

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 17, 2021**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at the Municipal Building, 2nd 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, Cobi Frongillo, Melanie Hamblen (via Zoom), Glenn Jones, Matthew Kelly, Thomas Mercer, Deborah Pellegrini. 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 reviewed that 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. 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. 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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Mr. Everett Smith, 57 Acorn Place, stated his first concern is that as taxes go up, has anyone given thought to if our children and grandchildren will be able to afford to live in the town that they grew up in. He stated his second concern is that we have moved so fast, we have not had respect for the people who made this Town, and they are being pushed out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 20, 2021. ► **MOTION to Approve** the January 20, 2021 meeting minutes by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Kelly**. **No discussion.** ► **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.**

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None.

HEARINGS: 7:10 PM

- a. **MADD Deli, Inc. d/b/a Dacey's Market and Deli: As Provided in Chapter 382 of Legislative Acts of 2020, An Act Authorizing The City Known As The Town Of Franklin To Grant An Additional Wine And Malt Beverages Not To Be Drunk On The Premises Alcoholic Beverages License, located at 353 Lincoln Street, Franklin, MA 02038**

Mr. Bissanti recused himself.

► Chair Mercer opened the hearing for MADD Deli, Inc. d/b/a Dacey's Market and Deli. ► Mr. Hellen stated this was special legislation and a home rule petition that the Town Council approved, and it was sent to the legislature. This is designated in the Legislative Acts of 2020, Chapter 382; all departments have signed off on the application. He noted that this is a plus-one type of legislation for a specific site; it cannot be transferred to a different location in Town. ► Mr. Chandler noted that this is a good thing to help a business. ► **MOTION to Close** the public hearing by **Jones**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: ► *MADD Deli, Inc. d/b/a Dacey's Market: New Wine and Malt Retail Package Store License, As Provided in Chapter 382 of Legislative Acts of 2020.* ► Mr. Jones read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the request by MADD Deli, Inc. d/b/a Dacey's Market and Deli, for a new wine and malt retail package store license and approve the manager, Scott Corvi, as provided in Chapter 382 of the Legislative Acts of 2020, by **Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

Mr. Bissanti re-entered the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: ► *Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Nominee Ratification.* ► Mr. Hellen stated that as provided in the Town Council's meeting packet, a total of 30 applicants applied for the four at-large seats. Except for a few people who did not respond to interview appointments, all other applicants were interviewed by him and Ms. Whelton in 15 to 20-minute interviews; all interviewees were asked the same questions. He stated that about two-thirds of the applicants were younger folks looking to get involved in the community, and there were some life-long residents who applied. He thanked all the applicants. He selected four members of the at-large interviewee group who he thought would check off some basic boxes. He noted that every candidate had their area of interest. He stated that he wanted candidates to be as unbiased as possible and have an open mind regarding CPA money, candidates who have passion for open space, and candidates with a deep willingness to do what is best for the community. He thanked the five standing committees for all having public discussions at their committee levels to put forth their nominees for the CPC, which are provided in the meeting packet materials. He stated that the five standing committee nominees to be ratified this evening are Chris Feeley from Housing Authority, Joseph Halligan from Planning Board, Phyllis Malcolm from Historical Commission, Wayne Samarrian from Recreation Advisory Board, and Jeff Livingstone from Conservation Commission. He stated the four at-large nominees are Michael Giardino, Lisa Oxford, David McNeill, and Monique Doyle. He explained the staggered appointment process for the one- and two-year appointments as written in the bylaw. ► Town Council members asked questions. ► Mr. Chandler asked about the candidates' interests in worker housing. ► Mr. Bissanti asked why the candidates' names and resumes were just provided to the Town Council members last night. ► Mr. Hellen reviewed the process of getting the meeting packet ready and getting in touch with everyone to attend tonight's meeting. ► Town Council members thanked all the volunteers who applied and asked that Mr. Hellen reach out to the applicants who did not get selected to give them information about other open volunteer positions within the community. ► Mr. Jones read each appointment after which the following motions were made. ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment of Jeffrey Livingstone by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. 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.** ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment of Phyllis Malcom by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. 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.** ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment of Christopher Feeley by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. 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.** ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment of Joseph Halligan by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. 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.** ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment of Wayne Simarian by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. 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. ► MOTION to Ratify the appointment of Michael Giardino by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No discussion.** Mr. Hellen noted a correction and indicated the term for Mr. Giardino and the term for Ms. Oxford will expire on June 30, 3021. ► Mr. Jones re-read the motion as corrected. **SECOND** by **Dellorco. 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. ► MOTION to Ratify** the appointment of Lisa Oxford by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. 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. ► MOTION to Ratify** the appointment of David McNeill by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. 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. ► MOTION to Ratify** the appointment of Monique Doyle by the Town Administrator to serve as a member of the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021, by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. 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. ► Chair Mercer thanked all those who volunteered and welcomed all those who were appointed.**

Chair Mercer called a two-minute recess.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► Complete Streets Program: Mike Maglio, Town Engineer. ► Mr. Hellen stated the Town Council will hear a presentation by Town Engineer Mike Maglio regarding the state's Complete Streets program. A draft policy has been included in the meeting packet. This policy is not on the agenda for action this evening; rather, this will be a presentation and discussion with the Town Council and public on whether this is a program that should be taken advantage of. The Town staff is certain the Town is losing its ability to compete for state grant funds and other outside sources of revenue to help develop the Town's infrastructure relative to roads, sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, traffic calming, and overall making the Town more pedestrian friendly, as well as connectivity between important points in the community. ► DPW Director Brutus Cantoreggi introduced Town Engineer Michael Maglio and new Assistant Town Engineer Brooke Cotta. He narrated his Complete Streets Program slideshow presentation. He stated a complete street is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes including walking, biking, transit and vehicles for people of all ages and abilities. The program is run by MassDOT and provides up to \$400,000 per year. He explained the three tiers of the program. He stated some benefits of complete streets include promoting safer and more convenient access and travel for all users and people of all abilities, and providing better connectivity for travel between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations. He stated complete streets include both large- and small-scale improvements. The design of a complete street should incorporate improvements that fit with the need and within the character of the community. He reviewed challenges such as physical constraints, available right-of-way, and traffic volumes and speeds. He reviewed types of eligible projects and participating communities. He stated next steps include establishing a complete streets policy and developing a complete streets prioritization plan. ► Town Council members asked questions. ► Mr. Hellen, in response, confirmed this was in the 2013 Master Plan. ► Ms. Hamblen noted this would be helpful to the residents and is a positive item for the quality of life for the townspeople. She asked about funding to make a sidewalk on Beaver Street. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated the sidewalk mentioned is already funded and going out to bid. ► Mr. Maglio stated that this is the type of project that would qualify for this type of funding. ► Mr. Kelly stated the Town is concerned with impervious coverage and has been taking away sidewalks in various neighborhoods; however, the Town is now adding impervious coverage in the form of sidewalks on Beaver Street. This will increase the stormwater fee/tax. ► Mr. Maglio stated the key is connectivity of sidewalks of key locations. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated the prioritization plan is put together by public works, outside consult, and DOT. He stated that he has not heard of the state forcing any Town to put in bike lanes. ► Mr. Hellen stated the next step in this is the adoption of a

policy. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated he could not think of any reason to be against this. ► Chair Mercer stated that he sees that Town Council members all have a thumbs up; so, let's begin to move forward. ► Mr. Hellen confirmed the Town Council will need to adopt this policy.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- b. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- c. **Economic Development Subcommittee.** ► None.
- d. **Town Administrator Evaluation Ad Hoc Subcommittee.** ► Mr. Jones, on behalf of the Town Administrator Evaluation Ad Hoc Subcommittee, read aloud their report on the annual review of the performance of the Town Administrator. He noted the subcommittee met three times. He stated that they voted unanimously to move the evaluation report to the full Town Council. He stated the Town Administrator performed his duties effectively and provided examples of his work. He stated the subcommittee suggested putting together clearer information regarding the evaluation process. ► Chair Mercer stated the Town Council will meet again with Mr. Hellen regarding goals; this would be the time to discuss what gets added to the evaluation process. He stated tonight he would look for the Town Council to accept the presented report; there can be discussion on that report. ► Mr. Bissanti stated that civic engagement is listed under the goals. It has come to his attention from more than one reputable and honest person that some of the older Town residents have come to Mr. Hellen, and he has rebuffed them and told them to look out the window and that it is not their town anymore, this is not the 1980s or 1990s, and he does not want to hear about it. Mr. Bissanti stated that is not right. He does not want that to happen again. ► Mr. Chandler stated that he appreciates the additional emails the Town Council members are receiving from the Town Administrator. ► Mr. Kelly stated they can only evaluate the Town Administrator on the goals that were set forth. ► Town Council members commented on the good job done by Mr. Hellen. ► Chair Mercer stated that no one has worked closer with Mr. Hellen than he has. He assured everyone that Mr. Hellen answers all calls, is right there with the answers to questions, and provides constant updates. He stated Mr. Hellen's administrative team works very hard. ► Mr. Hellen stated the evaluation is really about the team. There is no way to get all this done without everyone on his staff; he has an incredible team. He thanked the Town Council and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the evaluation. He thanked everyone for their support. Regarding Mr. Bissanti's concern, he stated that he never said those words to anyone. However, he has told people no at times. He stated that if there was someone who had a bad customer service experience with his office, they should reach out to him and he would be happy to meet with them; he does not want people to feel pushed away. ► **MOTION to Accept** the performance review written formative summary of the Town of Franklin Town Administrator by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No discussion.** ► **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.**

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

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

- a. **Resolution 21-10: Gift Acceptance, Franklin Public Library - \$4,000 (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-10 - Majority Roll Call Vote).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 21-10: Gift Acceptance, Franklin Public Library - \$4,000 by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Kelly. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen thanked the Friends of the Franklin Library for their continued generosity. ► **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.**
- b. **Resolution 21-11: Appropriating Funds by Borrowing and Transfer to Pay Costs of Purchasing Fire Apparatus (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-11 - Majority Roll Call Vote).** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 21-11: Appropriating Funds by Borrowing and Transfer to Pay Costs of Purchasing Fire Apparatus by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Kelly. Discussion:** As provided in the Town Council members' meeting packet, Fire Chief James McLaughlin reviewed his letter to Town Administrator Hellen, dated February 11, 2021, regarding an opportunity to purchase two new fire pumpers.

He discussed the opportunity, need, costs, and impacts for purchasing these fire apparatuses. ► Mr. Hellen reiterated that this proposal will use \$300,00 from free cash. He stated this deal provides great savings rather than paying for the proposed maintenance on the vehicles. ► Town Council members stated agreement that this is a great deal and noted that this would be more reliable and safer. ► Fire Chief McLaughlin stated these are stock trucks with the basics, and the equipment will come from the trucks that will be decommissioned. He stated that unlike purchasing or leasing a vehicle, fire trucks are not a one size fits all. There are a lot of considerations for a fire truck including size of the truck, pumps, tank storage, and capacity. The current trucks lasted well; this is the right decision based on their age. ► Mr. Hellen reviewed the disposition of surplus property and assets; it is a mandated state process. Any money will go into the general fund. ► Chair Mercer thanked Fire Chief McLaughlin and his staff for bringing this deal forward. ► **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.**

- c. ***Bylaw Amendment 21-870: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 170-22, Subsection A, Location of Stop Signs - First Reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 21-870 to a second reading - Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ► Mr. Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move** Bylaw Amendment 21-870: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 170-22, Subsection A, Location of Stop Signs to a Second Reading by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Kelly. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated this would amend the Town bylaw to accept a series of stop signs that have been installed, mostly as part of proper mitigation from projects that go before the Planning Board. He stated a redlined version of the bylaw with specific changes is included in the meeting packet. He stated that signs are being added to the following streets: Berkshire Drive, Clearview Drive, Dean Avenue, Brothers Way, Nina Lane, and Tobacco Road. ► Mr. Kelly advocated for a three-way stop, rather than a one-way stop, at the Vallee's Jewelers intersection. ► Police Chief Thomas Lynch reviewed the staff who work on signage. They will do whatever is necessary to keep people safe. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated he gets numerous requests from the public for signs. He stated that he sends the requests to the Police Department to begin the review process. It then goes to Mr. Maglio for further review regarding MassDOT and other regulations. Besides signs, there are other options that may work at an intersection such as tree pruning. ► **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. ***Bylaw Amendment 21-865: Chapter 153, Stormwater Management Article I, General Provisions – Second Reading (Motion to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 21-865 - Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ► Mr. Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Adopt** Bylaw Amendment 21-865: Chapter 153, Stormwater Management Article I, General Provisions by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Kelly. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that the next three bylaw amendments are the second reading of some technical clean ups that were approved unanimously by the Town Council a few weeks ago. He read from his memo to the Town Council dated February 12, 2021, and stated that the second reading of the three stormwater bylaws that are technical cleanups before you tonight appeared on the January 20, 2021 Town Council meeting. The stormwater bylaw amendments are non-financial, do not set a utility fee, and have nothing to do with the finances of stormwater. All three of these bylaws passed unanimously at the previous Town Council meeting. They are second readings of bylaws where technical changes are required due to the permit. The legislation for action this evening on a series of non-financial changes to the Town's Stormwater Bylaw that are now required under the permit. ► Town Council members asked questions. ► Mr. Kelly asked why the Planning Board has not been brought in on this. ► Mr. Hellen stated that one of the stormwater regulations involving zoning did go to the Planning Board. ► Mr. Cerel stated this is a general stormwater bylaw. It applies to any development or redevelopment when two acres or more are disturbed. The latest MS4 permit required the Town to tighten its criteria pre, during, and post-development. ► Mr. Kelly stated that regarding Bylaw Amendment 21-867, only 110 words in the entire bylaw were being saved; therefore, is it a second reading or a new bylaw. ► Mr. Maglio discussed why the wording was changed. ► Mr. Cerel stated the changes were done at the first reading. ► Mr. Bissanti asked where is the part that says residents will be paying for rain rolling off their roofs and impervious structures on their property. ► Mr. Hellen stated they are updating the Town bylaws to reflect what is already in the MS4 permit. He stated the changes are mostly about

debris; they do not have any financial impacts to residents of Franklin. That is why he calls them technical clean ups. ► Chair Mercer confirmed the proposed stormwater utility will be discussed at a future meeting; it is not in tonight's discussion. ► Mr. Bissanti stated he was told this is a Planning Board issue. ► Mr. Cerel stated that the federal and state government requires a local comprehensive bylaw that applies across the municipality's jurisdiction. ► Mr. Chandler stated the Town established a utility already without a fee on the sewer/trash bills. ► Chair Mercer stated the Town Council previously voted to put a utility in place so it would be there if the Town Council decides to use it. He confirmed a vote on these three bylaws does not enact the utility fee. ► Mr. Hellen stated that putting the stormwater utility fee on the bill with a zero brings it to the attention of the residents and starts to educate them about how to fund stormwater. ► Mr. Bissanti stated the public's perception is that the Town voted on the utility fee already. ► Planning Board Chair Anthony Padula stated the EPA is a separate organization from Mass DEP. He stated that in 2020, Governor Baker recommended small urban towns follow Mass DEP, not EPA. He discussed a study done in 2016 as to what the Town should be doing to conform to EPA standards. He stated that in 2020, the Town had the study done again as to who would handle the stormwater control. He stated that Franklin barely qualified for MS4 as the Town does not treat stormwater or sewer because we are not dumping pollutants into the fresh waterways. He stated that he did the first GIS maps of the Town and went to stormwater management school. He stated the MS4 does not require that the towns pass a utility tax to tax people for their stormwater. ► Chair Mercer stated that the motion on the floor is not about the utility tax. ► Mr. Padula stated he believed the Town did not fall under MS4. ► Mr. Cerel stated Franklin is part of the Charles River Watershed and its tributaries are in Franklin; therefore, we must comply. ► Mr. Padula stated it seems like we are trying to satisfy both MassDEP and EPA. ► Mr. Cerel stated it is all the same regulatory team. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated it is also based on population. He stated Mr. Padula is correct. There is nothing in the permit that says the Town must have a utility tax; it is only a suggestion. ► Mr. Hellen stated the stormwater work still needs to be paid for. ► Chair Mercer stated the bill must be paid; the utility is an option to pay for it. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-NO; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-1, Absent-0.**

e. Bylaw Amendment 21-866: Chapter 153, Stormwater Management Article II, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control - Second Reading (Motion to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 21-866 - Majority Roll Call Vote). ► Mr. Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Adopt** Bylaw Amendment 21-866: Chapter 153, Stormwater Management Article II, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Kelly. Discussion:** ► Mr. Bissanti stated that he did not want to be a part of anything that could lead to another tax or fee in this Town at this time. He stated he was misinterpreted the last time when he voted in the affirmative for the framework. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-NO; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-1, Absent-0.**

f. Bylaw Amendment 21-867: Chapter 153, Stormwater Management Article III, Post Construction Stormwater Management - Second Reading (Motion to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 21-867 - Majority Roll Call Vote). ► Mr. Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Adopt** Bylaw Amendment 21-867: Chapter 153, Stormwater Management Article III, Post Construction Stormwater Management by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Kelly. No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-NO; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-1, Absent-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► *COVID-19 Update.* ► Mr. Hellen congratulated Archivist Ms. Rebecca Finnigan for getting a \$1,000 grant for historical photo restoration at the Historical Museum. He stated that COVID-19 cases are down in Franklin, and the Town is in the yellow for the second consecutive week. He stated that as of Feb. 1st, 38 people have passed away in Franklin due to COVID. He stated that one-quarter were over 90 years old; 85 percent were over the age of 75. He encouraged citizens over 75 years of age to get the vaccine. He noted that starting tomorrow, people 65 and older or those having two or more comorbidities can register to get the vaccine. He noted that the next people in the phased rollout includes teachers. He explained

that towns in close proximity to Gillette Stadium will not be receiving vaccine doses as the vaccination clinic is so close.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Ms. Pellegrini stated that she would like the Senior Circuit Breaker on an agenda. ► Mr. Frongillo requested to revisit parking mandates, and he would like to discuss at the next meeting if Franklin would join surrounding towns who have put together a list of comments regarding the lack of funding to follow through with climate initiatives. ► Mr. Kelly stated he would like to see on an agenda the raises given to staff and administration for schools and Town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Mr. Frongillo stated the gymnastics team is doing great. He stated the Senior Coffee hours are tomorrow morning at 8:30 AM via Microsoft Teams. ► Mr. Bissanti stated that the Town Council is here for the residents of Franklin. He stated that if the utility fee becomes a tax, it will last forever. ► Mr. Kelly stated that he agreed with Mr. Smith who spoke during Citizen Comments; we are feeing and taxing our children out of this town. He thanked David Rubinstein who watched the meeting tonight to earn a merit badge. ► Mr. Chandler asked how the snow budget was doing. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated we are at about \$980,000 of \$1.1 million snow and ice budget. He stated it costs about \$200,000 every time the contractors come out to plow. ► Ms. Pellegrini stated that her family had a need for an ambulance last week, and they came right away. She stated that time is of the essence when someone is having a stroke. She stated that the Gillette Stadium vaccination clinic is very organized. She stated that they are still taking nurses at Gillette. ► Mr. Jones thanked the fire department for getting to Ms. Pellegrini's house so quickly. He suggested that citizens with portable generators start them up and try them before the next storm event. ► Mr. Dellorco encouraged everyone who qualified to get vaccinated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: ► MOTION to Adjourn by Dellorco. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion. ► 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. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary