

Town of Franklin 250th Anniversary Budget Subcommittee

Sunday January 18, 2026 5:30 PM

Meeting Called to Order at 5:33 PM

- 4 members present (Joyce, Belcher, Brennan and Brunelli), 3 absent.

Agenda Items

1. Finalize 50K FY26 Budget

- Discussion of whether any amount could be carried over in an escrow-like account. According to town administrator and counsel for town, unable to carry over. Must be allocated by end of fiscal year.
- Joyce walks through current budget allocations and the amount left to allocate.
- Discussion of including more money towards the initial deposit for fundraising gala.
- Suggestion that if more money was put towards to the cost of gala, possibility of more attendees if they know that cost of tickets is going to support fundraising for future events.
- Discussion of whether there is enough allocated for accessibility portion of the budget. Suggestion for using additional funds that are later raised as we have a better understanding of the nature of the events and what is necessary for each event.
- Question of whether to use some funding to rent storage space. Joyce states that it is confirmed by Town Administrator that committee has dedicated storage space on town property.
- Discussion of allocation of funds related to merchandise. Suggestion to increase funds related to merchandise.
- Discussion related to the cost of website design and hosting.
- Joyce allocates outstanding funds in accordance with above-captioned suggestions and input.
- Motion to approve budget for review for entire committee. Seconded. VOTE: Yes-4, No – 0, Absent – 3.

Future Agenda Items

1. Fundraising Letter
 - Discussion of creating form letters to send out to local businesses for fundraising.
 - Discussion of creating a spreadsheet of businesses located in Franklin for potential letters.
2. Pledge sheet
 - Discussion of pledge sheets that have been used by other organizations.
 - Brennan states that she is familiar with them through employment at Dean Bank. Will investigate it.
3. Next meeting

- Suggestion of February 1st. Works for all parties present.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Belcher at 5:58 PM. Seconded by Joyce. VOTE: Yes- 4, No – 0, Absent – 3.