	\$2,829	2.50%
		\$74,309	\$76,167	\$78,071	\$80,023	\$82,023	\$84,074	
691	Historical Commission							
	Expenses	\$3,300	\$3,383	\$3,467	\$3,554	\$3,643	\$3,734	2.50%
		\$3,300	\$3,383	\$3,467	\$3,554	\$3,643	\$3,734	
693	Arts, Culture Creative Economy							
	Salaries	\$97,376	\$99,810	\$102,306	\$104,863	\$107,485	\$110,172	2.50%
	Expenses	\$12,400	\$12,710	\$13,028	\$13,353	\$13,687	\$14,029	2.50%
		\$109,776	\$112,520	\$115,333	\$118,217	\$121,172	\$124,201	
695	Cultural Council							
	Expenses	\$20,000	\$20,500	\$21,013	\$21,538	\$22,076	\$22,628	2.50%
		\$20,000	\$20,500	\$21,013	\$21,538	\$22,076	\$22,628	
696	Cultural District Committee							
	Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,050	\$2,101	\$2,154	\$2,208	\$2,263	2.50%
		\$2,000	\$2,050	\$2,101	\$2,154	\$2,208	\$2,263	
	Subtotal, Culture & Recreation	\$2,228,574	\$2,299,374	\$2,363,218	\$2,422,299	\$2,482,856	\$2,544,928	
710	Retirement of Debt							
	Non-Excluded	\$1,930,000	\$1,870,000	\$1,080,000	\$1,025,000	\$1,030,000	\$1,045,000	Fixed Increase
	Excluded	\$2,085,328	\$2,295,265	\$2,481,283	\$2,565,458	\$2,739,043	\$2,862,578	Fixed Increase
		\$4,015,328	\$4,165,265	\$3,561,283	\$3,590,458	\$3,769,043	\$3,907,578	
750	Interest							
	Non-Excluded	\$524,411	\$442,423	\$357,523	\$304,073	\$252,823	\$205,873	Fixed Increase
	Excluded	\$2,813,002	\$2,338,557	\$2,459,959	\$2,355,055	\$2,363,552	\$2,246,172	Fixed Increase
		\$3,337,413	\$2,780,980	\$2,817,482	\$2,659,128	\$2,616,375	\$2,452,045	
	Subtotal, Debt Service	\$7,352,741	\$6,946,245	\$6,378,765	\$6,249,586	\$6,385,418	\$6,359,623	
910	Benefits							
	Retirement & Pension	\$8,448,186	\$9,708,080	\$10,114,286	\$10,438,190	\$10,872,395	\$11,324,542	Fixed Increase
	Health/Life Insurance Benefits	\$4,363,098	\$4,973,932	\$5,670,282	\$6,464,122	\$7,369,099	\$8,400,773	14.00%
	Retired Teacher Health Insurance	\$665,000	\$758,100	\$864,234	\$985,227	\$1,123,159	\$1,280,401	14.00%
	Non-GIC School Retirees	\$1,574,000	\$1,794,360	\$2,045,570	\$2,331,950	\$2,658,423	\$3,030,603	14.00%
	Workers Compensation	\$620,000	\$706,800	\$805,752	\$918,557	\$1,047,155	\$1,193,757	14.00%
	Unemployment Compensation	\$150,000	\$171,000	\$194,940	\$222,232	\$253,344	\$288,812	14.00%
	Medicare	\$435,995	\$497,034	\$566,619	\$645,946	\$736,378	\$839,471	14.00%
	OPEB	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$50,000.00
	Compensation Reserve	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00%
		\$16,456,279	\$18,859,306	\$20,561,684	\$22,356,223	\$24,459,953	\$26,808,358	
945	Liability Insurance	\$920,000	\$943,000	\$966,575	\$990,739	\$1,015,508	\$1,040,896	2.50%
		\$920,000	\$943,000	\$966,575	\$990,739	\$1,015,508	\$1,040,896	

	Subtotal, Benefits & Insurance	\$17,376,279	\$19,802,306	\$21,528,259	\$23,346,963	\$25,475,461	\$27,849,254	
	TOTAL ALL BUDGETS	\$146,053,921	\$152,146,730	\$157,559,091	\$163,582,856	\$170,331,464	\$177,319,111	
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS:							
	434 Solid Waste Disposal							
	Salaries	\$144,705	\$148,323	\$152,031	\$155,831	\$159,727	\$163,720	2.50%
	Expenses	\$3,012,610	\$3,087,925	\$3,165,123	\$3,244,251	\$3,325,358	\$3,408,492	2.50%
	OPEB	\$1,999	\$2,049	\$2,100	\$2,153	\$2,207	\$2,262	2.50%
		\$3,159,314	\$3,238,297	\$3,319,254	\$3,402,236	\$3,487,292	\$3,574,474	
	440 Sewer							
	Salaries	\$998,597	\$1,023,562	\$1,049,151	\$1,075,380	\$1,102,264	\$1,129,821	2.50%
	Expenses	\$578,500	\$592,963	\$607,787	\$622,981	\$638,556	\$654,520	2.50%
	Charles River Assessment	\$3,655,000	\$3,746,375	\$3,840,034	\$3,936,035	\$4,034,436	\$4,135,297	2.50%
	OPEB	\$13,721	\$14,064	\$14,416	\$14,776	\$15,145	\$15,524	2.50%
	Principal & Interest	\$302,050	\$101,450	\$103,450	\$105,200	\$101,700	\$103,200	Fixed Increase
		\$5,547,868	\$5,478,413	\$5,614,838	\$5,754,372	\$5,892,102	\$6,038,362	
	450 Water							
	Salaries	\$1,821,405	\$1,866,940	\$1,913,614	\$1,961,454	\$2,010,490	\$2,060,753	2.50%
	Expenses	\$2,564,000	\$2,628,100	\$2,693,803	\$2,761,148	\$2,830,176	\$2,900,931	2.50%
	OPEB	\$24,912	\$25,535	\$26,173	\$26,827	\$27,498	\$28,186	2.50%
	Principal & Interest	\$3,721,030	\$2,931,350	\$2,756,777	\$2,548,274	\$2,181,071	\$2,271,467	Fixed Increase
		\$8,131,347	\$7,451,925	\$7,390,366	\$7,297,703	\$7,049,236	\$7,261,336	
	460 Stormwater							
	Salaries	\$399,356	\$409,340	\$419,573	\$430,063	\$440,814	\$451,835	2.50%
	Expenses	\$724,000	\$742,100	\$760,653	\$779,669	\$799,161	\$819,140	2.50%
	OPEB	\$4,796	\$4,916	\$5,039	\$5,165	\$5,294	\$5,426	2.50%
		\$1,128,152	\$1,156,356	\$1,185,265	\$1,214,896	\$1,245,269	\$1,276,400	
	TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$17,966,681	\$17,324,991	\$17,509,723	\$17,669,207	\$17,673,898	\$18,150,572	
	TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$164,020,602	\$169,471,721	\$175,068,814	\$181,252,064	\$188,005,361	\$195,469,682	



**FINANCE
DEPARTMENT**
TOWN *of* FRANKLIN

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 11, 2025
To: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator
From: Kerri Bertone, CFO

RE: Stabilization Fund Balances and Three (3) Year Comparison

Through June 30, 2025

	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
General Stabilization	6,575,206.96	6,876,818.81	7,287,548.99
Athletic Fields	939,951.69	1,138,477.77	1,363,621.17
Open Space Acquisition	2,553,578.04	2,680,473.32	809,715.22
Budget Stabilization	3,059,026.25	3,206,971.98	3,377,969.16
Fire Truck Stabilization	117,200.75	224,913.39	343,028.78
Property AQUI Proj/Facilitites	290,709.74	304,769.55	323,019.15
Property Acquisition	0	203,104.60	424,561.53
MECC Stabilization	1,140,034.69	936,440.61	455,494.09
OPEB	12,349,001.77	14,369,221.79	16,274,607.12
Statewide Opioid Settlement	132,622.13	0	0
Snow & Ice Stabilization	0	529,312.90	769,637.66

Town of Franklin
Local Receipts / Enterprise Funds Revenues
Budget vs Actual
Through 6/30/2025

Account	FY2024 Received	Received Through 6/30/2024	2025 Budget	Received Through 6/30/2025	Percentage Collected
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	5,723,504	5,723,504	5,348,298	5,914,965	110.6%
Meals Tax	742,108	742,108	663,791	753,930	113.6%
Room (Hotel) Tax	690,532	690,532	617,658	644,602	104.4%
Cannabis Excise Tax	456,775	456,775	408,570	457,759	112.0%
Penalties and Interest	329,315	329,315	294,561	325,136	110.4%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	25,560	25,560	22,863	24,000	105.0%
Fees-Ambulance	2,303,568	2,303,568	2,060,466	2,485,339	120.6%
Fees-Other	681,787	681,787	609,836	642,516	105.4%
Rentals	266,474	266,474	238,352	267,938	112.4%
Departmental Revenue Recreation	778,206	778,206	696,080	830,301	119.3%
Licenses and Permits	1,589,191	1,589,191	1,421,479	1,710,578	120.3%
Fines and Forfeits	89,309	89,309	79,884	83,490	104.5%
Investment Income	1,075,353	1,075,353	961,868	1,201,284	124.9%
Federal Revenue	210,668	210,668	188,436	292,950	155.5%
Miscellaneous	211,564	211,564	8,891	136,699	1,537.5%
General Fund (0100)	15,173,913	15,173,913	13,621,033	15,771,487	115.8%
Water Usage Charges	7,985,476	7,985,476	7,568,988	8,547,804	112.9%
Other Departmental Services	320,222	320,222	320,222	244,308	76.3%
Investment Income	16,925	16,925	16,925	19,350	114.3%
Water Enterprise Fund (6000)	8,322,623	8,322,623	7,906,135	8,811,462	111.5%
Sewer Usage Charges	7,025,986	7,025,986	6,372,470	8,016,975	125.8%
Other Departmental Services	103,111	103,111	103,111	205,156	199.0%
Investment Income	13,450	13,450	13,450	15,525	115.4%
Sewer Enterprise Fund (6500)	7,142,548	7,142,548	6,489,031	8,237,656	126.9%
Stormwater Charges	1,275,116	1,275,116	1,393,581	1,519,854	109.1%
Investment Income	6,575	6,575	6,575	7,513	114.3%
Stormwater Enterprise Fund (6800)	1,281,691	1,281,691	1,400,156	1,527,367	109.1%
Solid Waste Charges	2,764,900	2,764,900	3,038,940	3,209,347	105.6%
Other Departmental Services	21,634	21,634	21,634	18,207	84.2%
Investment Income	2,875	2,875	2,875	3,638	126.5%
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (6900)	2,789,409	2,789,409	3,063,449	3,231,192	105.5%
Enterprise Funds	19,536,270	19,536,270	18,858,771	21,807,676	115.6%

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	RECEIVED THROUGH 6/30/2025	DEPARTMENT TOTAL
Town Admin	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES	\$ 104,375.00	
Town Admin	ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC LICENSES	\$ 300.00	
Town Admin	ONE DAY BEER/WINE LICENSES	\$ 1,950.00	
Town Admin	LICENSES	\$ 3,210.00	
Town Admin	COMMON VICTUAL LICENSES	\$ 9,250.00	
Town Admin	CLASS II 2ND HAND CAR LICENSE	\$ 1,250.00	
Town Admin	AMUSEMENT LICENSES	\$ 2,000.00	
Town Admin	CABLE TV LICENSE	\$ 3,212.50	\$ 125,547.50
Treasurer	MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	\$ 30,500.00	
Treasurer	PASSPORTS	\$ 30,120.00	
Treasurer	FEES	\$ 3,272.00	\$ 63,892.00
Town Clerk	MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	\$ 3,132.00	
Town Clerk	MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$ 5,118.45	
Town Clerk	BUSINESS CERTIFICATES	\$ 9,170.00	
Town Clerk	VITAL STATISTICS	\$ 16,680.00	
Town Clerk	DOG LICENSES	\$ 77,573.00	\$ 111,673.45
Conservation	FEES	\$ 4,074.99	\$ 4,074.99
Planning	SPECIAL PERMIT FEE	\$ 6,000.00	
Planning	HEARING FEES	\$ 4,624.31	
Planning	SITE PLAN REVIEW FEES	\$ 28,763.00	
Planning	DEFINITIVE PLAN FEES	\$ 5,800.00	
Planning	APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED PLANS	\$ 1,950.00	
Planning	BOND PROCESSING FEE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 48,137.31
ZBA	SPECIAL PERMIT FEE	\$ 1,500.00	
ZBA	ADVERTISING FEE	\$ 1,390.58	
ZBA	MAILING	\$ 7,779.82	
ZBA	VARIANCES	\$ 1,750.00	
ZBA	COMPREHENSIVE PERMITS	\$ 27,400.00	\$ 39,820.40
Police	SOLICITOR'S PERMIT	\$ 860.00	
Police	MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$ 21,443.00	
Police	FINGERPRINTING FEES	\$ 1,245.00	
Police	DETAIL ADMINISTRATION FEES	\$ 51,485.50	\$ 75,033.50
Fire	FIRE ALARM PERMITS	\$ 18,615.00	
Fire	MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$ 8,310.00	
Fire	INSURANCE REPORTS	\$ 96.00	
Fire	DETAIL ADMINISTRATION FEES	\$ 4,350.00	
Fire	OIL BURNER INSTALL PERMITS	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 32,476.00
Building	BUILDING PERMITS	\$ 931,874.34	
Building	ELECTRICAL PERMITS	\$ 225,717.00	
Building	VACANT PARCEL FEE	\$ 825.00	
Building	CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION	\$ 28,350.00	
Building	PLUMBING PERMITS	\$ 91,834.00	
Building	GAS PERMITS	\$ 45,020.00	
Building	OCCUPANCY PERMITS	\$ 2,700.00	
Building	WEIGHTS & MEASURES PERMITS	\$ 2,519.50	\$ 1,328,839.84
DPW	STREET OPENING PERMIT	\$ 77,470.00	
DPW	MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$ 1,598.00	
DPW	SEWERAGE DISPOSAL PERMITS	\$ 25,160.00	
DPW	TRENCH PERMIT	\$ 5,810.00	\$ 110,038.00
Health	LICENSES	\$ 665.00	
Health	MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$ 3,810.00	
Health	FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENCES	\$ 35,036.02	
Health	PERMITS	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 44,551.02
Library	COPY FEES	\$ 3,020.00	
Library	LIBRARY SALE OF BOOKS	\$ 19,012.00	\$ 22,032.00
TOTAL		\$ 2,006,116.01	\$ 2,006,116.01



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 25-52**

APPROPRIATION: General Funds Appropriation Reductions FY26

PURPOSE: To reduce the FY26 General Fund appropriations as follows:

Dept No.	Department	Appropriation	(Reduction)
123	Town Administration	Expenses	(2,500)
176	Appeals Board	Expenses	(5,000)
300	School	Expenses	(115,576)
192	Public Property	Salaries	(13,576)
690	Historical Museum	Expenses	(2,500)
691	Historical Commission	Expenses	(2,000)
693	Arts, Culture Creative Economy	Expenses	(5,000)
695	Cultural Council	Expenses	(10,000)
910	Benefits	Expenses	(75,000)
		Total	(231,152)

MOTION:

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Two Hundred Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$231,152) be reduced from the FY26 General Fund budget appropriations as indicated above.

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

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 25-52**

APPROPRIATION: General Funds Increase and Reductions FY26

PURPOSE: To increase or reduce the FY26 General Fund appropriations as follows:

Dept No.	Department	Appropriation	Increase (Reduction)
123	Town Administration	Expenses	(2,500)
176	Appeals Board	Expenses	(5,000)
220	Fire	Salaries	89,472
690	Historical Museum	Expenses	(2,500)
691	Historical Commission	Expenses	(1,000)
693	Arts, Culture Creative Economy	Expenses	(5,000)
695	Cultural Council	Expenses	(5,000)
910	Benefits	Expenses	(50,000)
		Total	18,472

MOTION:

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council to increase or reduce the FY26 General Fund budget appropriations as indicated above that in total amount to an increase of Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$18,472).

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

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR**
TOWN *of* FRANKLIN

MEMORANDUM

August 8, 2025

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

RE: Resolution 25-53: Gift Acceptance of Funds to Restore Part Time Nurse Position

The Town Council will consider approval of Resolution 25-53, to accept a donation from Franklin resident John Schmidt in the amount of twenty-six thousand, one hundred sixty-four dollars (\$26,164) for the purpose of restoring, for one year, the Part-time Health and Wellness Nurse position at the Franklin Senior Center, which was cut as a result of staff reductions due to the FY26 budget deficit.

We have included a letter from the Council on Aging recommending to reject the donation. The vote of the COA was 6-1 against accepting the donation.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



**FRANKLIN
SENIOR CENTER**
TOWN of FRANKLIN

Date: July 11, 2025

To: Franklin Town Council

From: Franklin Council on Aging Board

RE: Private Donation

Dear Members of the Town Council,

The Franklin Council on Aging respectfully recommends that the Town Council **not accept** the recent private donation made to the Senior Center, which is restricted to funding the salary of a part-time nurse.

While we appreciate the generosity and intent behind this contribution, accepting such a donation raises several significant concerns:

1. **Equity and Fairness:** Allowing private funds to direct staffing decisions opens the door to unequal treatment and the risk that individuals with financial resources could exert disproportionate influence over municipal human resource decisions in the future.
2. **Policy Consistency:** Accepting this donation would create inconsistency across town governance. The Town of Franklin School Committee has an established policy prohibiting private donations from being used to fund salaries (e.g., supplanting):

[Donations of Non-Budgeted Funds](#)

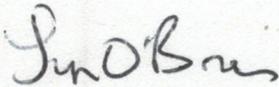
The Franklin School Committee gratefully accepts donations made by Booster Groups, Parent Communication Councils (PCCs), other private entities and Educational Foundations to support the Franklin Public School System. In an effort to ensure equity, consistency and compliance with Massachusetts General Law, any donated funds shall not supplant the operational budget voted by the School Committee. (This would include payment of salaries, instructional stipends, operating cost of buildings and curriculum programming or other recurrent budgetary items.)

3. **Operational Integrity:** Staffing decisions at the Senior Center should remain under the purview of its management, who are best positioned to assess and deploy resources in service of our constituents.
4. **Respect for Voter Decision:** In June 2025, Franklin voters chose not to pass a Proposition 2½ override, with the understanding that such a decision would necessitate reductions in staffing and services across the Town of Franklin. Accepting private funds to restore positions contradicts the democratic will expressed through that vote.

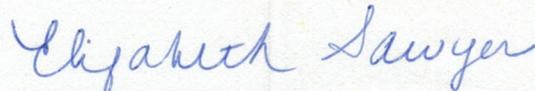
Accepting this donation could set a troubling precedent that undermines transparent governance, community equity, and proper management authority. We urge the Town Council to consider the broader implications and decline the offer.

Thank you for your attention and continued support of the Franklin Senior Center and its mission.

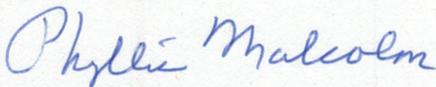
Sincerely,
Below Signed Members, Franklin Council on Aging
10 Daniel McCahill Street
Franklin, MA 02038



Carolyn O'Brien, Chair



Elizabeth Sawyer.



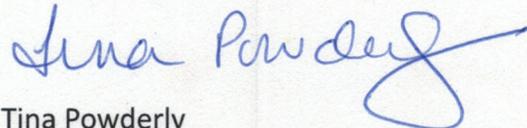
Phyllis Malcom, Vice Chair



Kimberly Mu-Chow



Faith Flaherty, Secretary



Tina Powderly



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 25-53**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT TO THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN TO
RESTORE PART-TIME HEALTH AND WELLNESS NURSE POSITION**

WHEREAS, The Town of Franklin has received a donation from Franklin resident John Schmidt in the amount of Twenty-six Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$26,164) for the purpose of restoring, for Fiscal Year 2026 only, the Part-time Senior Center Nurse position at the Franklin Senior Center, which was cut as a result of staff reductions due to the failed override.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town Council of the Town of Franklin on behalf of the Town of Franklin accepts this donation to be used for the purpose noted above.

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

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

UNANIMOUS: _____

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR**
TOWN of FRANKLIN

MEMORANDUM

August 8, 2025

To: Town Council

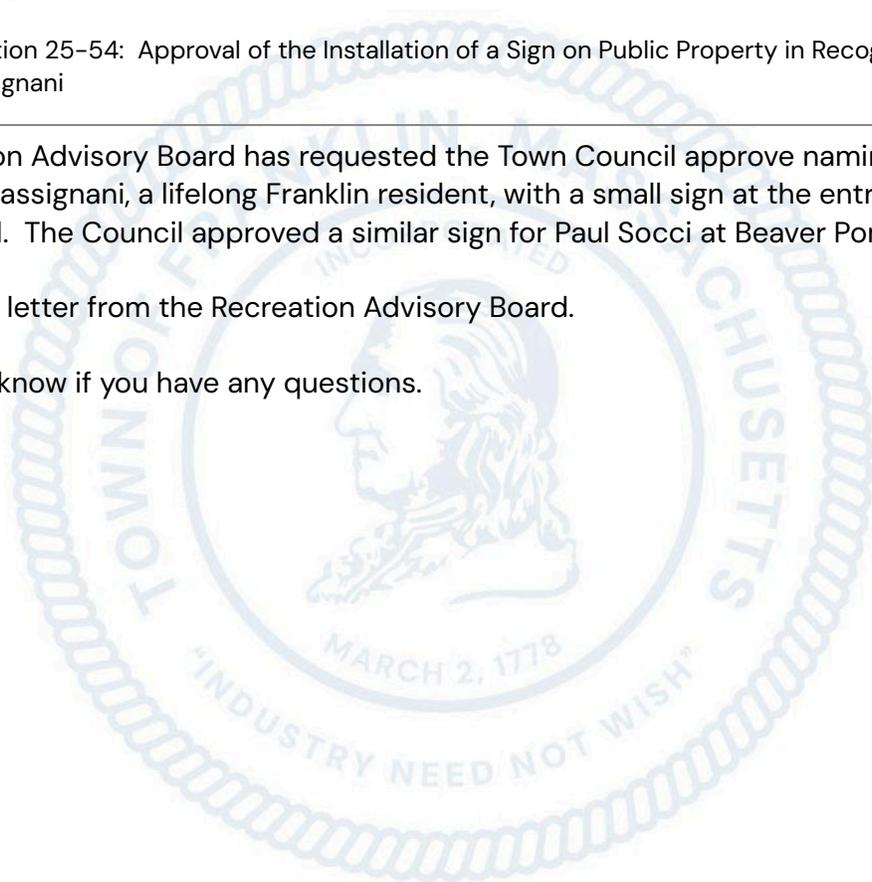
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator <https://www.franklinma.gov/>
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

RE: Resolution 25-54: Approval of the Installation of a Sign on Public Property in Recognition of Nello P. Bassignani

The Recreation Advisory Board has requested the Town Council approve naming rights to honor Nello Bassignani, a lifelong Franklin resident, with a small sign at the entrance to Fletcher Field. The Council approved a similar sign for Paul Socci at Beaver Pond.

Attached is a letter from the Recreation Advisory Board.

Please let us know if you have any questions.





**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 25-54**

**APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF A SIGN ON PUBLIC
PROPERTY IN RECOGNITION OF NELLO P. BASSIGNANI**

WHEREAS, Nello P. Bassignani was a lifelong resident of Franklin who volunteered countless hours over many years for a myriad of Franklin youth programs; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his tireless efforts in serving Franklin's youth, the Franklin Recreation Advisory Board has proposed the installation of a small sign to honor Nello P. Bassignani at the entrance to Fletcher Field located at 51 Peck Street in Franklin

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town Council of the Town of Franklin on behalf of the Town of Franklin approves the installation of a small sign at the entrance to Fletcher Field located at 51 Peck Street in Franklin in recognition of Nello P. Bassignani.

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

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

RECUSED: _____

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**

To: Franklin Town Council Members

Fr: Franklin Recreation Advisory Board

RE: Recognizing Life Long Franklin Resident and Volunteer

The purpose of this memo is to request the Town Council's approval to recognize life long Franklin resident Nello P. Bassignani Jr. for his tireless efforts as a volunteer in many youth programs. Mr. Bassignani passed away in March of 2022. The Board feels that his many years of volunteerism and his dedication to the youth of Franklin is worthy of recognition.

Mr. Bassignani served as a volunteer and organizer for many different associations. He along with Dennis Pisani (already recognized by the town for his volunteer service) and Rich Uzolino organized and executed the very first Franklin Girls Softball program. Prior to the establishment of the Franklin Girls Softball Association, the Franklin girls only option was to play in the Franklin Youth Baseball Program with all boys. Mr. Bassignani was a member of the Franklin Youth Baseball organization for many years serving on its executive board for several years including holding the position of President. He was a member of the Pop Warner Football Board of Directors for many years. Mr. Bassignani also served on the Board of Directors for the Franklin Gridiron Club for many years. Mr. Bassignani along with Larry Pollard from Franklin, Don Martin from Attleboro and Bob Bogardus of Wrentham, organized and executed the Southeastern Youth Baseball Association (SYBA). The SYBA was the first summer baseball league that allowed Franklin youths the opportunity to participate in an organized summer long travel baseball program. Member towns included Franklin, Wrentham, Attleboro, Foxboro, North Attleboro, Norton, Plainville, Mansfield and Seekonk. Prior to the formation of the SYBA, the only summer baseball afforded to the youths of Franklin were through very costly regional tournaments that usually consisted of only 3 or 4 games. Mr. Bassignani served on the Board of Directors of the SYBA for many years and as the President of this Association for 4 years.

In addition to the many hours that he expended on the above Executive Boards, Mr. Bassignani devoted innumerable hours coaching in the Franklin Youth Baseball Program, the Pop Warner Football Program, the Franklin Girls Softball Program, the SYBA Summer Baseball Program and the St. Mary's CYO Girls Basketball Program.

Mr. Bassignani was also a regular contributor to the Franklin Historical Museum. A lifelong resident of Franklin, he took great pride in the history of his town. He was an avid fan of yard sales and flea markets. Whenever he discovered items of historical significance to Franklin, he would donate them to the Franklin Historical Museum. Over the years, Mr. Bassignani contributed many items to the Museum.

In recognition of the countless volunteer hours that Mr. Bassignani expended in so many different ways, the Franklin Recreation Advisory Board recommends that the entrance way to the Fletcher Field Park be name Nello Bassignani Way. Mr. Bassignani was a fixture at Fletcher Field for many years coaching, lining fields, supervising both the play and the concession stand. Therefore the members of the Recreation Advisory Board feel that the naming of the entrance way in recognition of Nello Bassignani would be a most appropriate way to recognize his many accomplishments.

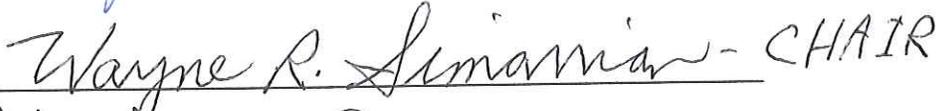
Sincerely,

The Franklin Recreation Advisory Board; Wayne Simarrian Chair, Councilor Robert Dellorco, Mark Eccher, Kinjal Patel and Larry Pollard

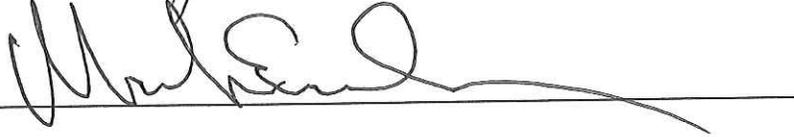
Larry Pollard



Wayne Simarrian



Mark Eccher



Robert Dellorco



Kinjal Patel





**TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR**
TOWN *of* FRANKLIN

MEMORANDUM

August 8, 2025

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

RE: Bylaw Amendment 25-942: A Bylaw Amendment to Prohibit Parking on a Section of Lewis St.

We are asking the Town Council to move Bylaw Amendment 25-942 to a second reading. If approved, this bylaw amendment will add a parking restriction on Lewis Street near the intersection with Route 140. This is being proposed by the Town Engineer and Chief of Police, due to road width and conflict with site lines when entering and exiting Lewis Street onto 140.

Included in the agenda packet is a memo from Town Engineer Mike Maglio and a map of the proposed changes.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



**TOWN
ENGINEER**
TOWN *of* FRANKLIN

MEMORANDUM

July 14, 2025

To: Jamie Helen, Town Administrator
From: Michael Maglio, PE, Town Engineer

cc: Thomas Lynch, Police Chief
Daniel Smith, Safety Officer

RE: Proposed Parking Restrictions – Lewis St at East Central Street

We've had a few requests to assess the current parking situation at the end of Lewis St near the intersection of East Central Street. We have been working with the Police Department on this matter and are recommending establishing a no parking zone along both sides of Lewis St for the first 100 ft from East Central Street, as shown on the attached map.

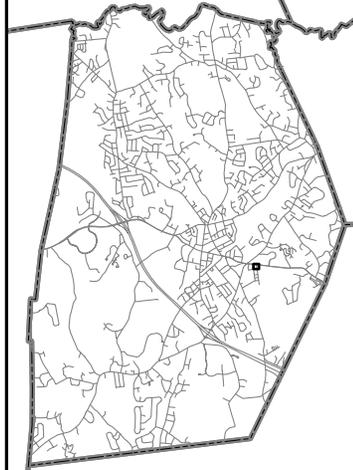
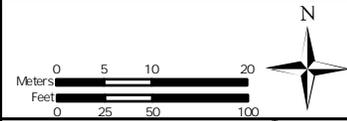
This parking restriction will provide adequate room for turning movements as vehicles queue waiting to turn onto East Central St and help ensure proper operation at this intersection.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.



-  No Parking From Here To Corner
-  Building
-  Parcel Line

Date: 7/7/2025



In maintaining its GIS Data, the Town of Franklin has made every effort to ensure the accuracy, currency and reliability of the content thereof, however, errors can occur. It is expressly understood and agreed that in producing this information, the Town of Franklin, its officials, agents, servants and employees does not warrant or guarantee the information it has provided, nor does it accept responsibility for any errors contained therein. In no event will the Town of Franklin, its officials, agents, servants and employees be deemed or held obligated, liable, or accountable for any loss or damage incurred or resulting from the use of the information provided.





**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BYLAW AMENDMENT 25-942**

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
FRANKLIN AT CHAPTER 170 CHAPTER 170
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL that Chapter 170 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is amended at Section 170-15.D.2 by inserting, in appropriate alphabetical order, Lewis Street, as follows:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lewis Street	Both	From East Central Street for a distance of 100 feet south

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

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

UNANIMOUS: _____

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR**
TOWN of FRANKLIN

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 8, 2025

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: **Resolution 25-55:** Gift Acceptance: Senior Center, Franklin Public Library, and Historical Museum

The Franklin Senior Center, Franklin Public Library, and Historical Museum have received donations in the total amount of \$2,631.

The donations totaling \$1,571 for the Senior Center will be used at the discretion of the Senior Center to provide services and programs to senior citizens in the Franklin community.

The donation to the Franklin Public Library in the amount of \$970 will be applied at the discretion of the Department towards the preservation of the Library and its historic materials.

The donation to the Franklin Historical Museum totaling \$90 will be used at the discretion of the Franklin Historical Museum to help fund their programs and services.

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

Donation Summary:

- **Senior Center - \$1,571**
 - Trust the Light Foundation \$1500
 - Miriam Steel \$1000
 - Stop n Shop \$ 71
- **Franklin Public Library - \$970**
 - Friends of the Franklin Library Inc. \$ 970
- **Franklin Historical Museum - \$90**
 - Donation Box \$ 90

DONATION TOTAL \$2,631



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 25-55**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS – FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER,
FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND FRANKLIN HISTORICAL
MUSEUM**

WHEREAS, The Franklin Senior Center, Franklin Public Library, and Franklin Historical Museum have received generous donations in the total amount of \$2,631 to be used at the discretion of each Department as follows:

SENIOR CENTER – \$1,571

Donations to be applied at the discretion of the Senior Center, through the Council on Aging Gift Fund, to provide services and programs to senior citizens in the Franklin community.

FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY – \$970

Donation to be used for Children’s programs at the discretion of the Library Director or the Children’s Librarian.

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM – \$90

Donation to be used at the discretion of the Franklin Historical Museum to provide programs and services to the Franklin Community.

Donor information is included in the August 13, 2025 Town Council meeting agenda packet.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town Council of the Town of Franklin on behalf of The Franklin Senior Center, Franklin Public Library, and Franklin Historical Museum gratefully accepts these generous donations to be used at the discretion of each Department for the purposes noted above.

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

DATED: _____, 2025

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



August 4th, 2025
Jamie Hellen, Town Manager
Town of Franklin
355 East Central St.
Franklin MA 02038

National Grid is excited to inform you that our Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), also known as our 'Smart Meter' Project in Massachusetts, will be beginning in your area shortly and continue over the next several months.

The AMI Project, which the MA Department of Public Utilities approved November 2022, involves installing electric Smart Meters into the homes and businesses of all customers in our service territories throughout the state of Massachusetts. A fact sheet that outlines and explains National Grid's AMI program and deployment plan of our new AMI network and meters is included at the bottom of this email. Although this is a brief overview we are providing you at this time, as part of our Customer & Community Engagement Plan, there will be two additional touchpoints where I will reconnect with updates for you: 1) When National Grid begins sending the program communications to our customers; and 2) When National Grid is going to begin installing the smart meters in Franklin. As we get closer to smart meter deployment, the National Grid team and I would hope to meet with you to go over the project in greater detail. If you would prefer that we meet with you sooner than this timeframe, please contact me and I will be happy to work with you to set up a time to do so.

The first phase of the AMI program deployment is to build out the communications, or Field Area Network (FAN), that will be utilized to communicate with the new smart meters. It is necessary that the network is set up and operational prior to National Grid installing smart meters in your community and we are contacting you ahead of time to ensure you are aware that this upgrade work is beginning. National Grid personnel will begin upgrading and modernizing its existing infrastructure by installing new communications network equipment on existing, and/or newly set, utility poles in your area. A photo of a FAN device which has been attached approximately 12-15 feet up on a utility pole, is also included below. The addition of this equipment to approximately 24 of our existing poles is not structural and will take place over the next three to six months. Please be cautious when travelling near our construction work zones. As always, customer and employee safety is our primary concern.

Once the newly built network is up and communicating, the installation of the smart meters will occur three to six months following that milestone. Together, this integrated system, consisting of the communications networks, smart meters and various backend systems will enable a two-way communication and data flow between customers and National Grid. These grid modernization capabilities will ultimately allow customers to monitor and better manage their electric usage and National Grid to be aware of, and respond to, outages in real time.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Bob Moran

Community Engagement Manager

[nationalgrid](#)

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Photos: National Grid AMI network gateway attached to an existing pole, and pole top antennas.

nationalgrid

Smart meters are coming to Massachusetts



What is the smart meter program?

Advanced Metering Infrastructure, also known as AMI, is an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks, and various back-end systems that enables two-way communication and data flow between us and our customers' meters.

Over the next four years, we will replace the existing aging meter infrastructure with 1.4 million electric smart meters.

What are the benefits?

A new smart meter will provide:

- more ways to monitor and take control of energy usage and spending
- improved service and reliability
- proven, advanced technology to help track energy consumption



Smarter: Data insights

By getting continuous access to energy usage data, customers will be able to make informed choices. They'll have much more information about when and how they're using energy, which can provide insights to decision-making about managing consumption, all in an effort to use less energy and save money.

Stronger: Grid modernization

Real-time alerts and alarms will allow us to more quickly respond to events and provide timely and accurate information during power outages, ensuring customer safety and restoring power faster for our customers. We'll also be able to measure voltage, and remotely connect or disconnect for new service requests.

Cleaner: Enabling net zero

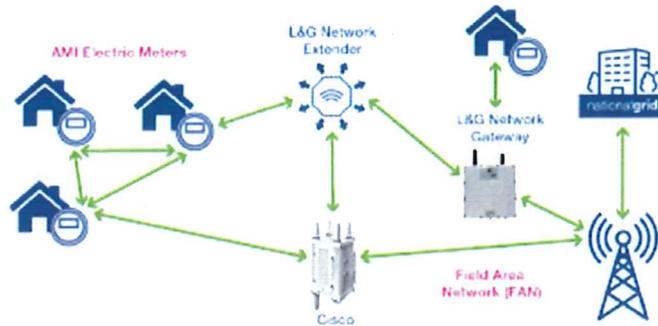
Information from smart meters will help customers take control of their energy usage by making more energy efficient choices, giving them the potential to use less energy.

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Smart Meters are coming to Massachusetts

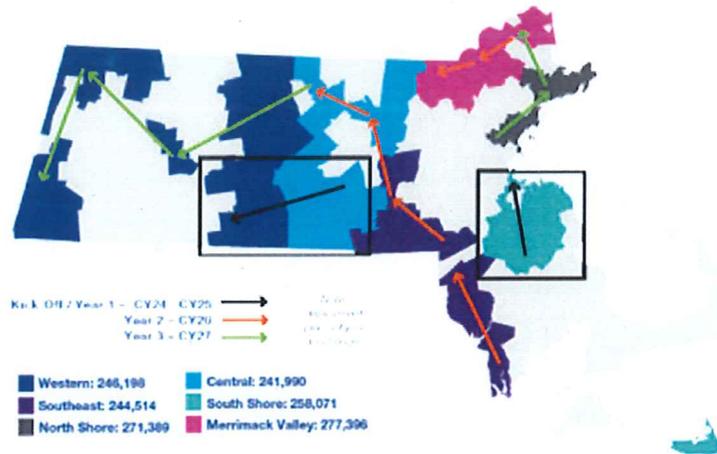
How Does AMI Work at a Deeper Level?

Smart meters collect customer usage data, as well as event and alarm information, and transmit the data through the AMI Field Area Network (FAN) and back to National Grid for processing.



Meter Deployment Approach

- The FAN will require two phases of work over a 6 to 9 month period. First, surveys will be performed to determine where devices will go, followed by the installation of the devices on our existing poles.
- Smart meters will be installed approximately 3 to 6 months following the installation of the FAN devices.



Customer Engagement and Communication Approach

90-Day (Bulk Launch)	60-Day	30-Day	10-Day	Day of install	Post Install and Ongoing education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass market outreach • Community engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct mail letter • Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Insert • Welcome brochure • Email/Letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text • Email • Robocall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doorhanger 	
Create awareness	It's coming (high level)	Detail benefits – target audiences	Installation info	Congratulations/ Next steps	