

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 13, 2016**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Robert Dellorco, Glenn Jones, Matthew Kelly, Thomas Mercer (by remote participation), Peter Padula, Deborah Pellegri, Judith Pond Pfeffer, Robert Vallee. 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 Mr. Mercer was out of town and would be attending the meeting via telephone; therefore, a roll call vote would be taken for each vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 22, 2016. ► **MOTION to Approve** the June 22, 2016 meeting minutes by **Jones. SECOND** by **Padula. No Discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued): ► Chairman Kelly announced the meeting would be 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.*

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

1. **Resolution 16-48: Declaration of Town-Owned Land (Unimproved Lot off Panther Way) as Surplus and Available for Disposition and Authorization to Convey Same for Nominal Consideration to the Franklin Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund (two-thirds vote – (6)).** Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move** Resolution 16-48 for Declaration of Town-Owned Land (Unimproved Lot off Panther Way) as Surplus and Available for Disposition and Authorization to Convey Same for Nominal Consideration to the Franklin Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund by **Jones. SECOND** by **Bissanti. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated years ago the School Committee turned over twenty-two acres of land behind the High School to the Town Council to build affordable housing. The town deeded out five acres so Eaton Place could be built. The Affordable Housing Trust would like the Town Council to turn over the remaining land to build another 50 to 60 units of elderly senior housing and potentially some other housing beyond that in the future. Would like to start the RFP process similar to Eaton Place. It may take five to seven years to complete this process. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

2. **Resolution 16-49: Acceptance of Gift of Unimproved Land at 65 Prospect Street, Franklin (Simple Majority).** Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move** Resolution 16-49: Acceptance of Gift

of Unimproved Land at 65 Prospect Street, Franklin by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated the owner of the parcel would like to donate the land to the town. It is not buildable. If the town does not accept the lot and the owner stops paying taxes, the town will end up taking the land in foreclosure, which will cost time and money with the same result. He recommended acceptance of the lot. The town does not have any land that could be potentially useable with access from this parcel. ► Mr. Lawrence Benedetto, owner of the lot, stated that when this land was subdivided in the 1960s/1970s, the attorney at the time stated it had direct access to a nearby farm. Also, this was the third most viable town well site at the time. The town ran a water line up Prospect Street. When the contractor raised the grade of the road about three feet, it compromised the stream. The site has potential to be restored to become a recreational property or a town well site. He stated that on behalf of his family, he is happy to donate the land. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES; Pfeiffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

HEARINGS: Public Hearings.

- 1. Zoning Bylaw Amendment: 16-762: Amendment to Chapter 185, Section 31 Site Plan and Design Review.** Ms. Pfeffer read the Zoning Bylaw Amendment. **MOTION to Open** the public hearings by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting asked the town engineer to provide an explanation. ► Mr. Michael Maglio, Town Engineer, stated the proposed changes to the bylaw consist of updating references to the current federal, state and local stormwater requirements called out in the bylaw. These changes are simple housekeeping items that do not affect current practices.
- 2. Zoning Bylaw Amendment: 16-764: Amendment to Chapter 185, Section 31 Site Plan and Design Review.** Ms. Pfeffer read the Zoning Bylaw Amendment. ► Mr. Maglio stated this proposed zoning bylaw amendment is related to Limited Site Plan filing criteria. He reviewed the current requirements of a project for a limited site plan and the proposed change. The cost of full site plans is substantially more than limited site plans. This amendment change will make it easier for businesses wanting to update portions of their sites; the town benefits as they are able to get some improvements on the site. ► Mr. Bissanti confirmed the applicant, to qualify for a limited site plan, would still need to do an existing conditions plan, which is less than a full site plan. **MOTION to Close** the public hearings by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco.**

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: Open Public Hearing. ► **New Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License – Teddy Gallagher’s Pub.** Ms. Pfeffer read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the application by Teddy Gallagher’s Pub, LLC, for a new All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant license at 30 Main Street, Franklin, and the appointing of the manager to be Christopher Gallagher and the License to be held by the Administrator’s Office pending all sign offs by **Padula. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated everything is in order for this new restaurant. ► Mr. Joseph Gallagher, 11 Wood Haven Drive, applicant, indicated they will comply with TIPS certification. ► Mr. Padula stated he was in favor of the new business, but pointed out he was missing the additional pages of documentation; he wanted to make sure he was voting on it properly. ► Mr. Cerel stated the full-blown application was not needed to vote. ► Mr. Nutting stated he could email the Town Council members a copy of the application documents tomorrow. ► Mr. Joseph Gallagher stated this will be a family business. ► Mr. Christopher Gallagher stated he has about nine years of prior restaurant work experience. ► Mr. Cerel reminded applicant that the town takes an aggressive approach to alcohol compliance checks. ► Mr. Dellorco stated he has known the family for many years and they will do a great job. He wished them luck. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES; Pfeiffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► *Preventive Maintenance Program - Facilities.* ► Mr. Nutting stated the Town Council was very interested in how facilities could be improved. Marco Brancato has done research and reached out to SchoolDude. The Facilities Department would like to implement a preventive maintenance plan. SchoolDude will come in and do a complete inventory of all equipment, plumbing, electrical, etc., which would plug into the software program that will be purchased. The program will set up a schedule for inspections and repairs. The goal is to go town-wide after implementation is tried in a few places. The price for the entire town is about \$50,000, but will start with a few schools and go from there. Will be able to add items such as parking lots and areas outside the buildings as well to be checked on a regular basis. ► Mr. Marco Brancato, Deputy Director of Public Facilities, reviewed the process. SchoolDude will spend a week at each building and go through entire building including roof, electrical, plumbing, kitchen equipment, laundry, etc. They will go back to their offices and incorporate the information into the system. This will include when items need to be tested, such as on a quarterly basis. The SchoolDude would automatically produce the work order, which will then be tracked. The \$50,000 is for the set up. The town owns the program, so after it is set up, there is no additional cost. ► Ms. Pfeffer stated this is ridiculous for a maintenance program. There are already people employed by the town that should be able to create a maintenance plan of what needs to be done and when. ► Mr. Nutting stated that it could be inside staff or outside vendors that do the checks and/or maintenance depending on what the technical skill or knowledge is. ► Ms. Pfeffer mentioned the Senior Center has ceiling water damage and it is still there. She asked how often Mr. Brancato checks the 27 town buildings. She stated she is not in favor of this program. ► Mr. Brancato stated he checks the buildings monthly. ► Mr. Dellorco stated he somewhat agrees with Ms. Pfeffer. He is aware Mr. Brancato has been going into the buildings and checking on things which was one of his great concerns. His concern with preventive maintenance is that someone can be given a work order, but who is going to make sure that work order gets done. ► Mr. Nutting stated this is a systematic way to make sure all the buildings and all the components are kept up-to-date and there is a record of it. ► Ms. Pellegri stated she also has a problem with this. She asked why in the past were these work orders not followed up on to make sure they were being done. She requested a vendors list and wanted to know how many times they were called when there is a plumber, carpenter and electrician in-house on staff. She would also like to see how much the town has saved since hiring the three in-house workers, and most likely she believes there has not been any savings. ► Mr. Nutting stated there is no way to determine the savings with having the plumber, carpenter and electrician in-house on staff. He stated this would be a good system to know when things need to get checked and done. With 1.2 million sq. ft. of buildings, there are many things that need to be taken care of. ► Mr. Padula confirmed the \$50,000 is a one-time fee to put a PM schedule in place. He asked what other towns are using this. ► Mr. Nutting stated two schools would be used as a pilot program for approximately \$4,100 for six months. ► Mr. Brancato stated Dean College is using this, but he could provide a list of other towns and schools as well. This is a very good system. ► Ms. Pfeffer stated this has been an ongoing problem. The Town Council members have asked for records of what needed to be fixed, when and who completed the job. SchoolDude has not worked in the past and Town Council members have not seen the list. ► Mr. Nutting stated they are trying to change the entire system and this will help. ► Chairman Kelly stated he is not pleased with the SchoolDude product and wished other such products had been looked at, but Mr. Brancato must know best. ► Mr. Brancato stated they will look at the two schools for the pilot program and see how it works out.

► ***Town of Franklin Charter Review.*** ► Mr. Nutting outlined the history of the Franklin Charter and stated the charter is like Franklin's constitution. He noted Franklin became a city in 1978. The Charter has been voted on by the citizens. The last charter change was in November 2013. He explained possible ways to amend the charter. A full Charter Commission takes over 3,100 signatures to get on the ballot. Citizens can then run to be on the Charter Commission to be elected. They spend about 18 months to review the charter and make recommendations and then go to the voters. A second way the amend the charter is a citizens' committee can be appointed to review the charter and make recommendations to the Town Council. A third way to amend the charter is that if there is a specific minor change that does not

affect the form of government, this can be accomplished by a vote of the Town Council and a ballot question at a local election. ► Town Council members and the Town Administrator discussed the history of past charter reviews, changes that were considered, and past Town Council history. Town Council members suggested they have received calls from citizens stating the Town Council has little/no power. Discussion ensued about staggering of terms for Town Council members and when elections would be held. Some members indicated it may be a good idea to have a Charter Review with a Charter Commission. ► Ms. Pellegrini stated she had reports from past charter reviews which could be available to Town Council members. ► Chairman Kelly stated such information should be made available to Town Council members. ► Mr. Nutting stated he would be able to provide the ballot questions from each year. Each previous Charter Commission had a final report as well. The ballot questions and final reports should be a good start. He stated he will do his best to gather materials for the next Town Council meeting. ► Mr. Cerel stated he subscribes to the theory that if it is not broken, do not fix it. If there are some perceived deficiencies in the way in which the form of government is operating, then that is something to address and look at alternatives. But, if it is generally working right without any major problems, then that is a good situation. As he has advised other towns, there can be a great form of government, but if quality people are not involved in the town then it is not a good situation. ► Chairman Kelly stated there seems to be consensus among the Town Council members that it should be reviewed and some items may need to be tweaked.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION (*continued*):

- 3. Resolution 16-50: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Fire Dept. (Simple Majority).** Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION** to Move Resolution 16-50: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Fire Dept. by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting thanked the Moms Club for their donation. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

Mr. Bissanti recused himself.

- 4. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-753: Zoning Map Changes from Single Family Residential IV to General Residential V in an Area on or near West Central Street – Continued 2nd Reading (Motion to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-753 – Roll Call – two-thirds vote – (6)).** Ms. Pfeffer read the zoning bylaw amendment. **MOTION** to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-753: Zoning Map Changes from Single Family Residential IV to General Residential V in an Area on or near West Central Street by **Jones. SECOND** by **Vallee. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is to change the current zoning along West Central Street to allow for potential multi-family development and to restrict the ability to have commercial or businesses in that area going forward, something that has been discussed for many years. It essentially rezones five lots of land. ► Mr. Bryan Taberner, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated that in general that this was developed after much review and it is a good use of the property. ► Mr. Lawrence Benedetto, on behalf of the Franklin Advisory Committee, stated this application came before their committee in December 2014. It was determined that it met the standards that govern the committee and somewhat consistent with the Master Plan. This application for condominiums makes sense. They looked at the neighborhood and traffic situation and did not find any negative impact. They believe this should go forward and it is in the best interest of the community. ► Mr. Cerel reminded the Town Council members that the issue is rezoning the area and they should not consider the potential proposed projects. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-NO; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-7, No-1, Absent-0.**

Mr. Bissanti re-entered the meeting.

5. ***Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-762: Amendment to Chapter 185, Section 31 Site Plan and Design Review – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-762 to a 2nd Reading – Simple majority).*** Ms. Pfeffer read the zoning bylaw amendment. **MOTION to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-762: Amendment to Chapter 185, Section 31 Site Plan and Design Review to a 2nd Reading by Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this was explained earlier by the town engineer. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

6. ***Bylaw Amendment 16-763: Amendment to Chapter 153, Section 16 Stormwater Management – 2nd Reading (Motion to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 16-763 – Roll Call – Majority vote of Full Council (5)).*** **MOTION to Waive the reading by Jones. SECOND by Dellorco.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. MOTION to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 16-763: Amendment to Chapter 153, Section 16 Stormwater Management by Jones. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this was explained earlier by the town engineer. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

7. ***Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-764: Amendment to Chapter 185, Section 31 Site Plan and Design Review – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-764 to a 2nd Reading – Simple majority).*** Ms. Pfeffer read the zoning bylaw amendment. **MOTION to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-764: Amendment to Chapter 185, Section 31 Site Plan and Design Review to a 2nd Reading by Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Bryan Taberner, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Mr. Michael Maglio, Town Engineer, addressed the Town Council. Mr. Taberner stated that as Mr. Maglio discussed earlier during his presentation, the amendment is to adjust the site plan review process regarding when an applicant needs to go for a full site plan or a limited site plan. He requested that the Town Council move the zoning bylaw amendment to a second reading, but informed the Town Council that the Planning Board voted to recommend, as amended, Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-764. They amended to add additional wording to define when an applicant has a site plan. ► Mr. Bissanti asked for clarification on the amended wording. ► Mr. Maglio reviewed the process as explained during his previous presentation. ► Mr. Cerel stated this actually gives an additional benefit to a developer because if they can show evidence that there was a site plan, then they do not even have to do the existing conditions plan; they can take full benefit of the limited site plan mechanism. ► Mr. Bissanti stated he cannot agree with this. He does not think the burden should be put on applicants to go digging through archives to find a Certificate of Vote or a plan that the Planning Board will except. ► Mr. Cerel stated this language was proposed by an engineer that does much work with the town. ► Mr. Taberner stated it is worth the trouble for an applicant to find an approved plan on the site as cost is substantial for an existing conditions plan. ► Mr. Padula confirmed that this language actually makes it a little broader and easier for the applicant. ► Ms. Pellegrini stated all previous plans and minutes are indexed and they could find anything. She would not say that anything could have been lost or misplaced in moving, absolutely not. ► Mr. Bissanti confirmed a Certificate of Vote would be acceptable. ► Chairman Kelly confirmed with Mr. Cerel, Mr. Taberner, and Mr. Maglio that they all said yes. **MOTION to Amend Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-764: Amendment to Chapter 185, Section 31 Site Plan and Design Review as per the Planning Board language by Padula. SECOND by Dellorco.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. MOTION to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-764: Amendment to Chapter 185, Section 31 Site Plan and Design Review to a 2nd Reading as amended by Padula. SECOND by Dellorco.** ► **ROLL CALL**

VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

8. ***Bylaw Amendment 16-765: Amendment to Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Traffic Signs, Signals, Markings and Zones, §170-10 Authority of Highway Foreman and §170-12 Interference Prohibited, Violations and Penalties – 1st Reading (Motion to move Bylaw Amendment 16-765 to a 2nd Reading – Simple majority).*** Ms. Pfeffer read the bylaw amendment. **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 16-765: Amendment to Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Traffic Signs, Signals, Markings and Zones, §170-10 Authority of Highway Foreman and §170-12 Interference Prohibited, Violations and Penalties to a 2nd Reading by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is to clean up language from many years ago simply substituting the Highway Foreman and establishing flat dollar amount for fines. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

9. ***Bylaw Amendment 16-766: Amendment to Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, at Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations and §170-17 “Resident Only” Parking – 1st Reading (Motion to move Bylaw Amendment 16-766 to a 2nd Reading – Simple majority).*** **MOTION to Waive** the reading by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. ► ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 16-766: Amendment to Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, at Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations and §170-17 “Resident Only” Parking to a 2nd Reading by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this amendment would change the parking in the Downtown area and adjoining neighborhoods as outlined on the provided map to have consistent parking as outlined in the plan. The Town Council would adopt the map as the official parking rules and regulations for that designated area in town rather than describing it street by street. ► Ms. Pellegrini noted this was a lot of work to do. ► Chairman Kelly confirmed the parking clerk and police are aware of this. ► Mr. Nutting stated the map was amended from the last meeting to this meeting at the first part of Crescent Street and the first part of the Pearl Street. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

10. ***Bylaw Amendment 16-767: Amendment to Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic at Article V, Parking Meter Zones, §170-19 Establishment and §170-20 Additional Regulations; Violations and Penalties – 1st Reading (Motion to move Bylaw Amendment 16-767 to a 2nd Reading – Simple majority).*** **MOTION to Waive** the reading by **Pfeffer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. ► ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 16-767: Amendment to Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic at Article V, Parking Meter Zones, §170-19 Establishment and §170-20 Additional Regulations; Violations and Penalties to a 2nd Reading by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated the focus of this bylaw is the elimination of the meters in Downtwon Franklin and all the bylaws affiliated with the parking meters. ► Ms. Pellegrini stated it is a big mistake to take out the meters. ► Mr. Padula stated the revenue from the meters is important and he disagrees with taking out the meters. ► Mr. Dellorco questioned the loss of revenue. ► Mr. Nutting stated it was about \$17,000 per year. The town would have to buy all new meters as they are old and antiquated. And, would have to up the fee from a nickel. Also, there is not necessarily a parking problem in Downtown Franklin as long as there is an enforcement person on staff. Can always add meters back in if it is not liked after six months. Businesses are trying to attract people and people do not carry change anymore. ► **ROLL CALL**

VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-NO; Pellegrino-NO; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-NO. **VOTE: Yes-6, No-3, Absent-0.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: *None.*

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► Mr. Nutting stated the two-way traffic is still scheduled to change on July 20, 2016. In process of painting the lines and finishing crosswalks. Getting traffic lights turned around and tested. Detail officers will be onsite on day one. There will still be ongoing work for the next month or so. Trees will go in this fall or next spring. Asking people to be safe and go slow. ► Complimented Fire Department as they did excellent job in helping both person that fell and at traffic accident; they do great work. ► Mr. Hellen provided an update on the Municipal Aggregation Program; he has received many calls. He noted on the bad side they have to go through two different State agencies to have the town plan approved. Good news is the State Energy Affairs Office approved the plans in June and the Public Utilities Office will have a hearing on August 8, 2016. The plan is still on schedule. Looking to go out to bid on electricity rates for residents in fall. Hoping to have plan in place by October.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Ms. Pellegrino requested the Charter Review which Mr. Nutting is going to do anyway. ► Mr. Mercer asked if it would be possible to have someone from SchoolDude come and give the Town Council a presentation about the services they will provide to the town. He thinks they have very good software that will help with scheduling.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Ms. Pellegrino asked if the stop sign at Emmons Street will be going up for traffic coming down Main Street. She asked if there had been a decision about the sidewalks on Coronation Drive. ► Mr. Nutting stated yes to the stop sign. He discussed what would be going in the island area as well. Regarding Coronation Drive, he said he met with several people and had some correspondence; the plan remains unchanged at this point. They moved some sidewalks, moved a drain in front of a person's house. He explained about the sidewalks and the savings. It does not compromise safety. ► Ms. Pellegrino stated in the bylaws years ago it stated there had to be two sidewalks. Now, because of money, the town is only going to do the one sidewalk. If back then the builder at the time had to put in two sidewalks, then the two sidewalks should be put back. ► Chairman Kelly stated the Planning Board has been waiving two sidewalks for some time. ► Mr. Nutting stated it is not just about money, it is about stormwater management, less impervious and less maintenance. ► Mr. Padula asked if the people were satisfied. ► Mr. Nutting stated no. There are some people in the neighborhood that have reached out and stated they disagreed. He responded to each email and letter as well as to people personally. Some people where the sidewalk is being removed in front of their house do not like the idea. ► Mr. Padula referenced the OPEB issues. He spoke with Sen. Karen Spilka. Would like to find out what other communities are doing. The accumulating debt is concerning. He will be back to the Town Council when he has additional information. ► Mr. Jones stated he agreed with Ms. Pellegrino regarding Coronation Drive and the town should consider keeping the two sidewalks. He noted that there is a procedure manual for the Town Council and XXIII Order of Business for the agenda must be updated to match the actual. The website should be updated. He hopes the town will be able to get a type of anchor-place for Downtown as hopefully there will be more pedestrians Downtown now. He is excited to see Teddy Gallagher's move in along with other restaurants currently there. ► Mr. Dellorco stated he met with the residents of Coronation Drive. It is a very large road. They are not asking for much. They would like to keep the old sidewalk. They are not expecting a new sidewalk. Can the old sidewalk be kept? ► Mr. Nutting stated he would take a look at it again. ► Mr. Bissanti concurred with Mr. Dellorco and wanted to keep the old sidewalk and give Coronation Drive one new sidewalk. If the residents are willing to accept the sidewalks in the current condition, let it be known the town is not willing to spend money on two sidewalks, can the old sidewalk be kept? The Town Council is here to help people. ► Mr. Pfeffer stated if the town keeps the old sidewalk that is buckled and chipped, and someone falls down and gets hurt, who is responsible for that? The town will be responsible, so there is a liability issue there. She congratulated Karen Alves,

Senior Center Director, for being named one of the unsung heroes at the State House. Ms. Pfeffer provided a library update. Everything is down to the bare concrete floors and it is coming along. She stated they were hoping to get a school van to pick up children and/or adults across from the Ginley Funeral Home and at the Senior Center to bring to the temporary library, but after speaking with Mr. Nutting, no one has contacted either the library director or the senior center director about rides. Seniors can get rides from GATRA. She stated the School Department should be commended for getting their contract signed by the end of June. She also stated the contract they signed is an insult to every single town employee of this town, and every single union in this town. Every other union came to the table with 2/2/2 percent for three years and the teachers are getting 2/2.5/3 percent. This is an insult to other town employees such as police and fire.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.*

ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Padula. SECOND by Dellorco. ► ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES (by remote); Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary