

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 16, 2020**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at the Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Council Chambers, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA; residents could attend and participate via the Zoom platform. Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Brian Chandler, Robert Dellorco (via Zoom), Cobi Frongillo, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Matthew Kelly, Thomas Mercer, Deborah Pellegri. Councilors absent: None. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney (via Zoom); Chrissy Whelton, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

**CALL TO ORDER:** ► Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He called for a moment of silence and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ► Chair Mercer stated, as posted on the agenda, the public will not be permitted to enter the building or participate in person. Only pre-approved participants on the meeting agenda will be allowed to enter the building and participate in person. Residents can attend and participate via the Zoom platform. Due to the continued concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus and Governor Baker's declared State of Emergency, we will be conducting a remote/virtual Town Council meeting for all public access and participation. In an effort to ensure citizen engagement and comply with open meeting law regulations, citizens will be able to dial into the meeting using the provided phone number, or citizens can participate by clicking on the link provided on the agenda. The provided link and phone number will be active for the duration of the meeting for citizens to ask questions/voice concerns. If residents are just interested in watching the meeting, it will also be live-streamed by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and may also be recorded by others. He welcomed Cobi Frongillo to the Town Council.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** ► Mr. Brutus Cantoreggi, Director of Public Works, stated that there is a snowstorm forecast for tonight; therefore, the parking ban will be in effect from 12 midnight to 12 PM tomorrow. In addition, trash and recycling will be delayed one day. ► Ms. Jacqueline Maciel, 95 Elm Street, addressed the lack of integrity in Franklin. She stated that her first issue is with Temporary Town Clerk Nancy Danello. Like She stated that like Mr. Alan Earls, she was also confronted by Ms. Danello at the November 3, 2020 election. She stated that Ms. Danello marched all the way out to the road coming into the high school parking lot with a police officer at her side to tell me someone complained about being harassed by me, or was it because I was waving my Trump 2020 flag. Ms. Maciel told Ms. Danello that the person was lying to her. Ms. Maciel stated that she also believes this person complained about Mr. Earls and Mr. Andrew Bissanti. They were within legal limits of the parking lot. It was probably because they had Rs next to their names. She stated that when Ms. Danello arrived, she handed Ms. Maciel a printout containing the 150 ft. rule. Ms. Maciel stated that in the weeks after the November 3, 2020 election, she read the finer details of the law and also spoke with the Massachusetts Election Division as there was still another election upcoming in town. Ms. Maciel stated that at the December 5, 2020 election she wanted to show support for the President and wore Trump supporting accessories. She stood outside the high school, but again, Ms. Danello with a police officer at her side confronted Ms. Maciel and told her she had to move due to the 150 ft. rule. Ms. Maciel stated that she told Ms. Danello that she was wrong; as President Trump was not on the ballot, the 150 ft. rule did not apply, and it was her First Amendment right to stand there. She also told Ms. Danello that she spoke with the Elections Division and she had the right to stand there. Later, a police officer came back and told Ms. Maciel that she was correct and had a right to stand there. Ms. Maciel stated that Ms. Danello should have also apologized to her. Ms. Maciel stated that as she is the Temporary Town Clerk, Ms. Danello should know the rules and not be intimidating citizens. She stated that Ms. Danello should explain the rules to the person who is complaining. Secondly, with regard to the integrity of the Town elections, everyone who voted on December 5<sup>th</sup> saw the Dominion voting machines. The Town of Franklin purchased those machines from LHS Software in Salem, NH. She spoke to the company and found out that the software

on those machines is Dominion software. She stated that 250 of the 350 communities in MA are using Dominion machines. She asked if the tabulations done by the machines on November 3<sup>rd</sup> were corrupted. She asked if the machines were tested for accuracy before the election, and if so, by whom and when. ► Chair Mercer told Ms. Maciel that her five minutes to speak was up.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 18, 2020.** ► **MOTION to Approve the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes by Kelly. SECOND by Jones. Discussion:** Mr. Bissanti stated Ms. Jacqueline Maciel, 95 Elm Street, was incorrectly identified in the minutes as Mr. and with the incorrect pronoun he. ► **VOTE (as amended): Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None.**

**APPOINTMENTS: None.**

**HEARINGS: 7:10 PM**

- a. **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-861: Zoning Map Changes on or near Oak Street** - Legislation for Action Item: 10a.
- b. **Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-862: Zoning Map Changes on or near Longhill Rd. & Pleasant St.** - Legislation for Action Item: 10b.

► Chair Mercer declared both hearings open. ► Mr. Hellen stated this is part of the continued lot line clean-up effort. ► Director of Planning and Community Development Bryan Taberner explained that Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-861 entails Zoning Map changes from Rural Residential II and Single Family Residential III, to Rural Residential II or Single Family Residential III in an area on or near Oak Street, and Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-862 entails Zoning Map changes from Single Family Residential III and Single Family Residential IV, to Single Family Residential III or Single Family Residential IV in an area on or near Longhill Road and Pleasant Street. Documentation provided in the Town Council's meeting packet for the two Zoning Map Amendments include the amendment document, a list of parcels proposed for rezoning, and a diagram with two maps: one showing the current zoning, and one showing proposed Zoning Map changes. ► Mr. Hellen noted that both amendments were unanimously approved by the Economic Development Subcommittee, and the Planning Board unanimously voted in favor of these zoning bylaw amendments at their November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. ► Town Council members asked questions. ► **MOTION to Close the public hearings by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen. No discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

**LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: ► 2021 Annual Alcoholic Beverages License Renewals.** ► Mr. Jones read the license renewal motion and the 2021 Town of Franklin Alcohol Licenses Renewals list. ► **MOTION to Approve the renewal of alcoholic beverages licenses listed on the attached Renewal List for the year 2021 with the issuance of licenses that have inspections, fees or taxes outstanding to be withheld (physically held in the Town Administrator's Office) until all items are resolved by Jones. SECOND by Kelly. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen noted a few outstanding inspections and license fees as indicated on the Renewals List. He stated there are three restaurants that are not renewing their alcohol licenses. ► Town Council members asked questions. ► Chair Mercer stated that although the address for MapleGate Country Club is in Bellingham, the actual building where alcohol is served is in Franklin. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: None.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- b. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- c. **Economic Development Subcommittee.** ► Ms. Hamblen stated they met last Wednesday with a combined listening session. The next listening session is January 13<sup>th</sup> for real estate, construction, and

housing. After that, they hope to have time to discuss affordable housing. She stated the EDC went over their goals for next year. She stated that Franklin hosts two manufacturing award winners: Contollo and Cold Chain Technologies.

#### **LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:**

**Note:** Two-Thirds Vote requires six votes; Majority Vote requires majority of members present and voting.

- a. ***Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-861: Zoning Map Changes on or near Oak Street - Second Reading (Motion to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-861 - Two Thirds Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ► Mr. Jones began to read the zoning bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Waive the reading by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** ► **MOTION to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-861: Zoning Map Changes on or near Oak Street by Kelly. SECOND by Jones. No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**
  
- b. ***Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-862: Zoning Map Changes on or near Longhill Road and Pleasant Street - Second Reading (Motion to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-862 - Two Thirds Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ► Mr. Jones began to read the zoning bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Waive the reading by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** ► **MOTION to Adopt Zoning Bylaw Amendment 20-862: Zoning Map Changes on or near Longhill Road and Pleasant Street by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen. No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**
  
- c. ***Bylaw Amendment 20-864 As Amended: To Amend The Code of the Town of Franklin to Add A New Chapter 16 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) - Second Reading (Motion to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 20-864 - Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ► Mr. Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 20-864 As Amended: To Amend The Code of the Town of Franklin to Add A New Chapter 16 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen.** **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated this is the second and final reading of the bylaw. The Town is now required to form a new chapter in the Town Code. This does reflect the amendments put forth by the Town Council at their last meeting. He stated that he will do a public posting to the community for the at-large seats. He does not have an exact timeline; he will probably start the process in January. He noted that each Town board involved will get back to him with their selection. ► Ms. Pellegri stated that she thought that last week they made a change that the Town Council was going to do the appointing and ratification; it was not going to go through the Town Administrator and then just be ratified by the Town Council. ► Chair Mercer stated there were discussion with Attorney Cerel and Mr. Hellen about this. He said that at the last Town Council meeting they did not vote to put that change in; it was discussed and they were going to look into it. They have looked into it. He stated that he does not see why the Town Council would do anything different than they do with every other committee and every other appointment in the Town. He reviewed the process. ► Ms. Pellegri stated that she does not agree with what he said totally. ► Mr. Hellen discussed the process for applicants and appointments for a committee. He stated that for people interested in CPA, being a member is an important role, but like any committee, a person who is not on the committee can still attend the meetings and have an active role. He thinks the process works well. ► Ms. Pellegri stated that she disagreed again. With regard to CPC law through the State, it says it is the legislative body, and the Town Council is the legislative body. She understands for the other committees involved that they will submit a name, and she has no problem with that. What she does have a problem with is the other four seats for citizens. She provided the example that if 20 people were to apply, the Town Administrator would get to select one person for each seat, and four people would come before the Town Council. She does not think that is right. She stated that as the legislative body, the Town Council gets to choose from the number of applicants the ones that they

would like. ► Mr. Cerel stated that what Ms. Pellegrini is proposing would violate the spirit if not the letter of the statute. He explained the process that ensures checks and balances and the appointment of at-large members. ► Ms. Pellegrini stated that the CPC is not under the Town Charter. She said she thinks it is up to the Town Council to make the decisions on the citizens at large. She would not like Mr. Hellen to make those decisions of the four people. ► Chair Mercer stated that the Town Council has the right to say no to the four people Mr. Hellen brings to the Town Council. He stated the Town Council still has the final say of who those four people are because the Town Council has to ratify the appointments. ► Mr. Bissanti stated he concurred with Ms. Pellegrini. He does not understand why there has to be a middle man. Why don't we just cut to the chase and have them come directly to us? He said he thinks that is our role as a legislative body. He would like to see a more direct route for appointments on this committee. ► Mr. Chandler asked what Mr. Hellen would be doing to vet these people before they come to the Town Council. Is it resumes and interviews? Is there a background check? ► Mr. Hellen stated this is a unique scenario. He reviewed the normal way committee members are selected. He stated that normally they require a resume. If someone does not have one, we don't make them. He would probably put out a posting for three or four weeks. He would give everyone a fair opportunity to come in and share their vision of what they see CPA as and the role in the community. He discussed types of people that he would be interested in as they try to get the best group possible. He stated that like he does with every appointment, he wants them to be successful. He stated they are looking for passion, people who are team players and have open minds. ► Mr. Kelly said he thinks the Town Council members need to have a set of guts on us and if we don't like them, send them back. He said that we put Mr. Hellen in charge to figure out who the best cream of the crop is. He stated a Town Council member could write a recommendation letter for someone who they would want. He recommended Ms. Pellegrini reach out to the attorney general's office if she thinks it is not the correct rule and get the ruling; right now, the town attorney is saying this is the ruling. ► Mr. Jones discussed perception and protocol. They have been doing it this way, and it is the standard; also, he does not want to put forth an improper perception. ► Ms. Hamblen stated that she believes the administrative team will come forth with the best people; she has the utmost trust in Mr. Hellen to bring forth the most qualified people.

***Mr. Dellorco joined the meeting via Zoom.***

► Mr. Dellorco stated that if we do not like who it is, we just say no. He does not think the Town Council should be in the business of picking anybody. He agrees with Mr. Kelly, Mr. Jones, and Ms. Hamblen. ► Ms. Roberta Trahan, 1 Green Street, stated that she went back and listened to the last Town Council meeting. She stated that going forward you need to have the protocol to know the Town Administrator will bring forth the most qualified candidates. If a person is brought forward that the Town Council does not feel is a good fit, that person can be rejected. In addition, she stated concern that some of the statements made at the last Town Council meeting may have been hurtful to some people on committees who have worked hard for this CPA. When the uninformed make comments in a general meeting that the public is hearing and being part of, she thinks it is somewhat disrespectful and a little concerning. ► Ms. Susan Speers, 171 Lincoln Street, stated that she was on the CPA organizing team and noted that many of the people on the committee will not be available or have the time to serve on the CPA. She stated agreement with Mr. Kelly and others as it is about procedure and protocol which brings in a feeling of trustworthiness. She stated that she thinks this is a great opportunity for the Town and stated that the public voted 60 percent for this increase in property taxes. The CPC should follow the same process for appointments that they handle for all other Town groups. ► Mr. Michael Doherty, 50 Bridle Path, stated he has enormous confidence in the Town government, and the Town Council will make the right decision as to how to move forward. He requested they vote tonight and move this forward. Regarding civility, he stated there is no reason for personal attacks on a Town Councilor or someone who works for the Town. He thinks it is harmful to the Town and to the country when there are misinformed attacks made on our institutions. ► Ms. Monique Doyle, 3 Greensfield Road, thanked those she worked with on the CPA Committee to get the CPA passed, and she thanked the Town Council for their support and having a committee formed and moving ahead. ► Mr. Bissanti stated he has been an

advocate for the CPA. He asked Mr. Hellen what the vetting process would look like if the Town Council did it rather than Mr. Hellen. ► Mr. Hellen stated it would be the Town Council's decision. ► Ms. Pellegrini stated this is such an important thing. She is glad the people she works with all feel comfortable with the Town Administrator making the recommendations and the Town Council just doing the ratification. She thinks it is very important that she follow along with the rest of her councilors and make this a unanimous decision. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- d. Resolution 20-75: Authorization for Town Administrator to Enter into Lease Purchase Financing Agreement to Fund Upgrade of DPW G.P.S. System Devices (Motion to Approve Resolution 20-75 - Two Thirds Majority Vote).* ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 20-75: Authorization for Town Administrator to Enter into Lease Purchase Financing Agreement to Fund Upgrade of DPW G.P.S. System Devices by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen explained that the DPW is in need of an upgrade to the G.P.S. system it employs to track its vehicles in the form of new 4G devices. The Town intends to acquire and install new 4G devices and recommends the equipment acquisition be funded through a lease purchase financing agreement. Leasing equipment such as this (and our Town phones for example) has become financially advantageous for the Town. ► Ms. Hamblen asked how many vehicles have the devices now. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated it is on about 60 vehicles; they are on all vehicles that have a registration. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- e. Resolution 20-76: Appropriation Transfer to Water Treatment Plant Fund Authorized under Resolution 19-27 (Motion to Approve Resolution 20-76 - Majority Vote).* Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 20-76: Appropriation Transfer to Water Treatment Plant Fund Authorized under Resolution 19-27 by Hamblen. SECOND by Kelly. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen explained that he is asking the Town Council to consider an appropriation transfer to the Water Treatment Plant Fund for the purposes of paying the installment on the water treatment plant project that was lost due to the cyber fraud. If approved, a total of \$322,696.65 will be transferred to this fund. \$300,000 will be transferred from the Water Retained Earnings (emergency fund) and the remaining \$22,696.65 will be transferred from the Treasurer's salary line item. He reviewed that as outlined in his presentation to the Town Council, he wanted to note that the Finance Committee and Town Council unanimously approved updated financial policies in 2019. One of those policies is to have an emergency fund of \$1 million in each of the water and sewer accounts, respectively for emergencies. He stated that while this may not have been the anticipated emergency, the definition of an emergency is "a serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action." The bottom line is the payment for the water treatment plant is required and he is working to get this resolved so the project can stay on target to open in April 2021. The Town does not want to incur any additional financial risk or liability. He stated that as outlined last week in his presentation, we cannot forget the project. Any future financial recovery from this attack will automatically be deposited back into the emergency fund for the water enterprise account. As noted at that presentation, it is likely the treatment plant will be completed well before the police investigation is completed. ► Ms. Heather Sansoucy, 3 Downingwood Drive, asked if there was currently \$1 million in the Town's emergency fund and if there is a possibility of restitution to pay back the emergency fund. ► Chair Mercer said the answer to both questions is yes. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- f. Resolution 20-77: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4 (Motion to Approve Resolution 20-77 - Majority Vote).* ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 20-77: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4 by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed that

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. The resolution is to appropriate \$82,101.95 in PEG funds received from the third quarter of 2020 from Comcast to the Cable Access Corporation. ► Mr. Bissanti asked what is the remedy if we are not happy with it. ► Mr. Hellen stated work with the Cable Access Board to change the way they do business or don't have cable. ► Mr. Bissanti discussed if a cable company were to have a monopoly in Franklin. ► Mr. Hellen reviewed that there are choices. ► Mr. Kelly stated that most children care if the internet is working, not watching TV. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-NO; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-1, Absent-0.**

- g. Resolution 20-78: Town Council 2021 Meeting Calendar (Motion to Approve Resolution 20-78 - Majority Vote).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 20-78: Town Council 2021 Meeting Calendar by Hamblen. SECOND by Kelly. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen noted the Town Council office hours are also provided in the Town Council's meeting packet. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- h. Resolution 20-79: Gift Acceptance - Police Department, \$100 (Motion to Approve Resolution 20-79 - Majority Vote).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 20-79: Gift Acceptance - Police Department, \$100 by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen thanked Ms. Spiegel for her donation. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- i. Resolution 20-80: Gift Acceptance - Franklin Library, \$51,624 (Motion to Approve Resolution 20-80 - Majority Vote).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 20-80: Gift Acceptance - Franklin Library, \$51,624 by Kelly. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen thanked the Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU) for their generous donation of \$5,000. He thanked the Franklin Library Association (FLA) for their exceptionally generous donation of \$46,624 to digitize the "Town of Franklin, Lists of Residents" dating back to 1884. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** ► **COVID-19 Update.** ► Mr. Hellen stated there are 95 active COVID-19 cases; this is down 40 cases from last week. The Town buildings will be closed tomorrow from at least 8 AM to 12 PM due to the snowstorm. Staff will continue to work from home. The water ban has been taken back. He wished everyone happy holidays. He thanked everyone for getting through 2020.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** ► Mr. Bissanti stated he would like to talk about a citizens' or advisory committee. ► Chair Mercer stated that he would poll the rest of the Town Council and if there is feeling that they would want to move forward with it, he will put it on as an agenda item.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** ► Mr. Frongillo thanked everyone who voted in the election. He is excited to get to work and learn more. ► Mr. Bissanti thanked the other three candidates who ran for Town Council on December 5<sup>th</sup>: Alan Earls, KP Sompalli, and Gregory Chiklis. He hopes they run again. ► Mr. Kelly welcomed Mr. Frongillo. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ► Mr. Chandler wished everyone a happy healthy New Year. ► Ms. Hamblen welcomed Mr. Frongillo. She stated the next EDC listening session is on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. She gave condolences to the family of Mr. Scott Watkins; he will be greatly missed. Happy holidays to everyone. ► Ms. Pellegrini invited everyone to the Museum on Sunday from 1-4 PM; please stop in and do shopping with us. She thanked all Town employees during this tough time. She welcomed Mr. Frongillo and wished everyone a happy holiday season. ► Mr.

Hellen clarified the State is in Phase 3, step 1. ► Mr. Jones welcomed Mr. Frongillo. He thanked the other candidates for running. He wished everyone Merry Christmas. ► Mr. Dellorco welcomed Mr. Frongillo. He thanked the Town employees for their work during this difficult year. He wished everyone a happy New Year and to stay safe. ► Chair Mercer stated he received an inquiry into what happened to the old generator at the old high school that was removed. When the old high school was torn down, this generator was not big enough to handle the new high school. However, it was only four or five years old. So, that generator was moved to the DPW to be relocated someplace else. The plan is to put it at the Parmenter School. It is too big for the Town Hall. Within the next year it will be moved and put online. He asked Mr. Hellen to provide at the next meeting when the debt exclusions run out. He stated the pandemic has been the defining feature of 2020. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.**

**ADJOURN: ► MOTION to Adjourn by Hamblen. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion. ► ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary