

FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

May 25, 2023

Meeting will be held at the **Municipal Building**

2nd floor, Council Chambers

355 East Central Street

7:00 PM

A NOTE TO RESIDENTS: All citizens are welcome to attend public board and committee meetings in person. Meetings are also [live-streamed by Franklin TV](#) and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. In an effort to maximize citizen engagement opportunities, citizens will be able to continue to participate remotely via phone OR Zoom. Link to access meeting via Zoom for the May 25, 2023 Town Council meeting:

- Zoom Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open Zoom".
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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- This meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting may be recorded by others.*
- Chair to identify members participating remotely.*

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to three minutes on a matter that is not on the agenda. The Council will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Citizen Comments. The Town Council will give remarks appropriate consideration and may ask the Town Administrator to review the matter.*

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 7:00 PM

- [FY24 Town Council Annual Operating Budget Hearing](#)
 - [FY24 Voting Document](#)
 - [FY24 Town Administrator Budget Message \(per Town Charter Section 6-4-1\)](#)
 - [Appendix A1 - Town Administrator Recommended Budget Voting Document & Budget Book \(per Town Charter provision 6-5-1 & 6-5-2\)](#)
 - [Appendix B1 - Franklin Superintendent's Recommended FY24 Budget Executive Summary](#)
- [Bylaw Amendment 23-897: Sewer Rate Increase](#)

4. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- [Resolution 23-33: Adoption of the FY24 Budget](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-33 - Majority Vote)
- [Resolution 23-34: Salary Schedule: Full-Time Elected Official - Town Clerk](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-34 - Majority Roll Call Vote)
- [Resolution 23-35: Departmental FY24 Expenditure Limits, Town Code Chapter 73, MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2](#) **(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-35 - Majority Vote)**

- d. [Resolution 23-23: Approval of FY24 Community Preservation Annual Budget](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-23 - Majority Vote)
- e. [Resolution 23-24: FY24 Community Preservation Appropriation of Debt Service Funds - Maple Hill and Schmidt Farm](#) **(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-24 - Majority Vote)**
- f. [Resolution 23-25: FY24 Community Preservation Appropriation of Capital Funds](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-25 - Majority Vote)
- g. [Bylaw Amendment 23-897: Sewer Rate Increase - Second Reading](#)
(Motion to Approve Bylaw Amendment 23-897 - Majority Roll Call Vote)
- h. [Resolution 23-36: Authorizing the Borrowing of Money to Pay Costs Associated with Designing, Constructing and Equipping a PFAS Treatment Facility at the Well 7/7A Site \(DWSRF 12544\)](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-36 - $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority Vote)
- i. [Resolution 23-37: Authority for Town Administrator to File Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Application](#) **(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-37 - $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority Vote)**
- j. [Resolution 23-38: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4](#) **(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-39 - Majority Vote)**

5. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None Scheduled.

8. ADJOURN

Note: Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting

LEGAL NOTICE - TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MA
FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET AND NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

The Franklin Town Council will hold Public Hearings on **Wednesday, May 24, 2023 and Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed FY 2024 budget. These meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central St., Franklin, and also remotely via the “ZOOM” platform.** A detailed budget document is available on the Town’s official website budget page (<https://www.franklinma.gov/town-budget>). Copies of the budget are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Administrator and the Office of the Town Clerk located in the Franklin Municipal Building during our normal business hours. A copy is also available at the Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin. Residents can visit the Town website (Franklinma.gov) calendar on and after May 19, 2023 for updated meeting information. Any questions or comments can be directed to Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator, at (508) 520-4949. A general summary of the budget follows:

Category	FY2023 Budget	FY2024 Administration Recommendations
General Government	11,440,743	13,067,095
Public Safety	14,058,666	15,783,068
Education	72,827,683	74,094,439
DPW	5,820,046	6,069,768
Human Services	1,060,100	1,266,368
Culture & Recreation	1,727,890	1,940,161
Debt & Interest	6,674,164	6,180,253
Employee Benefits	14,593,307	15,101,071
Liability Insurance	700,000	775,000
Total General Fund	\$ 128,902,599	\$ 134,277,223
Sewer Enterprise	5,004,318	6,014,827
Water Enterprise	6,460,282	6,806,382
Solid Waste Enterprise	2,566,955	2,815,639
Stormwater Enterprise	-	1,034,117
Tota Enterprise Funds:	\$ 14,031,555	\$ 16,670,965
Total All Budgets:	\$ 142,934,154	\$ 150,948,188

Submitted by,
Julie McCann

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
OPERATING BUDGET FY2024
VOTING DOCUMENT**

Dept.	Department	FY 2022 Town Council Final	FY 2023 Town Council Final	FY 2024 Department Request	FY 2024 Town Admin Recommend	FY 2024 Fincom Recommend	FY 2024 Town Council Final
111	TOWN COUNCIL						
	EXPENSES	4,000	4,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	-
		4,000	4,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	-
123	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	395,095	418,023	633,816	633,816	633,816	-
	EXPENSES	21,340	138,082	59,782	59,782	59,782	-
		416,435	556,105	693,598	693,598	693,598	-
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE						
	EXPENSES	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
135	COMPTROLLER						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	506,806	513,505	702,487	702,487	702,487	-
	EXPENSES	75,150	81,300	85,800	85,800	85,800	-
		581,956	594,805	788,287	788,287	788,287	-
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	327,628	348,004	368,198	368,198	368,198	-
	EXPENSES	99,900	99,900	104,900	104,900	104,900	-
		427,528	447,904	473,098	473,098	473,098	-
147	TREASURER/COLLECTOR						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	390,892	408,656	442,959	442,959	442,959	-
	EXPENSES	91,105	91,105	91,105	91,105	91,105	-
		481,997	499,761	534,064	534,064	534,064	-
151	LEGAL SERVICES						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	109,736	117,479	125,105	125,105	125,105	-
	EXPENSES	40,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	-
		149,736	177,479	185,105	185,105	185,105	-
152	HUMAN RESOURCES						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	185,959	251,397	260,903	260,903	260,903	-
	EXPENSES	53,650	34,750	38,650	38,650	38,650	-
		239,609	286,147	299,553	299,553	299,553	-
155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	37,500	37,645	36,952	36,952	36,952	-
	EXPENSES	307,706	384,597	457,215	457,215	457,215	-
		345,206	422,242	494,167	494,167	494,167	-
161	TOWN CLERK						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	208,014	219,446	235,340	235,340	235,340	-
	EXPENSES	20,550	19,650	20,850	20,850	20,850	-
		228,564	239,096	256,190	256,190	256,190	-
164	ELECTION & REGISTRATION						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	15,575	33,629	19,480	19,480	19,480	-
	EXPENSES	31,845	42,700	55,700	55,700	55,700	-
		47,420	76,329	75,180	75,180	75,180	-
176	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS						
	EXPENSES	8,000	10,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
		8,000	10,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	-

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OPERATING BUDGET FY2024
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Dept.	Department	FY 2022 Town Council Final	FY 2023 Town Council Final	FY 2024 Department Request	FY 2024 Town Admin Recommend	FY 2024 Fincom Recommend	FY 2024 Town Council Final
177	PLANNING & GROWTH MGMT						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	316,227	417,966	445,416	445,416	445,416	-
	EXPENSES	32,300	32,300	32,300	32,300	32,300	-
		348,527	450,266	477,716	477,716	477,716	-
184	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION						
	EXPENSES	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
192	PUBLIC PROPERTY & BUILDINGS						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	2,828,348	3,100,170	3,312,437	3,312,437	3,312,437	-
	EXPENSES	4,433,175	4,539,000	5,297,200	5,297,200	5,297,200	-
		7,261,523	7,639,170	8,609,637	8,609,637	8,609,637	-
196	CENTRAL SERVICES						
	EXPENSES	128,700	150,500	161,000	161,000	161,000	-
		128,700	150,500	161,000	161,000	161,000	-
	Subtotal, General Government	10,671,700	11,556,304	13,067,095	13,067,095	13,067,095	-
210	POLICE						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	5,751,420	6,018,217	6,652,746	6,652,746	6,652,746	-
	EXPENSES	296,340	316,140	373,931	373,931	373,931	-
		6,047,760	6,334,357	7,026,677	7,026,677	7,026,677	-
220	FIRE						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	5,925,547	6,111,027	6,529,173	6,529,173	6,529,173	-
	EXPENSES	530,500	563,063	729,000	729,000	729,000	-
		6,456,047	6,674,090	7,258,173	7,258,173	7,258,173	-
225	REGIONAL DISPATCH						
	EXPENSES	435,074	610,664	958,670	958,670	958,670	-
		435,074	610,664	958,670	958,670	958,670	-
240	INSPECTION DEPARTMENT						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	430,314	370,990	432,336	432,336	432,336	-
	EXPENSES	22,712	22,712	14,512	14,512	14,512	-
		453,026	393,702	446,848	446,848	446,848	-
292	ANIMAL CONTROL						
	EXPENSES	77,700	80,700	92,700	92,700	92,700	-
		77,700	80,700	92,700	92,700	92,700	-
	Subtotal, Public Safety	13,469,607	14,093,513	15,783,068	15,783,068	15,783,068	-
300	FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
	EXPENSES	67,820,825	70,220,825	71,252,779	71,252,779	71,252,779	-
		67,820,825	70,220,825	71,252,779	71,252,779	71,252,779	-
390	TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL						
	EXPENSES	2,449,637	2,540,198	2,775,000	2,775,000	2,775,000	-
		2,449,637	2,540,198	2,775,000	2,775,000	2,775,000	-
395	NORFOLK AGGIE VOC ED TUITION						
	EXPENSES	29,550	66,660	66,660	66,660	66,660	-
		29,550	66,660	66,660	66,660	66,660	-
	Subtotal, Education	70,300,012	72,827,683	74,094,439	74,094,439	74,094,439	-

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Dept.	Department	FY 2022 Town Council Final	FY 2023 Town Council Final	FY 2024 Department Request	FY 2024 Town Admin Recommend	FY 2024 Fincom Recommend	FY 2024 Town Council Final
422	DPW - HIGHWAY						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	491,198	647,816	668,104	668,104	668,104	-
	EXPENSES	643,730	545,100	1,095,100	1,095,100	1,095,100	-
		1,134,928	1,192,916	1,763,204	1,763,204	1,763,204	-
422	DPW - PARK & TREE						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	464,792	555,210	560,477	560,477	560,477	-
	EXPENSES	517,510	516,750	563,251	563,251	563,251	-
		982,302	1,071,960	1,123,728	1,123,728	1,123,728	-
422	DPW - SNOW & ICE						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	203,000	203,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	-
	EXPENSES	1,082,669	853,500	1,217,500	1,217,500	1,217,500	-
		1,285,669	1,056,500	1,472,500	1,472,500	1,472,500	-
422	DPW - CENTRAL MOTORS						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	192,486	209,133	272,169	272,169	272,169	-
	EXPENSES	594,800	667,900	713,500	713,500	713,500	-
		787,286	877,033	985,669	985,669	985,669	-
422	DPW - RECYCLING						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	81,355	87,142	89,492	89,492	89,492	-
	EXPENSES	125,000	133,000	149,000	149,000	149,000	-
		206,355	220,142	238,492	238,492	238,492	-
422	DPW - ADMINISTRATION						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	181,369	193,587	207,875	207,875	207,875	-
	EXPENSES	162,100	211,300	213,300	213,300	213,300	-
		343,469	404,887	421,175	421,175	421,175	-
422	DPW - STORM WATER						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	228,545	269,914	-	-	-	-
	EXPENSES	602,000	677,000	-	-	-	-
		830,545	946,914	-	-	-	-
422	DPW - STREET LIGHTING						
	EXPENSES	-	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	-
		-	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	-
424	DPW - STREET LIGHTING						
	EXPENSES	50,000	-	-	-	-	-
		50,000	-	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal, Dept of Public Works	5,620,554	5,835,352	6,069,768	6,069,768	6,069,768	-
510	BOARD OF HEALTH						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	205,244	270,985	294,711	294,711	294,711	-
	EXPENSES	43,491	48,400	48,400	48,400	48,400	-
		248,735	319,385	343,111	343,111	343,111	-
541	COUNCIL ON AGING						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	334,595	486,896	607,649	607,649	607,649	-
	EXPENSES	6,100	6,700	33,100	33,100	33,100	-
		340,695	493,596	640,749	640,749	640,749	-

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543	VETERANS SERVICES						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	73,814	97,714	106,393	106,393	106,393	-
	EXPENSES	15,700	11,115	11,115	11,115	11,115	-
	VETERANS SERVICES	158,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	-
		247,514	273,829	282,508	282,508	282,508	-
	Subtotal, Human Services	836,944	1,086,810	1,266,368	1,266,368	1,266,368	-
610	LIBRARY						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	687,373	790,524	810,468	810,468	810,468	-
	EXPENSES	352,000	277,000	282,000	282,000	282,000	-
		1,039,373	1,067,524	1,092,468	1,092,468	1,092,468	-
630	RECREATION						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	336,281	382,218	463,765	463,765	463,765	-
	EXPENSES	265,106	273,400	277,000	277,000	277,000	-
		601,386	655,618	740,765	740,765	740,765	-
690	HISTORICAL MUSEUM						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	29,708	31,931	73,928	73,928	73,928	-
	EXPENSES	1,000	1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
		30,708	32,931	76,928	76,928	76,928	-
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
	EXPENSES	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
		4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
695	CULTURAL COUNCIL						
	EXPENSES	15,000	15,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
		15,000	15,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
696	CULTURAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE						
	EXPENSES	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
	Subtotal, Culture & Recreation	1,691,467	1,776,073	1,940,161	1,940,161	1,940,161	-
710	DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL						
	EXPENSES	4,387,900	4,374,000	4,072,000	4,072,000	4,072,000	-
		4,387,900	4,374,000	4,072,000	4,072,000	4,072,000	-
750	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST						
	EXPENSES	2,400,169	2,300,164	2,108,253	2,108,253	2,108,253	-
		2,400,169	2,300,164	2,108,253	2,108,253	2,108,253	-
	Subtotal, Debt & Interest	6,788,069	6,674,164	6,180,253	6,180,253	6,180,253	-
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
	EXPENSES	13,819,994	14,352,700	15,101,071	15,101,071	15,101,071	-
		13,819,994	14,352,700	15,101,071	15,101,071	15,101,071	-
	Subtotal, Employee Benefits	13,819,994	14,352,700	15,101,071	15,101,071	15,101,071	-
945	RISK MANAGEMENT						
	EXPENSES	636,540	700,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	-
		636,540	700,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	-
	Subtotal, Liability Insurance	636,540	700,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	-
TOTAL ALL GENERAL FUND		\$123,834,887	\$128,902,599	\$134,277,223	\$134,277,223	\$134,277,223	\$-

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Dept.	Department	FY 2022 Town Council Final	FY 2023 Town Council Final	FY 2024 Department Request	FY 2024 Town Admin Recommend	FY 2024 Fincom Recommend	FY 2024 Town Council Final
434	SOLID WASTE BUDGET						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	120,800	99,954	132,806	132,806	132,806	-
	EXPENSES	2,543,000	2,467,000	2,682,833	2,682,833	2,682,833	-
		2,663,800	2,566,954	2,815,639	2,815,639	2,815,639	-
	Subtotal, Solid Waste Disposal	2,663,800	2,566,954	2,815,639	2,815,639	2,815,639	-
440	SEWER BUDGET						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	768,946	802,798	935,104	935,104	935,104	-
	EXPENSES	3,880,750	3,828,510	3,995,550	3,995,550	3,995,550	-
	DEBT PRINCIPAL	347,000	288,000	768,703	768,703	768,703	-
	DEBT INTEREST	252,700	85,010	315,470	315,470	315,470	-
		5,249,396	5,004,318	6,014,827	6,014,827	6,014,827	-
	Subtotal, Sewer	5,249,396	5,004,318	6,014,827	6,014,827	6,014,827	-
450	WATER BUDGET						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	1,434,375	1,479,850	1,694,900	1,694,900	1,694,900	-
	EXPENSES	2,267,700	2,306,000	2,446,045	2,446,045	2,446,045	-
	DEBT PRINCIPAL	2,168,654	2,070,065	2,107,204	2,107,204	2,107,204	-
	DEBT INTEREST	720,550	604,367	558,233	558,233	558,233	-
		6,591,279	6,460,282	6,806,382	6,806,382	6,806,382	-
	Subtotal, Water	6,591,279	6,460,282	6,806,382	6,806,382	6,806,382	-
460	STORMWATER BUDGET						
	PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	334,117	334,117	334,117	-
	EXPENSES	-	-	700,000	700,000	700,000	-
		-	-	1,034,117	1,034,117	1,034,117	-
	Subtotal, Stormwater	-	-	1,034,117	1,034,117	1,034,117	-
TOTAL ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS		\$14,504,475	\$14,031,554	\$16,670,965	\$16,670,965	\$16,670,965	\$-
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$138,339,362	\$142,934,153	\$150,948,187	\$150,948,187	\$150,948,187	\$-

LEGAL NOTICE FRANKLIN, MA

Bylaw Amendment 23-897: Chapter 82, Fees, Municipal Service

The Franklin Town Council will hold a second reading and final vote on the adoption of Bylaw Amendment 23-897 which will amend Chapter 82 "Fees, Municipal Service" of the Town Code of the Town of Franklin at Appendix A, as follows:

Effective for bills issued on or after July 1, 2023 Sewer Usage rates shall be as follows:

CCF	Sewer Usage Rate 7-1-2022	Sewer Usage Rate 7-1-2023	Sewer Usage Rate 7-1-2024	Sewer Usage Rate 7-1-2025
0-15	\$6.05	7.22	8.31	9.42
16-40	\$6.45	7.69	8.85	10.03
41+	\$7.40	8.83	10.17	11.52
Quarterly Sewer Only	\$183.00	218.00	260.00	310.00

The second reading and final vote on adoption of this bylaw amendment will take place during the Town Council Public Meeting beginning at 7:00 pm on May 25, 2023; there will be an opportunity for public input during the process. Location: Municipal Building, 2nd floor Council Chambers, 355 E. Central Street, Franklin, and also via the "ZOOM" platform. Residents can visit the Town website (Franklinma.gov) town calendar to review the agenda and for up to date meeting information, on and after May 19, 2023. Please call the Town Administrator's Office at (508) 520-4949 if you require further information or to make arrangements for translation services.

Submitted by,
Julie McCann

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

April 28, 2023

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Bylaw Amendment 23-897: Sewer Rate Increase

The following bylaw amendment is the first reading on a sewer rate increase to pay for the Beaver Street Interceptor. Bids are now in and came under budget at \$28 million. As you recall, the Town is a Housing Choice community and the interest rate is 1.5%, which will save the Town a lot of money.

The attached bylaw has the new rates, which will be required by our contract with the state to receive the low interest loan for the project. Rates will increase 19% on July 1, 2023, 15% on July 1, 2024 and 10% on July 1, 2025.

If the town does not approve these rates, we will be in contractual default with the Commonwealth on this loan. The Interceptor has lasted 109-years. There are no other options.

Website is here: <https://www.franklinma.gov/water-sewer-division/pages/beaver-street-interceptor>

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

May 19, 2023

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 23-33: Adoption of the FY24 Budget

I am asking the Town Council to consider approval of the FY24 proposed budget.

After 3 days of hearings, the Finance Committee recommends approval of the budget at their May 11th meeting. The Finance Committee recommended it with an 8-0 unanimous vote.

A quick summary of the FY24 budget is as follows:

- Total General Fund (recommended) \$ 134,277,223
- Total Enterprise Funds (recommended) \$ 16,670,965
- Total Operating Budget (recommended) **\$ 150,948,188**

This resolution is to accept the General Fund budget, Water Enterprise Fund budget, Sewer Enterprise Fund budget, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund budget and Stormwater Enterprise Fund budget as voted with a total appropriation of \$150,948,188.

For all FY24 budget materials, please visit the Town's budget page [here](#).

Also note the four slide presentations given by various town staff are also on the [budget webpage](#).

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 23-33
ADOPTION OF FY 2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, The Town Council conducted two public hearings on the FY 2024 Budget on May 24, 2023 and May 25, 2023 after due notice was given in the Milford Daily News; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Committee issued printed recommendations with copies made available at each public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council considered the FY 2024 budget on a departmental basis, and by vote so determined the size of the appropriations for each department on May 25, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED AND VOTED to adopt said General Fund budget, Water Enterprise Fund budget, Sewer Enterprise Fund budget, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund budget and Stormwater Enterprise Fund budget as set out in FY2024 Voting Document with a total appropriation of \$150,948,188 of which \$134,277,223 is to be raised and appropriated and the balance transferred from Enterprise Fund revenues to be appropriated as follows:

WATER FEES (ENTERPRISE FUND)	\$6,806,382
SEWER FEES (ENTERPRISE FUND)	\$6,014,827
SOLID WASTE FEES (ENTERPRISE FUND)	\$2,515,639
SOLID WASTE RETAINED EARNINGS (ENTERPRISE FUND)	\$300,000
STORMWATER FEES (ENTERPRISE FUND)	<u>\$1,034,117</u>
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND:	\$16,670,965

This Resolution shall become effective according to provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION

Meeting Date: 5/11 2023

Vote: 8 - 0

Recommended Amount: \$150,948,188

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS _____

YES _____ NO _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

A True Record Attest:

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

Town of Franklin

355 East Central Street
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352



Phone: (508) 520-4949
www.franklinma.gov

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

May 19, 2023

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Re: Resolution 23-34: Town Clerk's Salary

I am asking the Town Council to consider the Town Clerk's FY24 proposed Salary. As an elected official the Town Clerk's salary must be approved by the Town Council by statute.

We are requesting an increase in the Town Clerk's Salary from \$106,000 in FY23 to \$108,650 in FY24. This increase represents the COLA that will be applied for all municipal employees and the salary amount is included in the proposed FY24 budget.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 23-34

SALARY SCHEDULE: FULL-TIME ELECTED OFFICIAL

A Resolution Amending Appendix A, Chapter 4 of the Code of the Town of Franklin, entitled "Salary Schedule - Full-Time Elected Official".

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT: Appendix A Salary Schedule - Full-Time Elected Official, Chapter 4 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is amended as follows:

APPENDIX A

SALARY SCHEDULE - FULL-TIME ELECTED OFFICIAL

OFFICE	INCUMBENT SALARY	FY24 SALARY
Town Clerk	\$106,000	<u>\$108,650</u>

This resolution is effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

May 19, 2023

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 23-35: Town Council FY24 Expenditure Limits

MGL Chapter 44 §53E½ states that the Town Council shall, on an annual basis, set the expenditure limit for each revolving fund established under Franklin Town Code, Chapter 73.

For FY24, expenditure limits are as follows:

- Section 5.1 Senior Center Respite Program: Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000)
- Section 5.2 Senior Center Activities Program: One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)
- Section 5.3 Senior Center Supportive Day Program: One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)
- Section 5.4 Use of Facilities Account: One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)
- Section 5.5 Fire Department Rescue Training Program: Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)
- Section 5.6 Community Policing Programs: Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)

The amounts listed have not been changed and are the same as previous years.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 23-35

**EXPENDITURE LIMITS FOR FY2024 ON DEPARTMENTAL
REVOLVING FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY FRANKLIN TOWN CODE
CHAPTER 73, AS PROVIDED IN MGL CHAPTER 44, §53E½, AS
AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Franklin Town Council has adopted a bylaw establishing a chapter of the Franklin Town Code: Chapter 73 Departmental Revolving Funds, as provided in MGL Chapter 44, §53E½, as amended by Chapter 218 of the Legislative Acts of 2016, and

WHEREAS, MGL Chapter 44, §53E½, as amended, further provides that the municipality's legislative body shall annually set the expenditure limit for each revolving fund established under the local bylaw,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED AND VOTED THAT The Franklin Town Council hereby sets the expenditure limit for each revolving fund established under Franklin Town Code: Chapter 73 Departmental Revolving Funds for Fiscal Year 2024, as follows:

Section 5.1 Senior Center Respite Program: Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000)

Section 5.2 Senior Center Activities Program: One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)

Section 5.3 Senior Center Supportive Day Program: One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)

Section 5.4 Use of Facilities Account: One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)

Section 5.5 Fire Department Rescue Training Program: Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)

Section 5.6 Community Policing Programs: Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)

This Resolution shall become effective according to provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

May 19, 2023

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Resolutions 23-23, 23-24, 23-25: Community Preservation Fund Appropriations

I am requesting the Town Council to consider approval of the following resolutions:

- 23-23: Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues for Reserve Accounts, Administrative Expenses and Other Expenses in FY24 in the total amount of \$1,870,844
 - From FY 2024 Estimated Revenues for Administrative Expenses - \$93,542
 - From Reserve Accounts Estimated Revenues
 - Historic Preservation Reserve - \$187,084
 - Community Housing Reserve - \$187,084
 - Open Space & Recreation Reserve - \$1,017,693
 - Budgeted Reserve - \$385,441
- 23-24: Appropriation from Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund for Payment of Annual Maple Hill Land and Schmidt Farm Bond Debt Service in the total amount of \$692,693
 - Principal Maple Hill - \$150,000
 - Interest Maple Hill - \$117,818
 - Principal Schmidt Farm - \$180,000
 - Interest Schmidt Farm - \$244,875
- 23-25: FY24 Community Preservation Appropriation of Funds - Capital in the total amount of \$325,000
 - Source: Open Space & Recreation Reserve
 - Purpose:
 - Fletcher St. Playground - ADA Accessibility - \$150,000
 - Beaver Street Challenge Course - \$150,000
 - Nason Street Tot Lot - \$25,000

The Community Preservation Committee approved all three resolutions unanimously (6 - 0) at their March 7th meeting. Materials from that meeting are included in the packet.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Town of Franklin
CPA Reservations
FY24*

		Less	CPA	
		Exemption	Taxable	2%
Total Tax on Residential Property	73,928,517	(13,292,028)	60,636,489	1,212,730
Total Tax Commercial and Industrial Property	14,197,243		14,197,243	283,945
Total Tax on Real Property	88,125,760	(13,292,028)	74,833,732	1,496,675
			Average per Residence	115.00
	You may change=>	State Match	25%	374,169
				1,870,844
Residential Exemption	100,000			
# of Residential Exemptions	10,566			
Total Exemption	1,056,600,000			
Tax Rate	12.58			
Tax Exemption	13,292,028			

Appropriation

From FY2024 Estimated Revenues for administrative expenses	93,542	5.00%
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Reserve Accounts

From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Historic Preservation Reserve	187,084	10.00%
From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Community Housing Reserve	187,084	10.00%
From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Open Space & Recreation Reserve	1,017,693 **	54.40%
From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Budgeted Reserve	385,441	20.60%

Total Requested	1,870,844	
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* Based on FY23 Data.
**Funds needed to cover appropriations. These amounts more than satisfy the 10% reservation requirement.



1010 Turnpike St.
Canton, MA 02021
Phone: 781.821.5900
Fax: 781.562.1645
www.premier-fence.com

Proposal

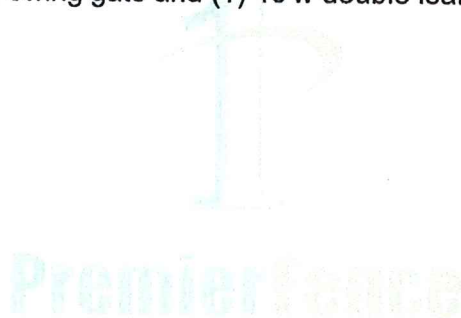
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To: Town of Franklin	Phone:	Date:
		02/03/2023
	Job Name / Location:	
	Nason Street Playground Fencing	
	Job No:	Job Phone:

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

Furnishing and Installing the Following:

122 FT - 4'H Ornamental Steel Fence and Gates = \$12,013.70
- includes (1) 4'w single leaf swing gate and (1) 10'w double leaf swing gate with standard hardware



**Exclusions: permits, ledge excavation, railroad insurance, winter conditions, clearing & grubbing, flaggers, night lighting, damage to utilities not identified by Dig Safe, contractor, owner or owner's representative.*

**Price is subject to change prior to award due to the volatility in the steel market. Customer is responsible for carrying provision for steel escalation.*

We propose hereby to furnish material and/or labor - complete in accordance with the above specifications for the sum of:

\$12,013.70

Payment to be made as follows:

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a professional manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized
Signature: 

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if
not accepted within

days.

Signature: _____

Date

Signature: _____

Date

Acceptance of Proposal: The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.



MRC
PO Box 106
Spring Lake, NJ 07762
Ph: 732-458-1111
Fx: 732-974-0226
Email: MRC@GAMETIME.COM
Web: www.mrcrec.com

01/12/2023
Quote #
109561-01-02

MA Franklin Town Site Amenities

Franklin Town of
Attn: Ryan Jette
25 Public Works Way
Franklin, MA 02038
Phone: 508-613-1666
Fax: 508-520-4976
rjette@franklin.ma.us

Ship to Zip 02038

Quantity	Part #	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1	P338SH3-RDP	UltraSite - 3-SEAT, 46" SINGLE PEDESTAL ADA ROUND TABLE, INGROUND, PERFO- PLANK _____ FRAME _____	\$1,865.00	\$1,865.00
2	P338S-RDP	UltraSite - 46" SINGLE PEDESTAL ROUND TABLE, INGROUND, PERFORATED - PC- PLANK _____ FRAME _____	\$1,898.00	\$3,796.00
2	TPR-32	UltraSite - 32 GALLON TRASH RECEPTACLE ONLY, PERFORATED - THERMOPLASTIC- COLOR _____	\$624.00	\$1,248.00
2	PIG KIT	UltraSite - INGROUND KIT FOR TRASH RECEPTACLE - POWDER COAT BLACK	\$90.00	\$180.00
Contract: Massachusetts			Sub Total	\$7,089.00
			Discount	(\$779.79)
			Freight	\$1,202.14
			Total	\$7,511.35

Comments

MA FAC104

INSTALLATION AND OFFLOADING UPON DELIVERY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PROPOSAL

TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE IS NEEDED WHEN ORDERING OR TAXES MAY BE APPLIED

TA/hd

Nason Street Tot Lot



DaTop Sprinkler Specialists, Inc.
272 York Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 727-2711

12/4/22

Town of Franklin, MA
D.P.W. Administration Bldg.
257 Fisher Street
Franklin, MA 02038
Attn: Carlos Rebello

Re: Chilson Park Irrigation Proposal (REVISED FROM 3/20/21 Proposal)

The following proposal & specifications is based upon Irrigation Design for Chilson park:

- Timer/Controller**: Hunter 8 Station Base Metal (exact location to be determined)-removed, supplied by Carlos/Town
- Backflow preventer**: Plumbing tie in by Town (or others)-Location Noted on Design, NOT included in pricing below; recommended to be Watts Reduced Pressure Zn 1.5"
- Separate Meter**-If any, supplied & installed by others
- Rain Sensor**: Irritrol Wireless rain sensor or Hunter Sensor w/ Guard (or comparable)
- Hunter Rotors**: Hunter I-20 Stainless Steel, nozzle sizing noted on design
- Zones**: 3 Zones Per Design, + Adding 2 additional Zones as discussed around 2 sides of perimeter of playground area; 5 zones total
- Quick Connects**: 1 per design, with key & hose swivel
- Mainline**: 2" PVC SDR21-200
- Laterals/Zones**: 1.5" PVC SDR21-200
- Valves**: 1.5" Hunter valves with Flow Control Fx5-zonmes/valves
- Valve boxes**: As needed per design
- Scope**: Trench in mainline & laterals per design, mainline 18", laterals 12" in depth
- Wire**: 14/1g
- Thrust Blocking** if necessary
- Enclosure (Recommended) (If no meter pit)**: Strongbox SBBC-45 AL (Cut Sheet Attached)-To Be Priced Separately if Needed-Town of Franklin has possession of hot box, supplied & installed by Town w/ concrete pad

Trenching entire system, backfilling with machine, hand digging as necessary, PVC system; Installing from after hotbox; town to install pedestal & electrical for timer to be mounted on outside nearby hotbox enclosure & fence as discussed

DaTop Sprinkler Specialists, Inc. proposes to provide & install the above referenced irrigation system for the total sum of \$ 23,500.00.

*Price changes due to adding 2 additional zones, valves, wiring, valve boxes, labor, 15+% increase in materials quote since previous

Any questions relating to the above proposal, please contact:

Topper Senn, V.P.

TSenn@aol.com

401-255-5685c

401-727-2714 Fax

Fully Licensed & Insured

Commercial References of Similar Size & Scope Available Upon Request

RI Contractor License #14014

MA Contractor License #152393

OSHA Certified

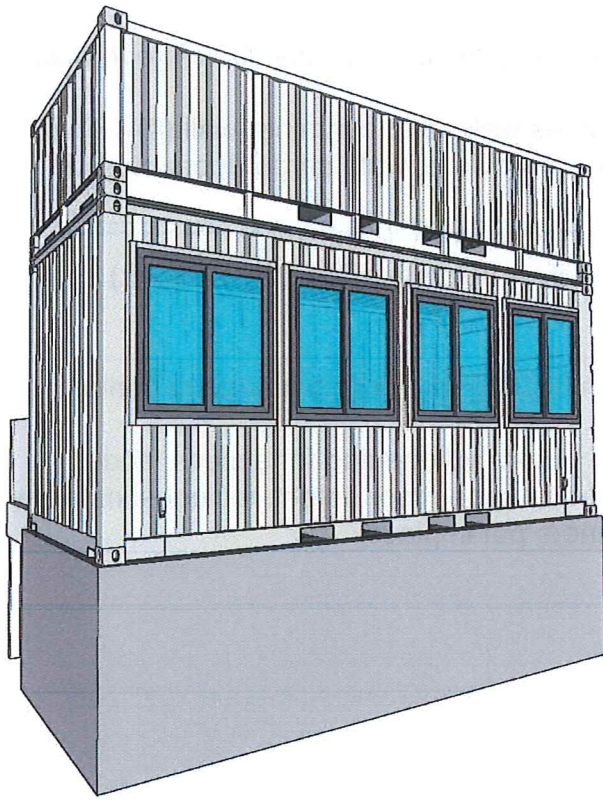
Master Irrigator License #000054

Payloader/Backhoe License #00016385

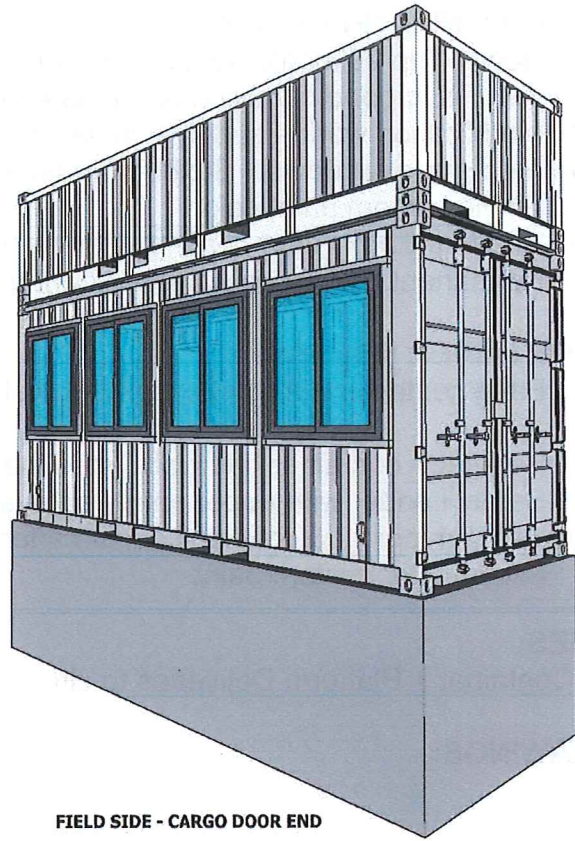
*Duration of Project: Estimated at 4-5 working days

Addendum to Chilson park Proposal:

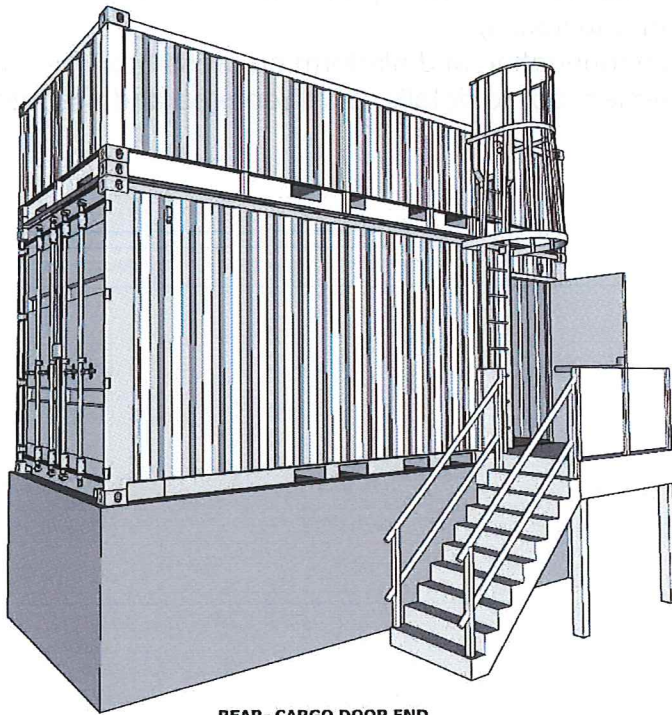
Scope of Work: Add/supply & install 1 ½" Watts RPZ backflow preventer, install 1 ½" Water meter (Supplied by others), supply & install Strongbox SBBC-45AL (with freight-special order), plumber and all 1 ½" Copper/brass fittings, 1-2 days; install on concrete pad (installed by others); all materials & labor:
\$6,000.00



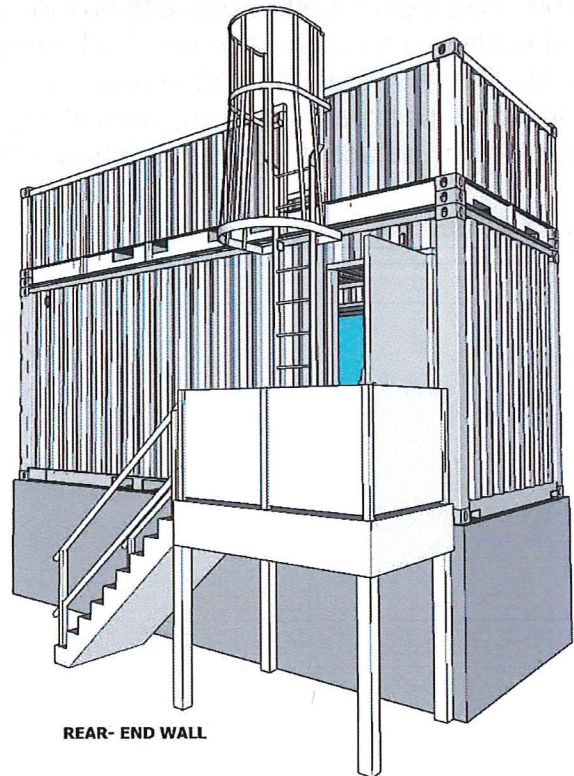
FIELD SIDE - END WALL



FIELD SIDE - CARGO DOOR END



REAR - CARGO DOOR END



REAR - END WALL

LOWER CONTAINER "Press box"

\$6,200.00 : New/1 Trip 20' container *(if you want us to use one you have, we can look into that as an option provided it is in good condition to cut up/modify)*

\$7,200.00 : Modification work – supply + install in steel frames welded to container wall (4) 48"x48" sliding tempered glass windows + 36x80 man door w/ panic hardware, weld cargo doors closed

\$1,600.00 : Single custom paint color

\$1,100.00 : Non Slip Epoxy floor coating + floor screw hole/seam fills (OPTIONAL)

\$2,600.00 : Permanent rhino spray coated flooring + floor screw hole/seam fills (OPTIONAL)

UPPER CONTAINER "Platform"

\$7,000.00 : Base container platform/expanded metal mesh flooring for water drainage to container roof below

\$9,850.00 : Perimeter container half walls, steel handrails + posts w/ opening for access ladder

\$3,800.00 : Safety Ladder with upper safety cage at 42" above upper floor height, includes install/fit in shop, removal for shipping, & re-install on site after containers put in place

\$1,000.00 : Single color custom paint

DELIVERIES:

\$250.00 : Container + Platform Deliveries to site

SHOP DRAWINGS:

\$650.00

ELECTRICAL:

\$5,800.00 : Electrical Allowance for small breaker panel, outlets, lights in both boxes + onsite connection between boxes – (Exact price TBD pending exact electrical needs, layout, site scope, etc)

ON SITE WORK:

\$1,100.00 : Site weld together of press box to upper platform and to steel plates in foundation (foundation plates by others, assumed to be in place prior to install)

\$3,800.00 : Crane + rigger/rigging to place press box on foundation and platform on press box

**On Site work pricing excludes any permitting, fire watches, police details, etc if required and assumes crane can deploy adjacent to/close to foundation

TOTAL: \$51,950.00

CPI concrete floors
65 Crocker Ave Franklin, Ma 02038

Date 2/14/2023

Proposal
Town of Franklin
365 East Central St
Franklin, Ma.

Attn: Ryan Jette

CPI Concrete Floors proposes to provide labor to complete the following scope of work:

Beaver st sidewalk and picnic area

Place and finish concrete walkway 75 x 5
Place and finish concrete picnic area 12 x 12
Install edge forms
Strip and clean up
Supply concrete material
Supply and install ww mesh
Ma prev wage rates

Labor and Material	\$9,255.00
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Thank you,

PJ

Proposal/Contract Submitted by: Pj Lampasona

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

Any alterations or deviations from the above specifications involving extra cost will be executed upon written order or verbal agreement, and will become an extra charge over and above this proposal. All agreements contingent upon weather, accidents or delay beyond our control. The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are accepted and this Contractor is authorized to do the work as specified. Total balance of contract is due upon completion of work. A 25 % deposit is required upon the execution of this agreement. Uncollected funds may be turned over to an attorney which may result in additional attorneys' fees and a 21% per annum charge for overdue funds plus all hourly rates for employees' and owners' time to collect delinquent accounts.

Scoreboard Enterprises Inc.

SALES - INSTALLATION - SERVICE

274 Fruit Street Mansfield, MA 02048
508-339-8113 Fax 508-339-0184

www.scoreboardenterprises.com

QUOTE

Franklin Recreation Dept.
Franklin Recreation Department
274 Beaver Street
Franklin
MA 02038

Date
17 August 2022

Expiry Date
16 October 2022

Quote Number
10149-2

Tax Number
042605006

274 Fruit St.
Mansfield, MA 02048
rob@scoreboardenterprises.com
Cell - 508.889.1936

Description	Quantity	Amount
Scoreboard Components		
Daktronics MS-2031, Outdoor MultiSport Scoreboard with WHITE LED Digits 9' x 18'	1	16,185.00
2" Border Stripe for MS-2009 MS-2031 MS-2028 & MS-2029	1	265.00
12VDC Trumpet, 120V Input O.D. SCBDS	1	355.00
Total		16,805.00
Control Components		
Daktronics All Sport 5010 R6 Control Console	1	1,510.00
Gen. VI Radio Receiver	1	505.00
Daktronics All Sport MX-1 Scoring Kit w/ Outdoor Enclosure; Allows scoreboard to be run from Dak Score App on the mobile device through bluetooth connectivity with the MX-1 Kit	1	1,060.00
Total		3,075.00
Optional Accent Pieces		
Daktronics DA-1001-18 3' Tall x 18' Long Arch Truss with 50% Lettering/Logo and screen backing	1	7,370.00
Outdoor Non-Backlit 2' 0" x 18	1	1,390.00
Total		8,760.00
Optional Upgrades		
Electronic Captions		
Electronic Captions for MS-2031' Football and Soccer Scoreboards - White LED's	1	9,595.00
Total		9,595.00

Shipping

Shipping	1	1,665.00
Total		1,665.00

Installation

Existing Outdoor Installation	1	6,980.00
Total		6,980.00

Subtotal	46,880.00
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Total USD	46,880.00
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Installation based on State/Local Building Code to include the following:

- Crane Rental
- Provide Engineered Drawings
- Town of Franklin will excavate and install footing per engineered drawings provided.
- Scoreboard Enterprises will mount and level new Daktronics MS-2031 scoreboard + DA-1001 Truss + one (1) outdoor non-backlit ad panel
- Provide and install electrical disconnect on rear of scoreboard
- Power to be brought and wired to disconnect by others
- Install and calibrate radio frequencies
- Test all functions
- Provide Owner Operator Training

Standard Exclusions to include:

- SEI requires full access to the site for the duration of the installation to include but not limited to - Crane Truck, Van, Trailer, Lift, Concrete Truck and Excavation Equipment access
- SEI is not responsible for finish landscaping around excavated areas
- SEI is not responsible for repairs to finish landscaping as a result of required installation access, however we will work diligently and closely with the owner to limit any impact to the area.
- SEI requires power to the base of the structure by others
- SEI is not responsible for removing excavated material from site - SEI does not provide soil testing required by us to move off site
- SEI is not responsible for the integrity of the existing structure or existing power/data feeds.
- SEI will pull through conduits provided by others
- Scoreboard Enterprises, Inc. is not responsible for unforeseen obstruction while excavating, i.e. rock, ledge, water, and pipe - additional cost may be incurred as a result of excavation obstructions to be invoiced separately

-Scoreboard Enterprises, Inc has based the above installation on normal soil conditions, if abnormal soil conditions are encountered, additional cost may be incurred as a result of additional footing design.

-The installation quote is based the scoreboards sizes provided on this quote, if larger scoreboards are selected it may result in increased installation costs due to footing & steel requirements.

-Scoreboard Enterprises, Inc has based the above installation price on our standard Certificate of Insurance, if additional coverage or wording is required, additional fees will be the responsibility of the requestor for additional coverage/wording.

All quotes past expiration date will be subject to updated pricing.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 23 - 23

APPROPRIATION:

From FY 2024 Estimated Revenues for administrative expenses \$ 93,542

RESERVE ACCOUNTS:

From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Historic Preservation Reserve \$ 187,084

From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$ 187,084

From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Open Space & Recreation Reserve \$ 1,017,693

From FY24 Estimated Revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$ 385,441

TOTAL REQUESTED: \$1,870,844

PURPOSE:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Franklin Community Preservation Committee for required reserve accounts and administrative expenses and other expenses in fiscal year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

MOTION:

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$1,870,844) be appropriated or reserved as indicated above in FY2024 from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Franklin Community Preservation Committee.

This Resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

Community Preservation Committee Action

Meeting Date: **3/7/2023**

Vote: **6 - 0**

Recommended Amount: **\$1,870,844**

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

A True Record Attest:

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION NO.: 23 - 24

APPROPRIATION: FY24 Community Preservation Appropriation of Funds-
Debt Service Maple Hill Land and Schmidt Farm

TOTAL REQUESTED: \$692,693

PURPOSE:

To appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund the sum of Six Hundred Ninety Two Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Three Dollars, (\$692,693) to pay the annual Maple Hill Land and Schmidt Farm Bond debt service.

Principal Maple Hill	150,000
Interest Maple Hill	117,818
Principal Schmidt Farm	180,000
Interest Schmidt Farm	<u>244,875</u>
	692,693

Community Preservation Committee Recommendation

Meeting Date: 3/7/2023

Vote: 6 - 0

Recommended Amount: \$692,693

MOTION

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Six Hundred Ninety Two Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$692,693) be appropriated from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund in FY24 to pay the annual Maple Hill Land and Schmitt Farm Bond debt service.

This Resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

A True Record Attest:

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION NO.: 23 - 25

APPROPRIATION: FY24 Community Preservation Appropriation of Funds-Capital

TOTAL REQUESTED: \$325,000

PURPOSE:

To appropriate from Community Preservation available funds the following amounts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for community preservation projects in fiscal year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	Fletcher St Playground-ADA Accessibility	150,000
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	Beaver Street Challenge Course	150,000
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	Nason Street Tot Lot	<u>25,000</u>
		325,000

Community Preservation Committee Recommendation

Meeting Date: 3/7/2023 **Vote:** 6 - 0 **Recommended Amount:** \$325,000

MOTION

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) be appropriated from the Community Preservation Reserves in the amounts and for the projects indicated above in fiscal year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

This Resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

May 19, 2023

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 23-897: Sewer Rates

The second and final reading of increasing sewer rates to pay for the Beaver Street Interceptor.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.



Sponsor: Administration

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BY-LAW AMENDMENT 23 –897
SEWER USAGE RATES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT: Chapter 82 of the Code of the Town of Franklin, entitled “Fees, Municipal Service” is hereby amended at Appendix A, as follows:

Appendix A
List of Sewer Service Usage Rates

Effective for bills issued on or after July 1, 2023 Sewer Usage rates shall be as follows:

CCF	Sewer Usage	Sewer Usage	Sewer Usage	Sewer Usage
	Rate 7-1-2022	Rate 7-1-2023	Rate 7-1-2024	Rate 7-1-2025
0-15	\$6.05	7.22	8.31	9.42
16-40	\$6.45	7.69	8.85	10.03
41+	\$7.40	8.83	10.17	11.52
Quarterly Sewer Only	\$183.00	218.00	260.00	310.00

This By-Law amendment shall become effective according to the provisions of the Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

May 19, 2023

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 23-36: Authorizing the Borrowing of Money to Pay Costs Associated with Designing, Constructing and Equipping a PFAS Treatment Facility at the Well 7/7A Site (DWSRF 12544)
Resolution 23-37: Authority for Town Administrator to File Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Application

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) currently has a drinking water standard for the sum of six Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) compounds (PFAS6). This standard requires all Massachusetts public water suppliers to regularly test for PFAS. The sum of PFAS6 may not exceed 20 nanograms per liter (ng/L), equal to 20 parts per trillion (ppt). For perspective, one ppt is equivalent to a single drop of water in 20 Olympic sized swimming pools or approximately the amount of water pumped from Well 7/7A in 3 weeks.

On multiple occasions in 2020 (December), 2021 (January, March, April, June-December 2021), and 2022 (January), Franklin sampled Well 7/7A finished water for PFAS6. Four of the six regulated PFAS were detected in finished water, with a sum of 31.4 nanograms per liter (ng/L) in January of 2022. The sampling results from December 2020 to January 2022 show an overall increase in PFAS concentrations, which remain below the MassDEP Maximum Contaminant level (MCL) of 20 ng/L, until December 2021, in which an exceedance of the MCL was observed. This forced the Town to shut down the source and it has been off ever since.

You may have heard in the news that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued a draft federal drinking water rule which sets the limit for certain PFAS lower than the Massachusetts standard. EPA is entertaining public comment on their proposal now and if the proposed rule is finalized, Massachusetts will adopt limits at least as stringent as EPA; the EPA process may take another year before it is completed.

In addition to Well 7/7A if the proposed more stringent EPA rule goes into effect based on current sampling results we will need to provide PFAS treatment at the following locations to be in compliance with the proposed rule:

- Well 5
- Well 4
- Well 8/8A
- Well 9

The cost for treatment at all these locations including Well 7/7A is likely to be around \$50 million dollars. This does not include our other 4 well locations that are currently just under the proposed rule limits set for PFOA and PFOS.

Therefore, given the current MassDEP regulations and proposed more stringent EPA regulations we are proposing a project to construct a new PFAS treatment facility adjacent to the current building at the Well No. 7/7A site. Use of a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment system, a well-proven technology, is anticipated and will be tested/confirmed through the performance of a PFAS bench scale pre-design evaluation. This project will benefit the Town by reducing the PFAs at Well No. 7/7A to below the regulated limits for continued use of this important water source in the Franklin system. The pilot and the Design have started and we are expecting to have Bid ready documents by November and construction to start Spring 2024.

The Town was listed on the 2023 final State Revolving Fund (SRF) intended use plan and since this project will be a PFAS treatment facility it will be eligible for an interest-free (0%) loan with additional principal loan forgiveness through the SRF program in thanks to the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

As with other SRF related projects, the funding must be appropriated through borrowing. We are asking the Council to approve Resolution 23-36, to authorize the appropriation of \$6,500,000 for this project. Additionally, Resolution 23-37 will authorize the Town Administrator to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with this application.

As discussed at the May 3rd Town Council meeting, a draft letter is attached from the Council to the Congressional delegation with our concerns about the finances and regulations on PFAS.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

May 25, 2023

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
2400 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02203

The Honorable Edward M. Markey
975 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02203

The Honorable Jake Auchincloss
United States Representative, Fourth Congressional District
29 Crafts Street, Suite 375
Newton, MA 02458

RE: EPA Proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation

Dear Senator Warren, Senator Markey and Congressman Auchincloss:

The Town of Franklin would like to bring to your attention and offer the following comments on the EPA's proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation. As the elected leaders of the community, we are very concerned about the affordability of our residents relative to the implementation of the proposed EPA PFAS regulations. In an era of record inflation and rising costs, we are very concerned about the impacts on water rate increases and costs to taxpayers to implement these new proposed regulations. We request that the EPA pause on implementing the regulations until the economy allows for a transparent and comprehensive analysis of the cost/benefit these regulations will have on our citizens, especially the thousands of residents in town on fixed or limited incomes.

On March 14, 2023, EPA announced the proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA, commonly known as GenX Chemicals), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), and perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS).

The Town of Franklin has a mission to deliver clean and reliable drinking water, and we are always concerned about threats to our water supply. While PFAS contamination in our Drinking Water is one piece of the exposure, it is not the main contributor. People are exposed to PFAS from many sources, far beyond their drinking water. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), people are exposed to PFAS by food packaged in materials containing PFAS, processed with equipment that used

PFAS, or grown using PFAS-contaminated soil or water. People may also have been exposed to PFAS in the workplace through production facilities or industries that involve chrome plating, electronics manufacturing, and oil recovery. In addition, many commercial household products contain PFAS, and if made outside the United States, may still be made with PFAS. Those include stain and water-repellent fabrics, nonstick cookware and other products, polishes, waxes, paints, and cleaning products, to name a few. When found in drinking water, it is often the result of PFAS discharged from a nearby manufacturer, landfill, wastewater treatment plant, or firefighter training facility that used fire-suppressing foams. It is widely referenced that 98% of the American public has traceable amounts of PFAS in our bodies.

Therefore, it is crucial for the EPA to broadly regulate PFAS to protect public health and the environment. Ultimately, regulation should address the manufacturing and processing of these chemicals and their use in food, food packaging, and in consumer products across all environmental media. Although the proposed EPA regulation is focused on drinking water standards for PFAS as a class, there is also an urgent need to develop comprehensive standards for PFAS compounds across the board. In addition, there is an urgent need to develop scientific understanding of the shorter-chain PFAS being developed as replacement chemicals. Fortunately, some product manufacturers and retailers have proactively taken measures to phase out PFAS from their supply chains, but many still have not.

Until the drain of PFAS compounds into the environment stops, the proposed EPA regulations will disproportionately put the burden on the Drinking Water Suppliers, like municipalities who will be forced to raise water rates at a level that will cause significant financial hardship for many families. If we only concentrate on regulating PFAS in drinking water, we may be giving consumers a false impression they are protected, when in fact, there are many other sources of PFAS exposure in consumer products and food, being detected at even higher levels than what is found in drinking water. If we are not addressing all of these other exposures, intended public health protection will not be achieved.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) currently has a drinking water standard for the sum of six PFAS compounds (PFAS6). This standard requires all Massachusetts public water suppliers to regularly test for PFAS. The sum of PFAS6 may not exceed 20 nanograms per liter (ng/L), equal to 20 parts per trillion (ppt).

Since October 2020, when the MassDEP PFAS6 drinking water standard went into place, the Town of Franklin has been sampling all of our sources as required. All sampling has been consistently and reliably below 20 ppt for the PFAS6 except for Well 7/7A. In January of 2020, Well 7/7A had four of the six regulated PFAS being detected in finished water, with a sum of 31.4 ppt. This forced the Town to shut down the source and it has been off ever since. All other sources have consistently and reliably been below the MassDEP PFAS6 drinking water standard.

The proposed EPA PFAS draft federal drinking water rule sets the limit for certain PFAS (PFOA, PFOS, and others) lower than the Massachusetts standard, down to 4 ppt. EPA is entertaining public comment on their proposal now and if the proposed rule is finalized, Massachusetts will adopt limits at least as stringent as EPA. If this proposed limit of 4 ppt is put into effect, roughly 60% of the drinking water

sources in Franklin will require some form of PFAS treatment resulting in significant costs to our ratepayers.

Therefore, given the current MassDEP regulations we are proposing a \$6.5 million project to construct a new PFAS treatment facility adjacent to the current building at the Well No. 7/7A site. In addition to Well 7/7A if the proposed more stringent EPA rule goes into effect based on current sampling results we will need to provide PFAS treatment at the following locations to be in compliance with the proposed rule: Well 5, Well 4, Well 8/8A, and Well 9.

The cost for treatment at all of these locations including Well 7/7A is likely to be over \$50 million dollars. This does not include our other 4 well locations that are currently just under the proposed rule limits set for PFOA and PFOS.

The 2021 infrastructure law provided \$10 billion to address emerging contaminants including PFAS in drinking water nationwide. But the costs of meeting the proposed EPA standards nationwide will far exceed the additional funding. Even with low to no interest loans the vast majority of the cost will be borne by the Town of Franklin water ratepayers, who are also facing increased costs within their own household budgets, increased costs in other areas with local, state and federal mandates.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. The Town of Franklin understands the importance of ensuring that the drinking water that reaches our customers meets Safe Drinking Water Act requirements and protects the public health. The Town works hard each day to meet these goals and satisfy our customers' expectations.

Sincerely,

Thomas Mercer, Chair
Franklin Town Council

Robert Dellorco, Vice Chair
Franklin Town Council

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

Deborah Pellegrini
Franklin Town Council

Brian Chandler
Franklin Town Council

Melanie Hamblen
Franklin Town Council

Cobi Frongillo
Franklin Town Council

Theodore Cormier-Leger
Franklin Town Council

Patrick Sheridan
Franklin Town Council

cc: The Honorable Rebecca Rausch, State Senator
The Honorable Jeff Roy, State Representative
Dana Hanson, District Director, Congressman Auchincloss



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 23-36

Authorizing the Borrowing of Money to Pay Costs Associated with Designing, Constructing and Equipping a PFAS Treatment Facility at the Well 7/7A Site (DWSRF 12544)

Whereas: The Town Council has been advised of a need to a PFAS Treatment Facility at the Well 7/7A Site

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Franklin that:

- (1) Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) is appropriated to pay costs associated with the designing, constructing and equipping a PFAS Treatment project which shall include, but shall not be limited to, construction of a PFAS treatment facility (pre-engineered metal building with a brick façade to match the existing structure) abutting the existing Well 7/7A pump building; two pair 6-foot diameter GAC vessels suitable for lead-lag operation; 8 foot x 17 foot translucent building wall panels in the event that the GAC vessels need to be removed in the future; 6-inch raw water line from the discharge of the Well 7 pump to the PFAS treatment building; an 8-inch PFAS treated water line from the PFAS treatment building which connects to the existing 12-inch water line prior to entering the chemical building for finished chemical addition; and other surface restoration including extension of the existing driveway to the new building as well as removal and replacement of fencing around the propose PFAS treatment facility and existing facilities (the "Project"); and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Administrator, is authorized to borrow this amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §8(4) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.
- (2) All or any portion of the amount authorized to be borrowed by this resolution may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") established pursuant to G.L. c. 29C; the purpose of said loan(s), if awarded, shall be to fund construction activities in connection with the Project, and if said award is made, the Town agrees to pay those costs which constitute the required applicant's share of the Project cost. The Town Administrator, the Town Treasurer and any other appropriate officials of the Town is/are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as to furnish such information, data and documents pertaining to the Town's application for a grant(s) and/or loan(s), and to take any and all other action as may be required, including to execute and deliver any agreements

with the Trust and/or the Department of Environmental Protection of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts that may be necessary in order to obtain any such financing, and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with this application.

- (3) This Resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



TOWN OF FRANKLIN RESOLUTION 23-37

AUTHORITY FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN APPLICATION

Whereas, the Town of Franklin (hereinafter: "Town"), after thorough investigation, has determined that the work activity consisting of: Franklin Well 7/7A PFAS Treatment (DWSRF 12544) (hereinafter: "Project") is both in the public interest and necessary to protect the public health, and that to undertake this activity, it is necessary to apply for assistance; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the Trust) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth (Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C) are authorized to make loans to municipalities for the purpose of funding planning and construction activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects; and

Whereas, Town has examined the provisions of the Act, Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C, and believes it to be in the public interest to file a loan application; and

Whereas, Town, acting by and through the Franklin Town Council, by Resolution 23-36, has authorized borrowing for Project of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin Town Council, acting on behalf of the Town of Franklin, as follows:

1. That the Town Administrator is hereby authorized on behalf of Town to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnish such information, data and documents pertaining to Town's application for a grant(s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with this application;
2. That the purpose of said loan(s), if awarded, shall be to fund construction activities in connection with Franklin Well 7/7A PFAS Treatment (DWSRF 12544)
3. If said award is made, the Town agrees to pay those costs which constitute the required applicant's share of the project cost.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

RECUSED: _____

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

May 19, 2023

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: **Resolution 23-38: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming**

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires the Town Council to vote to appropriate PEG funds received from Comcast and Verizon to an established revolving account.

Please find the attached resolution to appropriate PEG funds received for the first quarter of 2023 from Comcast and Verizon to Franklin Community Cable Access, Inc. as follows:

- Comcast: \$ 90,723.27
- Verizon: \$ 76,574.09

Total: \$167,297.36

Please let us know if you have any questions.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN RESOLUTION 23-38

APPROPRIATION: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per
MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4

TOTAL REQUESTED: \$167,297.36

PURPOSE: To appropriate \$167,297.36 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, representing the amount received in the previous quarter from Comcast and Verizon, to be paid to Franklin Community Cable Access, Inc. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.

MOTION: Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of \$167,297.36 be appropriated from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, to be paid to Franklin Community Cable Access, Inc. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

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