

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 10, 2018**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Patrick Casey, Robert Dellorco, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Matthew Kelly, Eamon McCarthy Earls (via remote), Thomas Mercer, Peter Padula, Deborah Pellegrini. Councilors absent: None. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator; Jamie Hellen, Deputy Town Administrator; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney.

**CALL TO ORDER:** ► Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ► Chairman Kelly announced the meeting is being recorded by *Franklin TV* and available for viewing on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting may also be recorded by others. He stated Mr. Earls is on the telephone and will be participating via remote; therefore, all votes this evening will be by roll call. ► Ms. Teresa Burr, Town Clerk, reminded everyone about the state election on November 6, 2018. There is no school that day; there will be reserved spots for voters in the parking lot. Election hours are 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Absentee voting is going on right now; voting can be done in the Town Clerk's office. Citizens can obtain absentee ballots by calling the Town Clerk's office or sending a request through email. She also discussed early voting from October 22 through November 2. Please call or email the Town Clerk's office with any questions; information is also provided on the Town's website. ► Mr. Dale Kurtz, Veterans' Services Officer, reported the passing of the town's oldest veteran Edmond Geoffroy at 101 years old. Mr. Geoffroy served in Europe during WWII and received medals for his service; he worked for the Department of Defense after WWII. Mr. Kurtz reviewed Mr. Geoffroy's accomplishments and awards. Mr. Kurtz requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Geoffroy's passing.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** *None.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *None.*

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:** *None.*

**APPOINTMENTS:** *None.*

**HEARINGS:** *None.*

**LICENSE TRANSACTIONS:** *None.*

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:** *Public Works – Pavement Management Program.* ► Mr. Brutus Cantoreggi, Director of Public Works; Mr. Michael Maglio, Town Engineer; and Mr. Tony Garro, BETA Group, addressed the Town Council with a slideshow presentation of the Pavement Management Program. Mr. Cantoreggi stated that using an evaluation of all the roads in town done by BETA Group and a review done by the DPW, a road plan was put together. He discussed and reviewed the benefits of pavement management, goals and objectives of the Pavement Management Program, database design and configuration, pavement inspection program, existing condition analysis, forecasting and budgetary needs, and parking lot inventory and assessment. He stated there are 138.06 miles of Town accepted roads and 23.55 miles of Town unaccepted roads. He stated information on road surface ratings is available on the Town's website. Town Council members asked questions and discussed the town roads, the Pavement Management Program, costs and budgetary needs. Mr. Nutting stated that at the next Town Council meeting appropriation money for the roads would be requested.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Capital.** ► Mr. Dellorco stated \$200,000 grant money for King Street was received. The Town put in \$80,000; so, the entire project will have \$280,000. He noted the basketball court will be redone and new walkways and a playground will be put in as well.
2. **Budget.** ► Mr. Padula stated nothing to report.
3. **Economic Development.** ► Mr. Mercer stated the committee met and they had both food truck and parking lot discussions; these will be coming forward. He stated they continue to attack the sign bylaw proposal and they have moved a few things forward to the Chair to put on future agendas.

**LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:**

- a. **Resolution 18-56: Establishment of a Town Administrator Search Committee (Motion to Approve Resolution 18-56 - Majority Vote (5)).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 18-56: Establishment of a Town Administrator Search Committee by Mercer. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Chairman Kelly stated the Town Administrator will retire on June 30, 2019. Chairman Kelly announced the four-member Search Committee would include: Mr. Mercer, Ms. Hamblen, Ms. Pellegrini, and Chairman Kelly as the Chair of the committee. He stated he has asked, per the Town Charter, that the search go out in the bulletin the Town begin accepting applications. The date for the subcommittee to meet will be announced once applications are received. After interviewing, the committee will bring back a recommendation to the full Town Council. ► Town Council members asked questions about the interview and recommendation process. ► Mr. Nutting reviewed the application process and when information becomes public record. He noted the full Town Council would not get the resumes and applications of people who were eliminated. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

*Mr. Jones recused himself.*

*Chairman Kelly announced Ms. Pellegrini as Clerk Pro Tem.*

- b. **Resolution 18-57: Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School for Franklin to Provide it with a School Resource Officer (Motion to Approve Resolution 18-56 - Majority Vote (5)).** ► Ms. Pellegrini read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 18-57: Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School for Franklin to Provide it with a School Resource Officer by Mercer. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated the Tri-County School said they are in need of a school resource officer. Since they are housed in Franklin and the legal authority lies with Franklin, we thought it was fair for us to provide them a half-time officer. The other half of the person's time would be assigned to the Franklin High School; this will be one full-time person. Mr. Nutting stated they will pay us \$40,000 a year which is half the cost. They get the person half-time, we get the person half-time, they pay for their share, and we get an additional officer out of the deal. We thought this was a win-win. They would like to start this in January. He explained the Town will take their current officer and have him work half-time in each school and a full-time person will be hired to replace him. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

*Mr. Jones re-entered the meeting.*

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** ► Mr. Nutting stated so many employees push for continuing education. He noted that Detective Zimmerman took the Suffolk University Master's Program; Mr. Maglio and Mr. Cantoreggi did that last year. He explained the program. Hats off to those completing

the program. He gave appreciation to all the folks that do continuing education programs to hone their skills.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** *None.*

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** ► Ms. Pellegrini gave condolences for the losses of Ms. Marlene Fregeau, a former school nurse and election worker, and Ms. Shiela Hooper, election worker and volunteer. She noted the need for some of the younger people in town to come forward to volunteer. She noted the retirement of Edward Lovely from the Fire Department. ► Mr. Nutting stated there have been four recent retirements in the Fire Department. ► Ms. Pellegrini noted there was a retirement party for the recent Police Department retirees. She thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Rondeau who are working on the Museum; they are doing a great job. She stated the Harvest Festival is this weekend; she reminded people to come out. She stated the street would be blocked for this event. She questioned why the street is not closed for the Stroll. ► Mr. Nutting stated that it is up to the Downtown Partnership. ► Mr. Jones stated the Franklin Education Foundation is hosting their annual fundraiser of the Harlem Wizards basketball game at the Tri-County gymnasium on November 16, 2018, at 7:00 PM. All money raised goes toward grants that teachers from any public school can request for various curriculum items or other items they may need. It is a lot of fun. He welcomed everyone to come out. Tickets are on sale. ► Ms. Hamblen stated the Harvest Festival is on Saturday from 11:00 to 4:00 PM with a rain date of Sunday. ► Mr. Dellorco gave a shout-out to former Norfolk Sheriff Michael Bellotti who is the new Quincy College president; he wished him the best. ► Chairman Kelly noted the Harvest Festival on Saturday from 11:00 to 4:00 PM. He noted the article about Detective Zimmerman and stated he is a fantastic officer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *None.*

**ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Mercer. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary