

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 19, 2016**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 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 led by the American Legion and Commander John Milot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 5, 2016.* **MOTION** to **Approve** the October 5, 2016 meeting minutes by **Mercer**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **No Discussion**. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** (Ms. Pfeffer had not yet entered the meeting.)

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: Ms. Pellegrini stated she was late this evening as there is a problem on Main Street, all the lights are red and not changing. She asked that the police be notified.

APPOINTMENTS: *None.*

Chairman Kelly called a recess until 7:10 PM.

HEARINGS: *Public Hearing. Rural Business Zoning Bylaws (16-768, 16-769, 16-770, 16-771, 16-772, 16-773).* **MOTION** to **Open** the public hearing for the Rural Business Zoning Bylaws (16-768, 16-769, 16-770, 16-771, 16-772, 16-773) by **Mercer**. **SECOND** by **Padula**. **No Discussion**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0.** ► Mr. Nutting stated these six bylaws relate to the potential rezoning of a parcel of land at the corner of Washington Street and Spring Street. The first five amendments would create a new zone that could be placed anywhere in Franklin by a vote of the Town Council. The last one is to put it on the map. Essentially, it would create a rural business district that would allow for up to 3,500 sq. ft. of retail space for a combination of country store which is in the definition and would allow for about half the store to be used for fruits, vegetables, and typical things in a country store, and a portion of the store would be for other retail items, with up to 20 seats allowed, and the potential in the future to apply for a beer and wine license, if one were available. This has been an ongoing discussion for about a decade. If this were approved and they did move ahead, there is a site plan process. The Planning Board held a public hearing Monday night and good comments were made. There are ways to limit the exposure for immediate abutters in the area. ► Chairman Kelly stated he received a Certificate of Vote from the Planning Board dated October 19, 2016. **MOTION** to **Close** the public hearing for the Rural Business Zoning Bylaws (16-768, 16-769, 16-770, 16-771, 16-772, 16-773) by **Mercer**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: *None.*

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► *Veterans' Officer Presentation.* ► Mr. Dale Kurtz, Veteran's Agent, addressed the Town Council. He stated Franklin will celebrate Veteran's Day with a luncheon on

November 11, 2016 beginning at 11:00 AM in honor of the armistice that ended World War I. The luncheon will be held at the Franklin Elks, 1077 Pond Street. This year's celebration will honor the Vietnam Era veterans. In May, the Franklin Veteran's Council became a partner with the Department of Defense Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Program. He explained the program description and goals. This commemoration honors all US veterans who served on active duty in the US Armed Forces at any time between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 regardless of the location in which they served. He reviewed some of the technology advances used during the Vietnam War. A video is available and shown on Franklin TV detailing what the Vietnam War Commemorative Program is all about. He encouraged everyone to attend the Veteran's Day program. Call the Senior Center, 508-520-4945, to register.

► Chairman Kelly stated that tonight is the last night to register to vote until 8:00 PM at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall on the first floor.

► *Mr. Bissanti recused himself.*

► **R7 Zoning Presentation/Discussion.** ► Mr. Richard Cornetta, Attorney, representing this petition, and Mr. Mounir Tayara, Principal of Grandis Homes, Inc. and the developer, addressed the Town Council. Mr. Cornetta stated this is a petition for a proposed zoning amendment to the bylaw and would be an amendment to the zoning map. Mr. Bruce Hunchard and Ms. Gwynne Hunchard are the petitioners and owners of 496 Summer Street, an 11-acre parcel; they are in the audience. This parcel includes their primary single-family home; the remainder of the land is wooded, undeveloped. Grandis Homes is a real estate development company in the commonwealth. Hillside Estates in Bellingham is a representative example of their homes. He provided a summary of the proposed petition and land area, and addressed the development proposal. It is currently zoned as Rural Residential I and would like it changed to Single-Family Residential VII which is the newest residential zoning bylaw that was approved by the Town Council about 1 ½ years ago; the Villages at Cook's Farm are being developed under this. The development proposal is for 34-three-bedroom, single-family residential town homes configured around a looping access road. Municipal water system would need to be extended to the development as well as sewer. They are here this evening to address questions.

Mr. Nutting stated he has met with the petitioners. He confirmed the need for water extension and possible replacement of old water line. He stated there is walkability from this location, so a sidewalk up Summer Street would allow many people to walk to the train station.

Mr. Bryan Taberner stated he had no comments.

Mr. Robert Hummel, 68 Stewart Street, asked the Town Council to review the Master Plan to see if any such zoning change is described within those plans, specifically in this section of town. Is this allowed in this zoning district? Has the developer considered a traditional subdivision with eight or nine lots? He would also like them to look at this as a 40B.

Mr. Padula asked Attorney Cornetta if he projected any issues with the sewer or water tie-in and the approximate price per unit.

Attorney Cornetta stated it is preliminary and the engineering has not been done yet. The access to the sewer and water are favorable. They think they can improve water quality. Sewer changes would be the responsibility of the developer. The base price of the units would be approximately \$550,000 each.

Mr. Dellorco confirmed it is not a 55 or older development.

Ms. Pellegrini questioned how many houses could be built there without the zoning change. She stated 34 units with three bedrooms and children would have an impact on the school system. She asked Mr. Cerel if this is spot zoning.

Attorney Cornetta stated they have not done engineering for the conventional subdivision as it is not the market Grandis Homes is seeking. He thought maybe eight to ten conventional homes would fit there. He said they would be willing to discuss both two and three-bedroom units. Based on the figures, he still sees this as a net-positive for the town.

Mr. Cerel stated there is no hard and fast answer to whether this is spot zoning. It is a case-by-case determination as to whether it constitutes spot zoning.

Mr. Mercer also questioned the three-bedroom units.

Ms. Pfeffer stated that at a starting price of \$550,000 they are not going to get many young families with children moving in there as they cannot afford it as a starter home. She has always been against increasing water use for new developments. She finds it hard to believe that the town is not going to run out of water. There are two wells on Grove Street that must be shut down and another that is not running to capacity. As well, she mentioned that there could be a development trying to go in there that is three times this number of 34 units.

Mr. Jones stated that with the size of the proposed houses and three bedrooms, it cannot be argued that it will not have a major impact on the school system. Regardless of the price, if bedrooms are provided, people fill them.

Attorney Cornetta pointed out that this is not the market they are looking for. He stated that for people buying these high-end homes statistics show that other available private education options become more prevalent; therefore, this would not impact the public schools.

Mr. Jones stated he believes this development could have an adverse effect on the community, but he is willing to listen to additional information.

Mr. Dellorco stated there is only one child in Cook's Farm.

Mr. Padula stated he thinks it is a good idea and it should be investigated further. He would like to make a motion to move this to the Planning Board.

Mr. Nutting stated the process is that if the Town Council wants to move this forward, it would come to the Town Council as a zoning change and the Town Council would refer it to the Planning Board. They would hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the Town Council. Then the Town Council has a public hearing with a first and second reading. If the Town Council wants to start the process, they need to put it under New Business for discussion.

Mr. Bissanti re-entered the meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: *None.*

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

Mr. Mercer recused himself.

1. **Resolution 16-59: Authorization for Disposition (Sale of Town Owned Land on Grove Street, "Lot 2" former Nu Style Property) – (2/3 vote (6)).** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move** Resolution 16-59: Authorization for Disposition (Sale of Town Owned Land on Grove Street, "Lot 2" former Nu Style Property) by **Jones**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this piece of parcel is part of the Nu-Style property. We have leased it to Mr. Jordan for about ten years. When it was finally cleaned up, we could offer it for sale to provide frontage for the property owner and have no more care and custody of the property. He noted there is still some tax money owed on

another property and wants to make sure that is cleared up before the Purchase and Sale agreement is done. He stated Mr. Jordan was present at the meeting. It cost about \$250,000 by the town to clear it up. It is priced so low because there is no value in the property as it is near a brook. When the town sells the piece of property where the actual factory was, that will be a different situation. ► Mr. Bissanti stated they should be thanking Mr. Jordan for taking this piece of property off our hands. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

Mr. Mercer re-entered the meeting.

2. **Resolution 16-60: Acceptance of Private Road Covenant off Garnet Drive – majority vote.** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Waive** the by Jones. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **No discussion.** **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION to Move** Resolution 16-60: Acceptance of Private Road Covenant off Garnet Drive by Mercer. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is a very small stub of street that goes into Wrentham. We do not want to have any responsibility for. This would make sure it would be a private road covenant. ► Mr. Padula confirmed it is a private road. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
3. **Resolution 16-62: Local Acceptance of G.L. Ch. 60, Section 3F, Municipal Veterans’ Assistance fund – majority vote.** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move** Resolution 16-62: Local Acceptance of G.L. Ch. 60, Section 3F, Municipal Veterans’ Assistance fund by Mercer. **SECOND** by Padula. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated the governor and legislature passed a veteran’s bill. They reviewed the different provisions. Establishing a municipal veterans’ assistance fund seemed appealing. Folks can tap into said fund for things like transportation, food, heat and oil assistance. Would be introducing this in January. There would be a slip in people’s property tax bills one time per year to indicate if they would like to donate to this fund; there is an application process. ► Mr. Dale Kurtz noted the guidelines for qualification. He stated he is reviewing why housing was excluded from the use of funds. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
4. **Resolution 16-63: Daily Drive: Declaration of Surplus and Authorization to sell small unimproved parcel off Dailey Drive – (2/3 vote (6)).** **MOTION to Move** Resolution 16-63: Daily Drive: Declaration of Surplus and Authorization to sell small unimproved parcel off Dailey Drive by Mercer. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this small parcel that has no frontage became town property decades ago by tax title. It has no municipal use. In discussions with both neighbors, one would like to purchase the property. It will get off the town’s books and the town’s responsibility. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bissanti-YES; Dellorco-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES; Pfeffer-YES; Vallee-YES. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
5. **Resolution 16-64: Acceptance of Gift to the Franklin Police Department – majority vote.** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move** Resolution 16-64: Acceptance of Gift to the Franklin Police Department by Padula. **SECOND** by Jones. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting thanked the Mom’s Club of Franklin for the gift of \$150.00 and will send them a letter. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
6. **Resolution 16-65: Acceptance of Gift to the Franklin Police Department – majority vote.** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move** Resolution 16-65: Acceptance of Gift to the Franklin Police Department by Mercer. **SECOND** by Padula. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting thanked the Digital Federal Credit Union for the gift of \$3,500.00 and will send them a letter. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

7. **Resolution 16-66: Opposition to Passage of Ballot Question #4 – majority vote.** ► Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move Resolution 16-66: Opposition to Passage of Ballot Question #4 by Padula. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this was requested by the Town Council to put on the agenda. ► Mr. Jones requested Mr. Cerel provide a summary of the ballot question. ► Mr. Cerel stated it is a detailed piece of legislation that was drafted by interests in seeing recreational marijuana become legal in Massachusetts. It tries to parallel alcohol regulation. There are issues about the extent of local control. It appears that to prohibit it in town there must be a ballot question for the town's voters and they must vote it down. Otherwise, it must be allowed in. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

8. **Bylaw Amendment 16-774: New Plastic Checkout Bag Prohibition Bylaw – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 16-774 to a 2nd Reading – majority vote).** **MOTION to Waive the reading by Mercer. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. VOTE: Yes-8, No-1, Absent-0** (Mr. Jones voted No). **MOTION to Move Bylaw Amendment 16-774 to a 2nd Reading by Mercer. SECOND by Jones. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this came forward based on a presentation made a month ago by some Franklin High School students. He asked the students to provide a brief overview of the proposal. ► Ms. Alycia Felli, Franklin High School senior and two other high school students addressed the Town Council. She stated they are not coming with a closed mind and are looking for a happy medium for the retailers, consumers, Franklin citizens, and the environment. They would like to make Franklin a greener place for today and tomorrow. They are focusing on a reduction in these check out bags and would like to take them out of retail establishments. ► Mr. Jack Daddario of Daddario Hardware stated he uses plastic bags in his retail store and their counters are set up to use these bags. He understands what the students are trying to do, but he must look at it from the point of a retailer. He uses about 38,000 bags a year. It averages about 4 cents per bag. It is easy to grab. For him to make changes at this point will cost money. These expenses add up. This effects everyone in retail. For instance, to go with paper bags, how will it be set up at the counter, how will people carry them? He stated he was bothered that as a business owner, taxpayer, and resident, why people did not get notified of what was going on with this. He only heard about it a few days ago. If the town brought it to this point, why weren't people notified by email, postcard, or letter, so they could be ready to talk about it. He feels like it was just thrown at him. ► Ms. Mary Jo Peterson, 10 Juniper Road, commended the young adults for their interest in the environment and community. But, she is not in favor of the ban on plastic bags as it is currently written including the language, planned implementation, and overall cost to taxpayers. Of the many taxpaying residents and small business owners she has talked to, only a few had even heard of this ban; many thought she was joking. Their concerns included why is the town looking to change something when there does not seem to be a problem. What will it cost? She did research and found that such plastic bags are not the leading concern of pollution in the waterways. California implemented a plastic bag ban and found it cost the residents millions. It will also cost the administration to monitor and enforce the law. Also, banning the plastic bags did not reduce pollution. Therefore, California now placed it on the ballot and hopes to have the ban repealed. Massachusetts had considered such a ban, but Governor Baker expressed serious concerns with such a mandate. If Governor Baker has a problem with it, why would Franklin be trying to implement it by the summer of 2017. She noted data and reports that plastic bags are 100% recyclable and require less energy to manufacturer than paper bags. She proposed that this item be tabled until Massachusetts makes its final decision. ► Mr. James Lyons, Franklin resident, stated that liberties and freedoms are being taken away from the business owners with the proposed ban on plastic bags. It also takes away a benefit from customers that they enjoy. It is not improving the quality of life for the citizens of the town. Seems like most people don't want the ban because if they wanted to change their behavior, they would as reusable bags are already available. Taking plastic bags away will not do much for the environmental impact as they constitute a very small part of pollution and landfill. As well, he has not seen any data analysis or assessment on this proposal. The

students did a great job of telling a story about plastic bags, but there was no data analysis relevant to Franklin. There was no litter survey, no photographs showing how it was making the environment unpleasant in Franklin, and no discussion with surrounding towns that have implemented a plastic bag ban. In addition, the CDC has determined that E. coli bacteria are transferred from re-useable bags. ► Mr. Brad Verter of Cambridge, Founder of the Mass. Green Network, has supported plastic bag bans. He stated that four other communities in the state have joined the 36 cities and towns that have already passed a plastic bag ban. He wanted to correct some misimpressions. The rescinding of the plastic bag ban that is on the ballot in California is promoted by industry. In England, the bag ban has resulted in 85% reduction in litter. He provided facts on plastic bag use and resulting litter. ► Mr. Dale Kurtz, 4 Bald Hill Drive, questioned what is it going to cost a citizen and what is it going to cost the economy locally. He noted there is a plastic bag producing plant nearby and asked what would happen to those employees. He suggested to look at an alternative and find a better way to recycle what is being used instead of banning. ► Mr. Chris Depoto of Hillside Nurseries stated he is against any type of ban before thoroughly researching it. There is conflicting information about this; it should be tabled until further research is done. He questioned why should grocery plastic bags be banned, but allow donut shops to have plastic cups. He suggested being more proactive for recycling these plastic bags. ► Mr. Vallee stated this should have been referred to the Economic Development Committee for study and come back to Town Council with a recommendation. ► Mr. Bissanti stated he agreed with Mr. Vallee. He sees Mr. Nutting has this labelled as an environmental issue, but it has far-reaching economic implications. He welcomed the high school students to come to the EDC meetings. He applauded the students for their work, but it needs more discussion. ► Mr. Dellorco stated he is concerned about the small businesses and that they need to be more involved. ► Ms. Pellegrini suggested voting no to a second reading rather than tabling it. ► Mr. Padula stated he does not see this as a danger. He noted what the high school students did in raising awareness was great. He is in favor of it going to the EDC. He noted reusable bags pose a danger. ► Ms. Pfeffer stated they did a great presentation, but they need to ask the people of Franklin and the businesses. ► Mr. Jones stated many things take time because they need to go through due diligence. However, based on responses received this type of bylaw should be further reviewed and he recommended discussion at the EDC level. ► Mr. Mercer applauded the students' efforts. He received many emails from residents. Based on what he has heard, he would like to withdraw his motion. **MOTION to Withdraw** Bylaw Amendment 16-774 to a 2nd Reading by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Jones. MOTION to Withdraw** Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 16-774 to a 2nd Reading by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Jones. MOTION to Move** this legislation of Bylaw Amendment 16-774 to the EDC for further review with the students and retailers and all those that would like to be heard and then have the EDC come back to the Town Council with a recommendation by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Cerel stated the best way is to vote no to sending this to a second reading. ► Chairman Kelly stated the motion will continue as Mr. Mercer stated it. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-1, Absent-0.**

9. **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-768: Districts Enumerated. Creation of Rural Business Zoning District – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-768 to a 2nd Reading – majority vote).** **MOTION to Waive** the reading by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No Discussion. VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. MOTION to Move** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-768: Districts Enumerated. Creation of Rural Business Zoning District to a 2nd Reading by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this would move the process along on this zoning change. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
10. **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-769: Definitions. Country Store – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-769 to a 2nd Reading – majority vote).** Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-769: Definitions. Country Store to a 2nd Reading by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Padula. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated he thinks this proposal is a good

compromise that allows for retail space expansion without impacting the neighborhood. ► Mr. Bissanti applauded the Depotos for hanging in for so long on this. ► Chairman Kelly also thanked the family for hanging in there. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

11. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-770: Rural Business Zone Use Regulations – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-770 to a 2nd Reading – majority vote). **MOTION to Waive** the reading by Mercer. **SECOND** by Padula. **No Discussion.** **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION to Move** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-770: Rural Business Zone Use Regulations to a 2nd Reading by Mercer. **SECOND** by Jones. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated no comment. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

12. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-771: Rural Business Zone Dimensional Regulations – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-771 to a 2nd Reading – majority vote). **MOTION to Waive** the reading by Mercer. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **No Discussion.** **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION to Move** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-771: Rural Business Zone Dimensional Regulations to a 2nd Reading by Mercer. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **No Discussion.** **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

13. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-772: Rural Business Zone Sign Regulations – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-772 to a 2nd Reading – majority vote). **MOTION to Waive** the reading by Mercer. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **No Discussion.** **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** **MOTION to Move** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-772: Rural Business Zone Sign Regulations to a 2nd Reading by Mercer. **SECOND** by Padula. **No Discussion.** **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

14. Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-773: Zoning Map Changes from Rural Residential I to Rural Business an Area on Washington Street – 1st Reading (Motion to Move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-773 to a 2nd Reading – majority vote). Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. **MOTION to Move** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 16-773: Zoning Map Changes from Rural Residential I to Rural Business an Area on Washington Street to a 2nd Reading by Mercer. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this puts it on the map. ► Mr. Bissanti asked if this zoning was ever going to appear any place else on the map. ► Mr. Nutting stated that would be a decision by the Town Council. **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: ► Mr. Nutting reminded everyone that early voting starts next week on October 24th in the Municipal Building. He encouraged everyone to vote. ► Mr. Hellen stated the town is launching its new website over the weekend. It will have a new web address. If anyone has any comments or feedback, let Mr. Hellen know.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Mr. Padula asked about the R7 project that was presented earlier tonight and how to get it on a future agenda. ► Mr. Nutting stated someone must make a motion to put it on a future agenda. **MOTION to Put** it on a future agenda by Padula. **SECOND** by Jones. *(No vote was taken.)*

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Ms. Pellegrini stated she spoke with Tony Padula, Chairman Planning Board, and they are willing to meet with the Town Council for joint public hearings. ► Mr. Padula stated the Lawyer of the Day program was started again. On the first Tuesday of the month from 2-4 PM a person can contact the clerk’s office and ask general legal questions, not criminal questions. ► Mr. Jones stated the Franklin Education Foundation is hosting its annual fundraiser, the Harlem Wizard’s Basketball game, on November 18 at Tri-County. Tickets are still available. He thanked everyone that came out tonight for the plastic bag discussion. On November 2, he will be meeting with Mr. James Schultz, Community Director Franklin TV, and will continue the discussion on communications; he hopes to have

information by the end of the year on improvements that have been made ► Mr. Dellorco commended Coach Greg DiMarzio who created a GoFundMe page for a Pop Warner football player who needed a tutor; there has been a great response. ► Mr. Bissanti commended Mr. Bryan Taberner, Mr. Hellen and Mr. Nutting for the great meeting and great new website. ► Ms. Pfeffer asked if the town was currently party to any lawsuits. ► Mr. Cerel stated it depends on what kind of lawsuits she is referring to. Plain Street is in the processing of settling. ► Mr. Nutting stated that all personnel matters are confidential. Lawsuits can be filed against the town for discrimination; there are usually two or three a year. ► Chairman Kelly thanked the people that stayed to watch the remainder of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.*

ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Mercer. SECOND by Jones. Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary