

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 14, 2018**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, November 14, 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, 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.

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION:** ► Chairman Kelly stated that as is customary per the Town Council Charter, a reorganization of the Town Council will be done.

► Nominations were accepted for Town Council Chairman. **Nomination of Mercer by Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

► Nominations were accepted for Town Council Vice Chairman. **Nomination of Kelly by Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. No Discussion. VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

► Nominations were accepted for Town Council Clerk. **Nomination of Jones by Earls. SECOND by Hamblen. No Discussion. VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** ► Mr. Dale Lippert, 8 Beth Road, addressed the Town Council regarding drainage problems. He handed out informational materials including a newspaper article about this problem. He stated the house was built in 1963; he purchased it in 1966. He has had problems with water in the basement since then. He stated that in 2015 he received a letter from the DPW stating they were no longer going to take care of and fund the drainage station there and that the homeowner would be responsible for the equipment and the bill. This was flabbergasting as the DPW had maintained it since it was installed in 1971. Mr. Lippert stated the DPW said he never gave them an easement; Mr. Lippert said he was never asked. However, he had provided a written note allowing the DPW to go on his land. The DPW stated that was not enough. Mr. Lippert stated if it was not, then the Town had been trespassing on his land since the equipment had been installed. He stated the DPW said there were no plans for the pumping station; he showed the Town Council the original plans. He reviewed other statements made by the DPW that were inaccurate. He does not know why the DPW indicates there are no records of some of the events that occurred regarding the pumping of water from his property over the years. He provided photographs from 1967 to current showing water at different times. He reviewed the current problem from recent storms. He has 4 ft. of water and the basement floor lifted 6 in. Every time it rains now, they get numerous inches of water. He has had two contractors look at it; neither want to touch it. He has had an engineer look at it who said it is safe to live in the house as the foundation is still good. There is mold there. He and his wife believe the Town is responsible for this. This house should never have been built there. He stated the farmer who was the previous owner of the land told the Town to not allow a house to be built there as it had been a well area to feed farm animals. Mr. Lippert stated he thinks the Town knew they were responsible because they engineered, built, and maintained the drainage project. They still maintain it and just purchased new pumps and generator for it. However, the system does not work; it is inadequate. Mr. Lippert stated he does not know where to go from here.

► Mr. Richard McNeill, 73 Alpine Place, stated that parking on Alpine Place was supposed to be discussed tonight, but it is not on the agenda. ► Mr. Nutting stated it is on the agenda under Legislation for Action, item f. ► Mr. McNeill commended the Town for the repairs on Alpine Place.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 10, 2018 and October 17, 2018.** ► **MOTION to Approve** the October 10, 2018 meeting minutes by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Padula. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve** the October 17, 2018 meeting minutes by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Padula. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** ► **Design Review, Ralph Niemi.** ► Mr. Jones read the appointment. ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment by the Town Administrator of Ralph Niemi to serve as a member of the Design Review Commission with an expiration of June 30, 2019, by **Padula. SECOND** by **Dellorco.**

**Discussion:** ► Mr. Niemi said thank you and he is looking forward to serving on the Design Review Commission. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

► **Design Review, Melissa DeVito.** ► Mr. Jones read the appointment. ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment by the Town Administrator of Melissa DeVito to serve as a member of the Design Review Commission with an expiration of June 30, 2019, by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Padula. Discussion:** ► Ms. DeVito said thank you and she is looking forward to serving on the Design Review Commission.

► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**HEARINGS: None.**

**LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: Update on West Street Parking.** ► Police Chief Lynch provided an update with statistics on the parking situation on West Street. Every Monday and Wednesday from September 10, 2018 to October 10, 2018, members of the 11 to 7 shift recorded the license plate numbers and exact parking locations of vehicles parked on West, East, Church, Walnut, Nason, and Union Streets. He provided numerous statistics including that the total number of vehicles had declined. He stated that neighborhood vehicles represented about 30 percent of the vehicles parking overnight, and most of the vehicles had left by 7 AM. They issued 41 parking citations from September 10 through November 10, 2018. He stated that he believed there was no interference from parked vehicles for trash pickup on Wednesdays. He noted the parking control officer came back from maternity leave on October 1, 2018. ► Ms. Joanne Rossetti, 59 West Street, stated a few weeks ago she called the police as cars on the street were not being ticketed and she was told by the dispatcher that the police were too busy and they were not able to ticket the cars like they are supposed to. She is still mad at that response. ► Mr. John Derry, 67 West Street, asked Police Chief Lynch why there is only a part-time meter person because there are more cars at night parking when they are not supposed to be parking. Also, on the corner of East Street there is always a car parked there and it could create an accident. This town is big enough to have a full-time parking person. He asked what the purpose of the lines put in on the street was. He stated there are parking problems on Church and Nason Streets. ► Police Chief Lynch stated the lines were put in so the people could not park wherever they wanted to park and they could not squeeze three cars where only two cars should be. Also, the lines were installed so there would be places to put the trash barrels if people were to park in the spaces in front of someone's house. If someone is not within the lines, they could be tagged for that. He reminded everyone that the restrictions were only from 8 to 2 PM. So, if someone is parking there after 2 PM on the weekends, they are not in violation. He stated that long before he became the Police Chief, the Town went from a full time to a part time parking control officer; it was obviously due to budget cuts. ► Mr. Derry stated that it is mostly students that park there at night and they know they are not going to be tagged until 7 AM. Why are people not getting tagged on the weekends and at night? ► Police Chief Lynch stated it is not restricted at those times; they are not violating the law. He noted that someone can park as long as it is not within 20 ft. of the corner. ► Mr. Derry stated the person parks right on the corner and he has called the police department three or four times and gets told they will look into the situation; nothing has been done. The parking on the corner is not acceptable. ► Mr. John Davidson, 25 Church Avenue, stated it has been noted that there are less cars parking there now. However, the Dean parking lot across from Church Avenue is not full. Is that a reduction of the Dean

student count? That seems to be why we are not seeing as much parking on the street as last year at this time, but there is still an issue of out-of-town cars. He said that Pam Young produced another Excel spreadsheet of which cars were there day-by-day. Just yesterday, a girl parked there with a New Hampshire plate and walked to one of the Dean buildings on West Central Street. He stated he was told the college was going to change the parking rules. Something is not clicking somewhere. ► Ms. Pam Young, 59 West Street, confirmed with Police Chief Lynch that a person cannot smoke marijuana in a public place. She stated that as the students cannot smoke on campus, they park their cars on the street at night and numerous times during the night smoke marijuana inside their cars or outside their cars. They should not be parking on our streets. They have parking at the college. The students sit on her lawn; they sit on her porch at 2 or 3 in the morning. She stated that if you tell them to move, they do, but they come back and do it again. She thinks that we need to get together with Dean again. As Town leaders, why are we allowing the students to choose where they park; they should be parking in the Dean parking lots.

► Ms. Anita Milham, 25 Church Avenue, stated the new lines that were put in place do not allow enough space to put out the trash barrels and get them picked up. She reviewed a few times that her barrels were not picked up due to a student parking too close. As well, she stated she is surprised to hear the police say there has not been police activity as she has called more than once. She had a student who moved her barrels off the street and onto her lawn where they are not going to get picked up; then the student argued with her about it. She called the police. It continues to be a problem with the Dean College students in their neighborhoods. ► Police Chief Lynch said he is aware of that phone call, but he is not getting a plethora of phone calls. He has gone by every Wednesday at 7 AM or at 4-5 PM and he sees no cars down there. ► Ms. Milham stated she sees cars there all day and they are there much beyond two hours and no one is ticketing these cars. ► Mr. James McLaughlin, 27 Church Avenue, said it is known as a party corner. He stated that on the weekends no one can come down and work on your house such as a plumber or electrician as there is no place to park. It is a neighborhood. Why can't there be neighborhood parking? A person cannot have company on the weekends; you are a third-rate citizen in your own neighborhood. The lines on the street are actually a magnet to park there. The parking situation has not changed down there at all. The summertime is beautiful. When the Dean students are there, it is not good. ► Mr. Andrew Moriarty, 32 West Street, stated the parking has been alleviated somewhat with the two-hour parking limit. However, they would benefit more if it were extended past 2 PM. He explained that from the edge of his driveway to the parking lines, he has very little room to put his trash barrels. Now the students know the schedule and they come back in the afternoon. He also noted that one student told him it cost \$500 per semester to park in the Dean lot and they would rather park on the street than pay the fee. He suggested reconnecting with Dean and finding out why the Dean lot is never full, but the students park on the streets. The street parking hours should be extended or make it neighborhood parking only. ► Mr. Dellorco stated he agrees and does not think Dean does anything for the Town as far as parking. He suggested getting back in touch with Dean. However, he thinks the Town should go to residential parking or extend the hours to deter the students. Something has to be done to make this better. ► Mr. Jones stated these were baby steps toward a progressive approach to fix this problem. We have noticed there has been some improvement. He likes the idea of extending the hours. He asked Police Chief Lynch what a reasonable time would be. ► Police Chief Lynch suggested they need to get the real feel from the residents as to what they want to do. He thinks they may want resident parking. ► Mr. Nutting stated they can take another look at it, but the Police Chief's statistics said it looks like there is less issue. He said they can look at some tweaks, but he does not really see the concerns. Maybe the DPW can check some of the lines and maybe get some more statistics. He noted that half the cars parking down there are Franklin residents. He asked if people are not able to park when they get home. He stated they can fix the line issue causing the problem with putting out the trash barrels. ► Mr. Dellorco stated the town engineer must address that on an individual basis. If someone is having issues with their trash, please get in touch with the town administrator or town engineer. ► Mr. Jones thinks that if it is the case that Dean is charging \$500 per semester to park in the Dean lot, then this will require a discussion with Dean as to why it is so much. ► Mr. Padula thanked everyone for all the hard work and time they have put into dealing with this issue such as the detailed report that was produced. He agreed that they should talk to Dean, tweak the hours, and fix the lines for the trash barrels. ► Mr. Kelly stated he owns three houses on that street. He is down the street four times day. He stated the conversation about having a resident only permit is not

going to work. Neither is extending the hours. There is a parking clerk that works 19 hours per week. The Town cannot afford to give this position any more time. There are 46 police officers in Town; there should be 57. They are busy. He explained it is more important that the police take care of crimes and emergencies before parking issues. He stated even if the hours were extended, the Dean kids will learn that no one is ticketing after 2 PM anyway, so they will park there. He discussed if it went to residents parking only and if a way to police that was found. He stated that for instance, say a resident has some relative stay overnight, they will get ticketed. Everyone will be mad and call the police again. He agreed they need to work with Dean. He noted the street is not owned by the residents; it is owned by the Town of Franklin. He lives on Crescent Street and has to deal with people parking in front of his house. He does not want to sugar coat this and say they will change the hours because with the budget constraints, he does not think that will work. He wants to find a permanent solution that works; he does not have a solution. He stated they need a meeting with Dean and then another meeting with Dean and a citizens meeting. Dean is making the problem, let them be in the room to figure out a solution. He noted this is a college campus that pays no taxes to the Town of Franklin. ► Ms. Pellegrini stated she does not agree with the response of the police being too busy. She thinks the residents only stickers could work and it is something we should try. As far as visitors, residents should have extra passes to put on those cars. She does not think the Dean students should take advantage of those spaces. Dean gives out tickets left and right; in fact, she got a ticket for parking in a Dean lot during a meeting and she had to pay \$30. The Town should be giving out tickets to the Dean students when they should not be parking there. She does not think the extended hours will work. Resident only stickers is all that will work. ► Chairman Mercer summarized the issue. He stated this should be tweaked and they should get together with Dean. ► Mr. Nutting stated he gets the message.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Capital.** ► Mr. Dellorco stated nothing to report at this time.
2. **Budget.** ► Mr. Padula stated nothing to report at this time.
3. **Economic Development.** ► Chairman Mercer stated nothing to report at this time. He stated he is inclined to leave the subcommittees intact going forward for this year. However, he will step away from this subcommittee and Mr. Kelly will take over the Chair of this subcommittee. If anyone is not happy with the committees they are on, let him know. He noted the rules and regulations regarding Town Council members attending subcommittee meetings that they are not on. He stated the Town Attorney drafted a statement to be read at each subcommittee meeting indicating why other Town Council members could not speak at that meeting.

#### **LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:**

- a. **Resolution 18-43: Appropriation of Developer Mitigation Funds for Dean Ave. Roadway Improvements (Motion to Approve Resolution 18-43 - Majority Vote (5)).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 18-43: Appropriation of Developer Mitigation Funds for Dean Ave. Roadway Improvements by Kelly. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated that as part of the negotiations for the apartment complex the developer will provide \$700,000 toward the cost of the water main on Dean Avenue as well as reconstruction of the road and sidewalk and some other improvements. He reviewed the exact location of these improvements. ► Mr. Dellorco confirmed this included the re-pavement to be done after the construction. ► Mr. Nutting, in response to Mr. Padula's question, stated it would be straight granite. ► Mr. Maglio reviewed the sidewalk construction and materials. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- b. **Resolution 18-63: Grant of Utility Easements: Town Owned Land on Easterly Side of Grove Street (Motion to Approve Resolution 18-63 – 2/3 Majority Vote (6)).** ► **MOTION to Waive the reading by Padula. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 18-63: Grant of Utility Easements: Town Owned Land on Easterly Side of Grove Street by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated the Charter School is building a school off Grove Street. They need utilities to go with that building. Some of it crosses Town of Franklin properties. The water superintendent went out there to ensure that where the poles

would be placed would not interfere with the Town's wells or water lines. She is okay with this plan to run utilities across the Town property to get to the school. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- c. Resolution 18-64: Authorization for the Town of Franklin to Participate with other Governmental Units in the Joint Negotiation and Purchase of Health Insurance (Motion to Approve Resolution 18-64 - Majority Vote (5)).* ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 18-64: Authorization for the Town of Franklin to Participate with other Governmental Units in the Joint Negotiation and Purchase of Health Insurance by Padula. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion.** ► Mr. Nutting stated the Town is a member of MECC; we pay 47 percent of the assessment. We own about 65 percent of the Charles River Pollution Control District which means that whatever bills they have we pay that percentage. The Town of Franklin has about 1,200 employees/retirees that we purchase health insurance for. The other two groups have a much smaller number of employees/retirees. By jumping onto the Town's health insurance, they get the benefit of savings with no risk to the Town of Franklin. This is a win/win for everyone. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- d. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-820: Zoning Map Changes on or near King Street, Summer Street, Lawrence Drive, and Uncas Ave - 2nd Reading (Motion to adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-820 – 2/3 Majority Roll Call Vote (6)).* ► **MOTION to Waive the reading by Padula. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-820: Zoning Map Changes on or near King Street, Summer Street, Lawrence Drive, and Uncas Ave by Kelly. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is a continuation of lot line changes. It has been through the public hearing process, recommended by the EDC, and amended slightly by the recommendation of Mr. Kelly. Mr. Nutting recommended approval. ► **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.**
- e. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-821: Zoning Map Changes on or near Plain Street, Pond Street, and Palomino Drive - Referral to the Planning Board (Motion to Refer Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-821 to the Planning Board - Majority Vote (5)).* ► **MOTION to Waive the reading by Dellorco. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Refer Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-821: Zoning Map Changes on or near Plain Street, Pond Street, and Palomino Drive to the Planning Board by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is for the lot line clean up. There was one citizen who came in expressing concerns. She might come forward at a future date as this is only a referral. We met with her today and let her know she could come forward and express her concerns. ► Mr. Kelly asked why Canter and Derby Lanes, which are part of a subdivision, would be divided into two different zones. ► Mr. Nutting stated they were cleaning up lot lines, not rezoning the district. Those are the only ones with split zones in them. ► Mr. Kelly and Mr. Nutting reviewed the concerns. ► Mr. Nutting stated it was going to be referred to the Planning Board at this point. ► Mr. Padula asked Mr. Nutting to explain the citizen's concern that he had mentioned. ► Mr. Nutting stated she was concerned about future building, but he noted it was in the Mine Brook wetlands. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- f. Bylaw Amendment 18-826: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Motion to move Bylaw Amendment 18-826 to a 2nd reading - Majority Vote (5)).* ► **MOTION to Waive the reading by Padula. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Move Bylaw Amendment 18-826: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading by Kelly. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated the entire neighborhood was reconstructed and a sidewalk was put in on one side. The Police and Fire Departments were concerned that parking needed to be restricted on one side of Alpine from about the corner back to Alpine Row for public safety. They are recommending it be on the side of the railroad tracks. The parking map should be changed to show that. ► Mr. Padula confirmed there would be signage indicating no parking on this side. ► Mr. Richard McNeill, 73 Alpine Place, stated the workers did a great job. However, it has created parking distress on both sides of the street. It is like a maze. He addressed Mr. Nutting and

confirmed signs would be put up indicating no parking on one side. He stated that on the corner of Alpine Place and Alpine Row, there is a sign in that section indicating parking is not allowed on the odd side; however, there are continually cars being parked there. He does not know if the Police Chief Lynch can enforce that with not enough staff. He stated that it makes it very difficult to go around the corner there. ► Mr. Nutting stated it is just an enforcement issue as it is already no parking; we can send someone down. ► Ms. Ruth Garcia, 71 Alpine Place, stated they made the sidewalk a lot wider and nobody asked us our opinion of that. She understands they had to make it wider to accommodate a wheelchair. She noted it is already done, but in a neighborhood that old, it was not designed for that size sidewalk. Would there have been a way to modify that requirement just to fit into the neighborhood? ► Chairman Mercer stated with ADA regulations, it is very restrictive. ► Mr. Maglio, Town Engineer, stated the sidewalk put in has a minimum width by state regulations. ► Ms. Garcia noted there were several problems when the sidewalk was being installed. She noted that her bottom step was left as a trip-step because the sidewalk was built up so high. She complained and they came back and made it even with her step; it looks weird, but at least someone cannot trip. She wants it to go on record that it was not very well planned out. She noted that the neighbors also have a problem with their step. She asked if the Town would be able to put a street light there as it is so dark? There used to be a light on the telephone pole there, but it is now gone. ► Mr. Nutting stated that when they get street light requests from citizens, they send the police department out to investigate and they come back with a recommendation. We will ask them to go out in the next couple of weeks in your neighborhood and if it justifies a light, one will be installed. ► Ms. Garcia asked if there would be a way to put in a speed bump at the curve as it is a very dangerous area. She also asked if a stop sign could be put in. ► Mr. Nutting stated he will have the safety officer take a look at the curve area. ► Mr. Maglio stated he thinks the stop sign issue was looked at a couple of years ago. ► Ms. Garcia explained a recent situation where an 18-wheeler food delivery truck could not get through on the street. She asked why it was even allowed on the street. Is there any way to prevent those types of vehicles on the street? ► Chairman Mercer stated it is a public way. ► Ms. Garcia stated the road and sidewalk, other than the width, are nice and she thanked everyone. ► Mr. Jones discussed the similar situation when new sidewalks were installed in his neighborhood. ► Mr. Dellorco thinks the parking on one side will help. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- g. *Bylaw Amendment 18-827: Amendment to the Water System Map – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Motion to move Bylaw Amendment 18-827 to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Majority Vote (5)).*** ► Mr. Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 18-827: Amendment to the Water System Map to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this was done with another homeowner. Now another citizen has come along to extend the water line. There is no reason not to approve it. The town engineer has looked it over and the homeowner is here as well. ► Mr. Jones asked for the elevation of the street. ► Mr. Maglio stated it was a high elevation. He stated this was looked at. This approach is best as each homeowner will have a booster pump in their own house. ► Mr. Kelly recommended the homeowner tell his neighbors to put a stub at every house as they will have to keep opening and closing the road each time to do this. ► Mr. Maglio stated he has spoken to some of the other homeowners up there. ► Ms. Hamblen confirmed the extension to the other home works. ► Mr. Casey asked if this project would be done before the winter comes. ► Mr. Nutting stated there has to be a second reading so he does not know what the weather will be. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** ► Mr. Hellen thanked everyone involved in the amazing Veterans Day event last Sunday; there was incredible turnout. He noted that although the Recycling Center will be closed for the rest of the week, it will be open for yard waste and leaves this weekend regular hours; more details coming. The LED streetlight project is going well; it is about one-quarter done and is on schedule. It should be completed by the end of the year. If there are any calls about brightness, he is keeping a list so they can be adjusted at the end. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** ► Ms. Pellegri asked if someone from the Charter School could let us know the progress.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** ► Ms. Hamblen thanked all the veterans and volunteers who came out on Sunday; it was a great celebration. She thanked the DPW, police, fire, and National Grid for coming over to Daniels Street regarding a tree that came down and the power lines in the street. She said people can volunteer to put up the Downtown decorations on Saturday and Sunday to beautify the Town. ► Mr. Casey stated the Veterans Day celebration was fantastic. He thanked Teresa Burr and all the election workers for their great work on last week's election. There was a huge turnout with no complaints about long lines. ► Mr. Dellorco stated the Veterans Day celebration was great. He stated he has been getting some complaints about leaf pickup. ► Mr. Nutting stated there is only one day of pickup and it is difficult to guess the right week when leaves are off the trees but no snow yet. He stated the second pickup date was eliminated as it was underutilized. ► Mr. Dellorco suggested another survey on leaf pickup be done. ► Mr. Earls stated the Veterans event on Sunday was great and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He stated he was appointed to the Massachusetts School Counselors Association as the district four representative for southeastern Mass. They will be organizing many events and outreach. He looks forward to meeting with Governor Baker on a monthly basis. ► Ms. Pellegri noted the police officers are wearing beards. ► Police Chief Lynch stated this is the second year this has been done. No-Shave November is for the Home Base initiative. The officers donate \$100 and they are allowed to break the shaving rules. The money goes to the Home Base initiative to help veterans with PTSD or brain/head related injuries. They may also do this in December for a Franklin family in need. Two months is all that he is going to allow. ► Ms. Pellegri offered her condolences to former Town Council member Andrew Bissanti whose mother passed away. She stated that regarding Mr. Lippert, she does not know the correct procedure. ► Mr. Nutting stated he will talk to the Town Attorney. He stated the Town does not believe they have any responsibility. ► Chairman Mercer stated this is something for the Town Administration to take care of. ► Ms. Pellegri thanked Dale Kurtz for a wonderful Veterans Day event. ► Mr. Padula said the Veterans Day event was very well done. It all went so smoothly; it was fantastic. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. ► Mr. Jones thanked the Town Council members for their support in allowing him to be the Clerk again. He stated the Veterans Day event was great; so much honor was put toward the veterans. He thanked everyone who put so much hard work and effort into it. He reminded everyone about the Harlem Wizards basketball event at Tri-County on Friday, November 16, for the Franklin Education Foundation's third annual fundraiser. In the past they have raised over \$350,000 which has been distributed to the Franklin public schools in the form of special grants. It is a great event. ► Mr. Kelly stated Dale Kurtz did a great job on the Veterans Day event. He gave condolences to Andrew Bissanti and his family for the loss of his mother. He thanked all the Town Council members and the community for letting him serve as the Town Council chairman for the past several years. He appreciates Mr. Mercer taking the helm and that he can serve in the vice-chairman capacity. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. ► Chairman Mercer offered his condolences to the Bissanti family. With Mr. Lippert's situation, he asked the Administration get together and have a discussion with Mr. Lippert and then report back to the Town Council. The Veterans' Memorial Walkway presentation was unbelievable. He thanked Dale Kurtz for his hard work. He thanked Mr. Kelly for his leadership on the Town Council over the past few years. He looks forward to continuing the work of the Town Council. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *None.*

**ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary