

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 30, 2019**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 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 Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Mercer 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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Mr. Dale Kurtz, Veterans' Services Officer, stated that today he attended the Veterans' Association luncheon held at the State House. It was a great opportunity to talk with those in the legislature about issues of importance to veterans. He encouraged everyone to complete the Census and reminded those who are veterans or widows of veterans to check the corresponding box on the form.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *December 19, 2018 and January 9, 2019.* ► **MOTION to Approve** the December 19, 2018 and January 9, 2019 meeting minutes by **Paula. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: ► *Swearing-in of Two Deputy Fire Chiefs.* ► Fire Chief Gary McCarragher introduced two Deputy Fire Chiefs: Joseph Barbieri and James Klich. He reviewed their backgrounds and education. ► Assistant Town Clerk Nancy Danello performed the swearing in. ► Town Council members welcomed the fire department's new deputy fire chiefs.

Chairman Mercer called a two-minute recess.

APPOINTMENTS: *None.*

HEARINGS:

- a. *Acceptance of Brielle Way as a Public Way.*
- b. *Layout, Acceptance, and Taking of Michael Road (Extension) and related easement.*
- c. *Acceptance of White Dove Road, Mockingbird Drive, and Blue Jay Street as a Public Way.*
- d. *Acceptance of Paddock Lane, Palomino Drive, Derby Lane & Carter Lane as Public Ways.*
- e. *Acceptance of Padula Drive as a Public Way.*

► Chairman Mercer declared the hearings open. ► Mr. Nutting explained that if the Town accepts these as public ways, the Town will take responsibility for the care and maintenance of these ways. Currently, they are private ways which means that any repairs fall on the property owners that abut the way. Once the Town takes acceptance, then the Town takes that responsibility and bears those costs. So, there is really no downside to becoming a public way. He stated that there are over 100 private ways; they are trying to slowly eliminate most of those because people have lived on those streets for decades, paid taxes, and not realized that the street was not owned or maintained by the Town. The Town does plow most private ways and fixes potholes, but if the street needs to be reconstructed, by law, the Town cannot fix a private way. ► Mr. John Determan, 86 Palomino Drive, stated that it is Canter Lane, not Carter Lane. ► Mr. Cerel stated the spelling was correct on the Resolution. He clarified that regarding Padula Drive, the Town is not going to take over the maintenance; it is a private road and services only one

house. The owner of the property will continue to maintain it in return for the Town to take the property to give the owner legal frontage. ► **MOTION to Close the public hearings by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Note: Agenda items taken out of order.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

- j. Resolution 19-14: Order of Acceptance of Brielle Way as a Public Way (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-14 Two-Thirds Majority Vote (6)). ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-14: Order of Acceptance of Brielle Way as a Public Way by Kelly. SECOND by Padula. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.*
- k. Resolution 19-15: Order of Layout, Acceptance, and Taking of Michael Road (Extension) and related easement (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-15 Two-Thirds Majority Vote (6)). ► MOTION to Waive the reading by Padula. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. ► MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-15: Order of Layout, Acceptance, and Taking of Michael Road (Extension) and related easement by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion: ► Ms. Pellegrini stated that no street lengths are provided in the information. ► Mr. Cerel stated it is not needed as it is on the plan. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.*
- l. Resolution 19-16: Order of Acceptance of White Dove Road, Mockingbird Drive, and Blue Jay Street as a Public Way (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-16 Two-Thirds Majority Vote (6)). ► MOTION to Waive the reading by Padula. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. ► MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-16: Order of Acceptance of White Dove Road, Mockingbird Drive, and Blue Jay Street as a Public Way by Kelly. SECOND by Padula. Discussion: ► Mr. Cerel noted that White Dove Road will provide public access to abutting town conservation land. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.*
- m. Resolution 19-17: Order of Acceptance of Paddock Lane, Palomino Drive, Derby Lane & Canter Lane as Public Ways (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-17 Two-Thirds Majority Vote (6)). ► MOTION to Waive the reading by Padula. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. ► MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-17: Order of Acceptance of Paddock Lane, Palomino Drive, Derby Lane & Canter Lane as Public Ways by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.*
- Mr. Padula recused himself.*
- n. Resolution 19-18: Acceptance of Private Road Covenant with Owner of Sole Lot Accessed by Padula Drive (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-18 Majority Vote (5)). ► MOTION to Waive the reading by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0. ► MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-18: Acceptance of Private Road Covenant with Owner of Sole Lot Accessed by Padula Drive by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.*
- o. Resolution 19-19: Order of Acceptance of Padula Drive as a Public Way (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-19 Two-Thirds Majority Vote (6)). ► MOTION to Waive the reading by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0. ► MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-19: Order of Acceptance of Padula Drive as a Public Way by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.*

Mr. Padula re-entered the meeting.

Chairman Mercer called a two-minute recess.

Chairman Mercer recused himself.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: ► *New Annual All Alcohol License-Franklin Performing Arts Company.* ► Mr. Jones read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the New Annual All Alcohol License for Franklin Performing Arts Company and approve the Manager, Alan Mercer, by **Padula. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting noted that they have had 40 to 60 one-day liquor licenses so they have been managing alcohol for the last several years through Alan's leadership. ► Mr. Alan Mercer stated that from an operations perspective, nothing changes. We will still only serve alcohol when there are either productions or events going on in the theater. ► Mr. Cerel stated there is a distinction in the law. A non-profit or charitable entity can pull an all alcohol license whereas a for-profit can only get a beer and wine license. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

Chairman Mercer re-entered the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► *Public Works Water Presentation.* ► Mr. Brutus Cantoreggi, DPW Director, and Ms. Laurie Ruzala, Water and Sewer Superintendent, provided a slideshow presentation and water works overview. Mr. Cantoreggi began with town statistics including miles of water, sewer and drain pipes, catch basins and outfalls. All drinking water supply is from groundwater. He discussed water regulatory issues, use of water in the 1990s and today, and implementation of water conservation program which includes the leak detection program and meter replacement and calibration program. He discussed that the water main replacement program is underway. The goal is to replace the entire system. He reviewed the average daily pumpage (mgd) and discussed unaccounted-for water. High levels of iron and manganese are issues. He stated that Well 3 is only pumping .25 mgd and Well 6 has been pumping nothing since 2016; these are issues. They are looking at a new treatment plant for Wells 3 & 6. He reviewed the new Grove Street plant. It is 90 percent designed. The plan is designed for future expansion. They have applied for SRF funding which will save money. The estimated cost is \$11.8 million. The plan is to bid in spring 2019, construction start in late summer 2019, and operational in winter 2021. He reviewed the proposed water main replacement program, showed the map, and reviewed the list of roads. He discussed new growth in town; there are 1,000+/- units approved, planned and proposed. Garelick Farms is the town's biggest water customer using over 1 million gal/day. He reviewed potential new demand for water use. They have to look at increased wear and tear on drinking water and sewer systems. He reviewed the annual cost of water per resident, some of the grants they have been awarded, and some of the awards they have received. ► Town Council members asked questions. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated the cost of chemicals added to water increase. ► Ms. Ruzala stated that not every town puts in fluoride; it is put in by town vote. It is the least expensive chemical they use. She stated that the waste pulled from the wells such as iron and manganese go into the sewer system and are then treated. ► Mr. Cantoreggi explained the current treatment system. ► Ms. Ruzala addressed the salt used on roads and runoff that goes into the water. She stated that they are above health advisory levels for sodium. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated it is a balancing act between less sodium in the water and public safety with keeping the roads clear. ► Ms. Pellegrini asked about the new growth in Franklin. Do they ever envision not having a water ban? How do they explain to residents that they keep building, but there is a water ban? ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated it is not a water ban; it is a water conservation plan and it is mandated by the state. He stated that last year they had a self-imposed water ban because water withdrawal levels were going down. He explained that fixing Wells 3 & 6 can provide additional water. They look at the most cost-effective way to provide the water that is being demanded by the town. ► Mr. Nutting explained a previous sewer moratorium and a growth bylaw that was passed but never used because the housing boom had passed. In a few years with Wells 3 & 6 online, there will be an extra million gallons of capacity. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated that private wells are all drawing from the same aquifers. He explained drinking water wells for a home and the town wells. ► Ms. Ruzala discussed the iron and manganese that goes through the treatment plant; it is not in the distribution system. How much each well can produce is determined by a pumping test. She stated they have 10 water and 5 sewer dedicated employees. She

explained the proposed treatment plant. ► Mr. Cantoreggi discussed the sewer system and stated they were working with consultants on this. They are pretty confident that it is okay; it is a 112-year-old system, but every time they go out there, it is working and functioning. It is something that they are looking at to get funding to go forward. They should have something to present to the Town Council by the end of the year. ► Mr. Nutting stated the money from the increase in sewer rates will be enough money to pay for the study. This summer or fall they will ask for an appropriation for the study. ► Mr. Cantoreggi reviewed current sewer use. The sewer replacement is a big issue and very expensive.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

► Chairman Mercer stated he did not believe any subcommittees met since the last Town Council meeting; the Budget subcommittee has scheduled a meeting before the next Town Council meeting.

- a. Capital Budget.*
- b. Budget.*
- c. Economic Development.*

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION (continued):

- a. Resolution 19-02: Appropriation Capital FY19 (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-02 Majority Vote (5)).* ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-02: Appropriation Capital FY19 for \$4,596,000 by Kelly. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Dellorco thanked the departments for their cooperation in working on this. He also thanked the Town Council members who worked on the capital program. He reviewed some of the items on the appropriation. ► Mr. Hellen thanked everyone for their support and he thanked the departments for prioritizing what they needed most. He reviewed some of the items listed. ► Mr. Nutting stated that almost everything is a replacement, nothing is new. ► Town Council members asked questions about the appropriations. ► Mr. Kelly asked if the wording for Keller Sullivan School should be changed from roof to HVAC or rooftop units. He thanked the staff for putting in the \$90,000 for the municipal generator. ► Mr. Nutting agreed the word could be changed. He explained that the generator could be used for the Town Hall building and police station. ► Mr. Jones clarified with Mr. Nutting the wording change suggested by Mr. Kelly. ► **MOTION to Amend the Facilities School line from Keller Sullivan roof to Keller Sullivan HVAC units at \$250,000 by Kelly. SECOND by Padula. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-02: Appropriation Capital FY19 for \$4,596,000, as amended, by Mercer. No SECOND provided. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- b. Resolution 19-03: Appropriation Turf Field Stabilization Fund FY19 (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-03 Majority Vote (5)).* ► **MOTION to Waive the reading by Padula. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-03: Appropriation Turf Field Stabilization Fund for \$140,880.55 FY19 by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated that \$30,000 of the total amount is from Free Cash and \$110,000 is money left over from the previous field replacement including the fine the company paid for being late. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- c. Resolution 19-04: Appropriation Fire Truck Stabilization Fund FY19 (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-04 Majority Vote (5)).* ► **MOTION to Waive the reading by Padula. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 19-04: Appropriation Fire Truck Stabilization Fund FY19 for \$100,000 by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is to continue to put \$100,000 per year away to replace a fire truck in seven or so years so money does not have to be borrowed. He explained that most communities do not put away money like this; this is why the Town has so many stabilization funds. They are trying to plan ahead. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- d. Resolution 19-05: Appropriation Water Main Appropriation & Borrowing Authorization FY19 (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-05 Two-Thirds Majority Vote (6)).** ► **MOTION** to Waive the reading by **Padula**. **SECOND** by **Kelly**. **No Discussion**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
 ► **MOTION** to Approve Resolution 19-05: Appropriation Water Main Appropriation & Borrowing Authorization FY19 for \$7,500,000 by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is the bond authorization request for \$7.5 million to continue the water line replacement program as previously outlined by Mr. Cantoreggi; the streets are listed in the agenda. He stated that they try to pay down \$2.5 million of the \$7 million in cash, borrow \$5 million for 15 years, and keep rolling the \$5 million to keep the program in perpetuity so it does not affect the rate. The actual total cost of the project exceeds \$10 million, and the rest of that would come out of Chapter 90 funds to do the road work along with the water line work. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- e. Resolution 19-06: Appropriation OPEB Trust Fund FY19 (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-06 Majority Vote (5)).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION** to Approve Resolution 19-06: Appropriation OPEB Trust Fund FY19 by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is part of the fiscal policy to try to help fund OPEB. He referred to Mr. Sherman's presentation a few weeks ago. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- f. Resolution 19-07: Appropriation SPED Van FY19 (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-07 Majority Vote (5)).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION** to Approve Resolution 19-07: Appropriation SPED Van FY19 for \$56,446.65 by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Padula**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated the School had many folks that moved in over the summer that needed a van with a lift for special education students. They were paying \$225 per day to a company. They asked if they could buy a van with a lift asap to avoid those ongoing costs. He stated that we took this out of another account temporarily until Free Cash could get certified. We are just trying to replenish the account. The van came online and they avoided the \$1,000 per week cost that they were paying a contractor. The van will last 8 to 10 years. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- g. Resolution 19-08: Appropriation Street Lighting LED Project FY19 (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-08 Majority Vote (5)).** ► **MOTION** to Waive the reading by **Padula**. **SECOND** by **Kelly**. **No Discussion**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION** to Approve Resolution 19-08: Appropriation Street Lighting LED Project FY19 for \$100,000 by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated this is the last \$100,000 for the LED street light project. In essence, they are getting the entire conversion for about \$100,000 due to grant funding. ► Chairman Mercer stated he thought it was a great project. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- h. Resolution 19-12: Acceptance of Gift - Veterans Services Department (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-12 Majority Vote (5)).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION** to Approve Resolution 19-12: Acceptance of Gift for Veterans Services Department for \$1,500 from the Fletcher Hospital Corporation by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Padula**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Dale Kurtz, Veterans' Services Agent, stated he greatly appreciates the support they get from the Fletcher Hospital Corporation. This money goes into the Veterans' Gift Fund and they are able to use it for a wide area of resources for veterans and their dependents. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- i. Resolution 19-13: Acceptance of Gift - Veterans Services Department (Motion to Approve Resolution 19-13 Majority Vote (5)).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION** to Approve Resolution 19-13: Acceptance of Gift for Veterans Services Department for \$2,500 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) to be used for the Franklin Veterans Memorial Walkway by **Padula**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Dale Kurtz, Veterans' Services Agent, expressed his great appreciation to the VFW for the money for the walkway. He mentioned that they are doing a point-in-time count targeted for veterans but they are counting all homeless people in the Town of Franklin. Anyone who does not have a permanent abode is counted as being homeless. He will be collecting

that data over the next few days and forwarding it to the State who made the request. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- p. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-822R: Changes To §185-20. Signs – 2nd Reading (Motion to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-822R – Two-Thirds 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 18-822R: Changes To §185-20. Signs by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Bryan Taberner, Director, Planning & Community Development, stated this is a second reading of the three related zoning amendments. The current amendment is a revision. At the Town Council’s first reading there were a few minor changes made to the proposed bylaw. The bylaw is a rewrite. Many of the changes are for clarification. The main changes have been discussed before. In general, there were some changes to free standing signs, temporary signs, pre-existing signs, and political signs. ► Mr. Kelly stated great job to Mr. Taberner. ► Chairman Mercer stated it was a very good job done on this. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- q. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-823: Changes To Sign District Regulations – 2nd Reading (Motion to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-823 – Two-Thirds 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 18-823: Changes To Sign District Regulations by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Taberner stated this is changes to Attachment 10 for the dimensional regulations for the signs. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- r. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-824: Changes To Sign District Overlay Map – 2nd Reading (Motion to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-824 – Two-Thirds Majority Roll Call Vote (6)).* ► Mr. Jones read the zoning bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Adopt** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 18-824: Changes To Sign District Overlay Map by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Padula**. **No Discussion**. ► Mr. Taberner stated this is an update to the Sign Overlay Map. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- s. Bylaw Amendment 19-835: Changes to Chapter 47, Alcoholic Beverages – 2nd Reading (Motion to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 19-835 - Majority Roll Call Vote (5)).* ► **MOTION to Waive** the reading by **Padula**. **SECOND** by **Kelly**. **No Discussion**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Adopt** Bylaw Amendment 19-835: Changes to Chapter 47, Alcoholic Beverages by **Kelly**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Helen stated this is the second reading to allow breweries, wineries and distilleries to waive their requirement to have a restaurant. He stated that the EDC voted in favor of this. He stated that Mr. Kelly had asked that due diligence be done regarding other towns and cities in the region. None of them require the serving of food. ► Mr. Kelly stated he thinks this is going to become bigger in Franklin. He thanked everyone for helping to put this together. ► Chairman Mercer thanked everyone involved for the work they did to put this together. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: ► Mr. Nutting said they are going through the development process of the budget. There is a Budget subcommittee meeting on February 13, 2019. It is shaping up to be a quite difficult budget year. The Chair is looking to have a presentation in front of the Town Council with all parties involved on March 13, 2019. He said that state aid numbers were received and they were not very good; the Town could lose up to \$1 million in state aid that they did not project.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Mr. Kelly stated he would like to see a general overview presentation from the Recreation Department and he asked that they look into the lighting in the parking lots for the recreational fields for the upcoming spring. He stated that there have been some complaints from groups that use those fields; King Street field in particular. ► Mr. Earls asked about the private solar farm. ► Mr. Nutting stated it was going before the Planning Board on February 11, 2019. The Planning Board decides under the zoning law whether to permit it or not. It will also go before the Conservation Commission. It has to go through this permitting; anyone who has a concern or issue should go to those meetings. It is a Special Permit, so they have to meet the Special Permit criteria.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Ms. Hamblen encouraged everyone to enjoy the football game and stay safe. ► Mr. Casey said *Go Pats*. ► Mr. Mercer gave condolences to the Padula family. He said *Go Pats*. ► Mr. Earls extended an invite to anyone who would like to join them at Franklin TV for Once Upon A Town as they continue to host interviews with people sharing their stories of Franklin through the years. He said *Go Pats*. ► Ms. Pellegrini mentioned that the cable bills have gone up quite a bit. She suggested residents look at their bills and call the company about it. She said Happy Birthday to her husband. ► Mr. Padula said thank you for all the kind words and support received for the passing of his aunt, Linda Padula; she was a wonderful person. ► Mr. Jones gave condolences to the Padula family. He said *Go Pats* and Happy Birthday to his wife. ► Mr. Kelly apologized for his absence from the last Town Council meeting. He gave condolences to the Padula family. He said *Go Pats*. ► Chairman Mercer gave condolences to the Padula family. He said *Go Pats*. He has asked the administration to pencil in on March 13, 2019, an open budget meeting; they are going to invite the School Committee and FinCom. It is really like a state-of-the-budget session. He is looking for contributions from the groups for this open session to try to get the word out to the public so they know what is being faced from a budget standpoint.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.*

ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary