



SPONSOR: *Administration*

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 17-45
PROPOSED FRANKLIN CULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, MGL Chapter 10 Section 58A allows cities and towns to create state-sponsored cultural districts to stimulate new arts and cultural activity and attract creative businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Franklin wishes to pursue a state-authorized cultural district in the Downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Town Council has held a public hearing so residents, businesses and interested parties can learn about and comment on the proposed Franklin Cultural District and related goals; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 17-44 Franklin Town Council established the Cultural District Committee to provide oversight and management of said cultural district; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Cultural Council will be petitioned in accordance with its guidelines and criteria to designate said cultural district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Franklin Town Council that:

1. The Town of Franklin formally expresses its interest in establishing a state-designated cultural district;
2. Endorses the state-sponsored cultural district goals to attract artists and cultural enterprises; encourage business and job development; establish the district as a tourist destination; preserve and reuse historic buildings; enhance property values; and foster local cultural development;
3. Endorses the submission of a state-authorized Cultural District application and agrees to foster the development of a cultural district;
4. Hereby appoints the Town Administrator to represent the Town within said cultural district.

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

DATED: _____, 2017

VOTED:
UNANIMOUS _____

A True Record Attest:

YES _____ **NO** _____

Teresa M. Burr
Town Clerk

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

Judith Pond Pfeffer, Clerk
Franklin Town Council