

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 11, 2017**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Robert Dellorco, Glenn Jones, Matthew Kelly, Thomas Mercer, Peter Padula, Deborah Pellegrini, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *September 13, 2017.* ► **MOTION** to **Approve** the September 13, 2017 meeting minutes by **Mercer**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-1** (Ms. Pfeffer abstained).

**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:** ► *Shaw's – Change of Manager and New Officer.* ► Ms. Pfeffer read the license transaction. ► **MOTION** to **Approve** the Change of Manager to William M. Nasif and Change of Officer to Gary R. Morton on the Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. Wine and Malt Beverages Package Store License by **Pfeffer**. **SECOND** by **Mercer**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nasif, new store manager of Shaw's in Franklin, introduced himself and shared his background. In response to Council member's question, he stated he has taken the online course and is scheduled to take a classroom course on TIPS training in November. He explained the procedure to check IDs at the cash register; it is done manually. ► Mr. Bissanti confirmed that Mr. Nasif is currently the store manager and he has not yet taken the classroom course for TIPS training. ► Mr. Dellorco noted the time period is six months. ► Chairman Kelly stated that when Mr. Nasif completes the training, he will provide the Town Council with his certificate. In the meantime, Mr. Cerel will check to confirm the six-month time period is correct. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:** *None.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:** *None.*

**LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:**

1. **Resolution 17-62: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Fire Department (Motion to Move Resolution 17-62 – Majority vote (5)).** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. ► **MOTION** to **Move** Resolution 17-62: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Fire Department, from Digital Federal Credit Union for \$3,500 by

**Mercer. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this generosity to the Police and Fire Departments is every year. We will send them a thank you. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

2. **Resolution 17-63: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Police Department (Motion to Move Resolution 17-63 – Majority vote (5)).** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Move Resolution 17-63: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Police Department, from Digital Federal Credit Union for \$3,500 by Mercer. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated that he had the same comment. He confirmed thank you notes are sent out. ► Mr. Padula thanked Digital Federal Credit Union and hoped other businesses would follow. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
  
3. **Resolution 17-64: Request to Town of Norfolk Zoning Board of Appeals to Request a Traffic Study of the Intersection of Mill Street and Chestnut Street in Franklin (Motion to Move Resolution 17-64 – Majority vote (5)).** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Move Resolution 17-64: Request to Town of Norfolk Zoning Board of Appeals to Request a Traffic Study of the Intersection of Mill Street and Chestnut Street in Franklin by Mercer. SECOND by Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated that there are a few hundred living spaces, apartments/condominiums, planned in Norfolk at the end of Mill Street in Franklin; he is very concerned about the traffic impact. When he reviewed the traffic study done by Norfolk, it did not include any of Franklin and this development is very close to the town border. Therefore, he would like to know the impact of traffic on the Franklin side of Norfolk and the impact of construction vehicles. He thought this was a respectful way to ask the Zoning Board in Norfolk to look at this. ► Ms. Pfeffer confirmed part of this is a 40B for Norfolk. She asked what Norfolk is going to do about water; she hopes that Franklin will not be selling or giving water to this development in Norfolk. She noted concern about the bridge near the proposed development that was built in 1915. Can it hold many construction trucks? As well, the other bridge that goes over the railroad tracks is wooden. ► Mr. Bissanti stated that in addition to the bridges, they will be looking for alternate routes, probably through Franklin. He stated that he was told the amount of material that must be removed from that site will take about 10 years at about 50 trucks per day. Therefore, this needs to be given careful consideration going forward. ► Mr. Dellorco asked what are the Town's options? ► Mr. Nutting stated the street cannot be blocked off, but maybe improvements can be made and spread the burden of the trucks. Expressing concern about this and having them do a traffic study is first step. ► Ms. Pellegrini asked if this was a scenic road which would provide certain provisions. ► Mr. Nutting stated that it was not. ► Chairman Kelly stated he met with some of the residents on Mill Street. The bridge was built in 1915 and there is a \$10 million grant they are trying to get to repair and replace it. His concern is the 50 trucks per day to start. His other concern is that the Buckley and Mann site is contaminated, which means they will be bringing contaminated goods through the Town of Franklin to the highway. As a Town Council, he would like to put a stop to that. He noted that Amazon was looking at a site in Bellingham; that would be 50 trucks an hour. In addition to this development, that together is too many trucks using Franklin roads and Franklin does not get a penny for this. We must start looking at ways to fix this. Our roads already cannot handle the traffic. We must tell these people to use their own roads. ► Mr. Richard Ciccone, 185 Chestnut Street, stated he was glad someone was being proactive on this. It needs to be looked at long term as to how it will affect everyone. He asked if Mr. Nutting could speak at Norfolk's public hearing. He is not anti-growth, but must let other towns around know Franklin is looking out for Franklin. He asked if Franklin could ask for mitigation when they use our roads. He asked for the weight limit on any wooden bridges. ► Mr. Nutting stated the best way is if the Zoning Board of Appeals in Norfolk in their decision puts in a truck route; that is why we are sending a letter to them. He is looking at both the construction phase and the ongoing phase after buildout. ► Chairman Kelly would like to have a conversation with Norfolk officials about this. ► Ms. Sally Gustin, 117 Mill Street, representing the folks that are on the Norfolk line, said thank you to the Town Council as they were feeling left out in all of this. ► Mr. Padula stated this is a great idea of the Town Administrator to have Norfolk put this

language in. ► Mr. Bissanti stated that it is not uncommon for a development of this size to give back to the community and make improvements. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

4. **Bylaw Amendment 17-796: Chapter 63, Buildings, Numbering of – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 17-796 – Majority Roll Call vote (5)).** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 17-796: Chapter 63, Buildings, Numbering of by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that one month ago the Town Council voted to approve all the various sections and requirements to apply to be designated as a green community. This is the second required vote to adopt the Stretch Code into Town Bylaw; then we will be eligible for \$200,000 at the beginning of the year. ► Mr. Padula stated he would vote in favor as it is good for the community. People should realize that there is an extra cost to builders for this; it is not inexpensive. ► Mr. Nutting stated the town engineer does the numbering on new homes. ► Mr. Richard Ciccone, 185 Chestnut Street, asked that the extra cost to builders that was mentioned be explained. ► Chairman Kelly stated that in a green community it costs a builder about 10 percent more in building costs as they must build the house tighter. ► Mr. Bissanti stated that it does cost the builder more, but it is a good thing to build green. ► Mr. Mercer stated there are many good things about this, just look at the new high school in going green. ► Mr. Jones said that in the long run, money will be saved in energy savings. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

5. **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-797: Setbacks for Accessory Buildings and Structures – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-797 – 2/3 Majority Roll Call vote (6.)).** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the zoning bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 17-797: Setbacks for Accessory Buildings and Structures by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this just takes the inconsistency out of the current bylaw where some places it says 10 ft. for setback and some places it says 15 ft. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** ► Mr. Nutting urged everyone to go to the Harvest Festival; it will be the biggest ever.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** *None.*

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** ► Ms. Pellegrini reminded all that Flu Shots will be on Tuesday, free to the public. She asked Mr. Nutting what happens if they run out. ► Mr. Nutting stated that flu shots are available at other locations, as well. ► Mr. Nasif, Shaw’s Manager, stated that Shaw’s offers flu shots for free with insurance. ► Ms. Pellegrini asked if they were looking into the lights for the trees uptown; last year the lights could not be put on some of the trees. ► Mr. Nutting stated he would check with Brutus Cantoreggi. ► Mr. Mercer wished his wife a Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. ► Mr. Jones stated that this will be the largest Harvest Festival in years; it is great. The Franklin Fire Department is offering a CPR course on October 18, 2017 at the Fire Station. ► Mr. Dellorco noted that NARCAN training will also be offered on October 18, 2017; it is free training. He gave condolences to the Pecci family. Ms. Julia Pecci would have been 100 years old on December 1; she will be missed. ► Mr. Bissanti applauded his fellow Elks brothers and sisters; they had a motorcycle run for the veterans and raised \$6,500 for the charity; they did a great job. ► Ms. Pfeffer acknowledged the passing of Mr. Robert Fahey; he was the former Veteran’s Officer for Franklin and a very nice man. The American Legion Post 75 had veterans as honor guards for him. ► Chairman Kelly also acknowledged Mr. Robert Fahey. He congratulated Mr. Larry Bederian on his VFW awards.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.***

**ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Mercer. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary