

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 20, 2017**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *November 29, 2017.* ► **MOTION to Approve** the November 29, 2017 meeting minutes by Mercer. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**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.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** *None.*

**APPOINTMENTS:** *None.*

**HEARINGS:** *None.*

**LICENSE TRANSACTIONS:** ► *DeVita's Market – Change of Hours.* ► Mr. Jones read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the change of hours for DeVita's Market to include Sunday, 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM by Jones. **SECOND** by Mercer. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is consistent with other license holders; he recommended approval. **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-1.** (Mr. Padula abstained.)

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:** ► *State Representative, Jeff Roy.* ► Representative Jeff Roy recognized Gloria Rollinson, 91 years old, and noted that she watches all Town Council meetings; he wished her well. He stated Governor Baker signed the Agricultural Commission on December 13, 2017. He noted Ms. Hamblen was a driving force behind that effort and presented her with an official parchment of the bill and the pen used to sign the legislation. He congratulated everyone on this effort and wished all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. ► Mr. Nutting stated that anyone interested in applying for the five vacancies on the Agricultural Commission should email the Town Administrator's office.

► *High School Concession Stand.* Mr. Wayne Simarrian, Chairman, Recreation Advisory Board, and Mr. Michael Socci, Franklin Resident, gave a presentation on the proposed new bathroom facility and concession stand at Franklin High School Pisini Field. ► Mr. Simarrian stated the current concession stand is outdated; they will be raising money for the upgraded facility. ► Mr. Socci discussed the proposal and provided a slideshow of renderings of the proposed facility. He noted the goal is to start work in early 2018 and have it completed before the start of school in September 2018. He stated the cost is expected to be in the range of \$270,000, and they plan to accomplish the work through donations and volunteers. The proposal has been conditionally approved by the School Committee, contingent on funding progress. The presentation was for information only as a vote from the Town Council is not needed. ► Town Council members discussed the proposal including sewer and water hookups through Horace Mann, construction

access to the location, interruptions when school is in session, electrical hookups, if Tri-County School students could help, and that as this project will be done through donations, it will not cost the taxpayers; Town Council members indicated support for the project. ► Mr. Nutting stated his support for the project.

► **Sewer/Recycling – Brutus Cantoreggi.** ► Mr. Robert Cantoreggi, DPW Director, Mr. Chris White, Solid Waste Coordinator, and Mr. Scott Haynes, Arcadas Engineering, provided a slideshow presentation and update on sewer, solid waste and recycling. ► Mr. Cantoreggi provided an overview of Franklin including population and miles of water, sewer and drain pipes in town. He discussed his *triadic* approach to stormwater, wastewater and drinking water. He reviewed sewer regulator issues, sewer I & I, implementation and public education, lining and sealing program, results, Charles River Pollution Control District, Franklin’s share of the cost of the plant, annual cost per resident for sewer, and future projects. He stated that the Beaver Street Interceptor is 120 years old. He reviewed some repairs that have been made and the estimate for replacement at \$15-20 million. ► Town Council members asked questions and discussed the Beaver Street Interceptor, lining the current pipe, and the possibility of a new sewer line. ► Mr. Cantoreggi discussed solid waste and recycling. He reviewed the recycling rate, trash by tonnage, cost per resident, contamination in recycling, China recycling import ban, how recycling is measured, and strategy for major grants. ► Town Council members discussed possible public education methods on proper recycling, contaminated recycling, informative stickers to put on recycling buckets, recycling contract, fines for improper waste disposal, the receptacles at the Recycling Center, and number of people using Recycling Center on weekends. ► Mr. Nutting stated it is a ten-year contract for trash; we have had this consortium for the past 20 years. Recycling goes out to bid every five years. ► Chairman Kelly noted that the town’s trash prices have dropped over the past 10 years.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Budget.** ► Mr. Padula stated they met a week ago for a joint meeting with the School Committee and had preliminary discussions about school budgets. They will have more meetings and then public meetings.
2. **Capital Plan.** ► Mr. Dellorco stated there were three meetings planned for January; Mr. Nutting and Mr. Hellen have met with all departments.
3. **Economic Development.** ► Mr. Mercer stated the first meeting will be in January.

#### **LEGISLATION FOR ACTION: None.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** ► Mr. Nutting congratulated Chief Lynch on his graduation from the FBI Academy. He thanked the Deputy for keeping things running while Chief Lynch was away. Happy Holidays to everyone. ► Mr. Hellen wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** ► Mr. Earls wanted to add creating a Town Technology Committee to the January 10, 2018 meeting agenda.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** ► Ms. Hamblen wished everyone a healthy and happy New Year. ► Mr. Casey asked Mr. Nutting about the traffic report regarding the Abbyville project. ► Mr. Nutting stated there is a meeting tonight with the ZBA on this issue. ► Chairman Kelly stated he asked Mr. Nutting to set up a meeting with the Town Administrator from Norfolk regarding this issue. ► Mr. Dellorco asked for the information on the Abbyville project meeting. Happy Holidays to everyone. ► Mr. Mercer wished everyone Happy Holidays. ► Mr. Earls asked if they could look into reinstating the Open Space Committee which has not been active for 10 years. Happy Holidays. ► Ms. Pellegrini wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ► Mr. Padula commended Chief Lynch for his commitment. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ► Mr. Jones read an announcement from the Franklin Education Foundation regarding this year’s Franklin Education

Foundation Pinnacle Award Grant to Kathleen Merton and Ann Williams of the Kennedy Elementary School for their project to enhance English, science and social studies curriculum with digital devices and virtual reality viewers. He provided an overview of the award and grant support. He thanked everyone who supports the Franklin Education Foundation. ►Chairman Kelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *None.*

**ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Mercer. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ►VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary