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FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 14, 2018

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at the Franklin Municipal Building at 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Patrick Casey, Robert Dellorco, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Eamon McCarthy Earls, Matthew Kelly, Thomas Mercer, Peter Padula. Councilor absent – Deborah Pellegri, 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 led by the Boy Scouts.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *February 14, 2018* • **MOTION** to **Approve** the February 14, 2018 meeting minutes by **Padula**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **No Discussion**. • **Vote: Yes – 8, No-0, Absent - 1.**

B. 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.

C. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: *None.*

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS: *None.*

E. APPOINTMENTS: • **Zoning Board of Appeals.** Mr. Jones read the appointment. •**MOTION** to **Ratify** the appointment by the Town Administrator of Mickey Whitmore to serve as an Associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with an expiration date of June 30, 2019 by **Padula**. **SECOND** by **Jones**. **No Discussion**. •**VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

•**Agricultural Commission.** • Mr. Jones read the appointments. •**MOTION** to **Ratify** the appointments by the Town Administrator of the following individuals to serve on the Agricultural Commission: Jeffrey Perry to serve as a member with an expiration date of June 30, 2018, Marian Szymanski to serve as a member with an expiration date of June 30, 2018, Linda Noel to serve as a member with an expiration date of June 30, 2019, Carly Fisher to serve as a member with an expiration date of June 30, 2019, Roger Trahan to serve as a member with an expiration date of June 30, 2020, and Nick Hoffmann to serve as an Associate Member with an expiration date of June 30, 2020, and Tim Garboski to serve as an Associate member with an expiration date of June 30, 2020 by **Padula**. **SECOND** by **Jones** •**VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

F. HEARINGS: *None.*

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: *None.*

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H. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: *Legislative Update – Senator Karen Spilka, Representative Jeffrey Roy, Senator Richard Ross – Postponed until April 11, 2018*

I. SUBCOMMITTEE Reports:

1. **Capital** – Councilor Dellorco stated that the Committee has finished their work with the adoption of the Capital Budget.
2. **Budget.**
3. **Economic Development.** – Councilor Mercer stated that the EDC is discussing several projects that they will be bringing before the Council for action.

J. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

1. **Resolution 18-13 – Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Cultural Council (Motion to Move Resolution 18-13 – Majority Vote (5))** •Mr. Jones read the resolution accepting a \$500 gift to the Cultural Council from Dean Bank. •**MOTION to Move Resolution 18-13: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Cultural Council by Jones. SECOND by Padula. • VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**
2. **Resolution 18-14 – Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Cultural Council (Motion to Move Resolution 18-14 – Majority Vote (5))** •Mr. Jones read the resolution accepting a \$500 gift to the Cultural Council from Dedham Savings Bank. •**MOTION to Move Resolution 18-14 – Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Cultural Council by Jones. SECOND by Padula. Vote: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**
3. **Resolution 18-15 – Authorization for Acquisition and Use of New Voting Machines (MOTION to Move Resolution 18-15 – Majority Vote (5))** • Mr. Jones Read the Resolution approving the authorization to acquire and use 9 new Imagecast Precinct Tabulator voting machines. • **MOTION to Move Resolution 18-15 – Authorization for Acquisition and Use of New Voting Machines by Jones. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** • Town Administrator stated that this is a Legal requirement. • Town Clerk spoke in favor of the Resolution. • **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**
4. **Bylaw Amendment 18-798R: Chapter 155, Streets and Sidewalks – 2nd Reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 18-798R – Majority Roll Call Vote (5))** •Mr. Jones Read the Bylaw to allow enforcement of the illegal deposits of soil, gravel, or debris onto the Streets and Sidewalks. • **MOTION to Move Bylaw Amendment 18-798R: Chapter 155, Streets and Sidewalks by Dellorco. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** • Councilor Hamblen raised concern about minimal amounts such as by tractors. Town Administrator stated that this is a common sense bylaw for construction and worksite debris. • **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES, Dellorco-YES, Hamblen-YES, Jones-YES, Kelly-YES, McCarthy Earls-YES, Mercer-YES, Padula-YES. • **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

K. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Deputy town Administrator Jamie Hellen updated the Council:

1. The Police have installed an “Internet Exchange Zone” in the Sculpture Park parking lot. The zone has a designated sign and has 24 hour surveillance.

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2. Total snow and ice removal for the year is \$1.1 million; \$400,000 for just the last two weeks and 3 Nor'easters.

3. Gave an overview of our Emergency Management Operation group and how the group works with National Grid during storms.

L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Councilor Jones would like Council support to bring legislation by Senator Richard Ross on the State wide registry of convicted animal abusers to a future meeting. Councilor Dellorco supported this idea.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS - Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Basketball Team for an outstanding season and congratulations to the Girls Cheerleading Division 1 South Regional Champions. Kudo's to the DPW for their efforts during these winter storms.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION – *None.*

O. ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Padula. SECOND by Jones. No Discussion.

• **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Kinhart