FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING June 3, 2020

As stated on the agenda, due to the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, this meeting will be conducted as a Remote/Virtual Town Council meeting. 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 using the Zoom link provided on the agenda.

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 as a **Remote Access Virtual Zoom Meeting.** Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Brian Chandler, Robert Dellorco, Eamon McCarthy Earls, 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; Chrissy Whelton, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER: ► Chair Mercer called the **Remote Access Virtual Zoom Meeting** to order at 7:00 PM. ► Chair Mercer called for a moment of silence and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ► Chair Mercer stated this meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's executive order of March 12, 2020, regarding the current state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings and as such the governor's order suspends the requirements of the open meeting law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. He stated that this meeting will feature public comment. He noted the availability of the posted call-in number and Zoom meeting link provided on the agenda for the public to join and participate in the meeting. He reviewed that all supporting meeting materials that have been provided to the Town Council are available on the Town's website unless otherwise noted. He reviewed the remote meeting ground rules. He announced this Remote Access Virtual Zoom 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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ► April 22, 2020. ► MOTION to Approve the April 22, 2020 meeting minutes by Dellorco. SECOND by Kelly. No Discussion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Earls-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: ► Annual Reappointments. ► Mr. Hellen stated the provided list includes all responses received for reappointments. There are a few members who have not responded yet; those will be taken up at the July 22, 2020, meeting. ► Mr. Jones read the Appointed Committee Members June 2020 list. ► MOTION to Ratify the Annual Appointments to the boards and commissions as presented by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Earls-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.

HEARINGS: None.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: ► La Cantina Winery - Farmer-Winery, Farmer's Market License. ► Mr. Jones read the license transaction. ► MOTION to Approve the issuance of a Farmer-Winery, Farmer's Market License to Robert Vozzella, La Cantina Winery Company by Dellorco. SECOND by Kelly.

Discussion: ► Mr. Hellen stated this license transaction is required by the State in order for Mr. Vozzella to sell his homemade wine made in Franklin at the Farmer's Market. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Earls-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ▶ Franklin's State Legislative Delegation - Senate President Karen Spilka, Representative Jeff Roy, Senator Rebecca Rausch. ▶ Senate President Karen Spilka thanked everyone in Franklin for doing a great job during these difficult times. She gave a general fiscal picture of the Commonwealth. She stated that COVID-19 has presented a public health crisis for the State. Activities that generate State revenue have been at a standstill, but needs for services have been increasing. Unemployment went from 2.8 percent to over 15 percent in 2.5 months. The State has borrowed money to meet obligations. She stated that it is not known how bad it is going to be, but they are thinking a \$5 billion to \$7 billion drop in tax revenues. They are trying to avoid any budget cuts in FY20. It is not good news for FY21 as there are factors that make it uncertain regarding how the pandemic will play out such as a second surge. Hopefully, they will be on target for Phase II reopening, and they can get the economy back in gear. She stated that the availably and flexibility of funding from the federal government is not known. She discussed the Hero's Act and corona virus relief funds from the federal government. She urged the Town of Franklin to write a letter to the administration to urge the delegation to fight for funds. She stated that she realizes the towns and cities need to know about their funding, and she is looking into a local aid resolution. ▶ Representative Jeff Roy stated that local aid is one of the top priorities for every member of the House and Senate; they will push for as much local aid as they can deliver. He thanked the people of Franklin for a peaceful event held on Franklin's Town Common yesterday. He stated that the SNETT trail tunnel is under construction and will be done by this summer. The Franklin State Forest parking lot construction is underway as part of the FY20 budget. He is happy they were able to get money for the community to fight substance abuse. He discussed that of the \$10.6 million set up to help manufacturers produce PPE, the Contollo plant manufacturing PPE in Franklin was awarded \$1.84 million; the company is trying to create 100 new jobs for the community. He noted that the representatives are conducting virtual office hours. He highlighted legislation to allow restaurants that have been closed to do outdoor dining when the State enters the next reopening phase. This bill allows local communities to grant liquor licenses for outdoor service of alcohol. Legislation regarding a vote-by-mail option is also under consideration. He discussed a special programming event to be carried on Franklin TV on Monday, June 9th at 6 PM regarding confronting the challenges of COVID-19. ▶ Senator Rebecca Rausch stated that last night's event on the Town Common was incredible. She stated that her office has been fielding a number of calls and concerns about unemployment, small businesses trying to find loans, and stages of reopening. She stated they have been holding virtual office hours. She discussed a bill passed in early April allowing town meeting delays, some budget relief, and flexibility to operate on a month-to-month basis. She reviewed a bill focused on education which waived MCAS requirements for this year, modifications for graduating seniors, and budget flexibility for school districts. ▶Mr. Hellen thanked the presenters for their leadership. He stated he was glad to hear that their top priority was local aid. He stated cuts to local aid are essentially cutting off the life line on public safety on the local level during this pandemic. He discussed Franklin's budget and the cuts that they are making; they are downplaying their revenues by at least \$1 million. At some point this will cut into the service level of those working to keep the community safe. He noted that the Town of Franklin has had the second lowest infection rate of any community with population over 35,000. He said he will be sending a letter to advocate for local aid. ► Town Council members thanked the officials for attending the meeting. They asked questions including how the layoffs for teachers will work and if early retirement will be offered, will they be willing to

spearhead a chicken processing plant in MA for local farmers, and the pick-your-own business for small farmers will help with the survival of small businesses. Ms. Hamblen stated that during the pandemic to keep her staff mentally healthy, her business said that they will not take cash; she stated they have been treated poorly by customers when not taking cash. She was wondering if it would be possible to allow small businesses to say that that they will not take cash. ► Senate President Spilka stated that should be addressed. Citizens' Comments: ►Mr. James Fiske asked Senator Rausch about the Community Immunity Act that she is sponsoring and stated that his Mennonite community would be flagged as high risk. People around us would fear us. His community is terrified. They are being thrown into the limelight as a threat because of their religion. He stated that her bill perpetuates hate, and he asked her to retract this bill. ► Senator Rausch said this is a difficult time for many folks, and there is a lot of hate running around these days. The Community Immunity Act is an infectious disease prevention proposal. In the middle of a pandemic, she maintains her support for her bill. The bill does not change the immunization requirements for religious exemptions. If the Community Immunity Act is passed, there still will be a religious exemption for individuals regarding immunizations. ►Mr. Fiske stated there is still an aspect of the bill with wording that would force him to say against his religious beliefs that what he is doing would be considered child endangerment. ► Chair Mercer suggested Mr. Fiske contact Senator Rausch's office for further discussion. ▶ John asked why a permit was not pulled for the large 1,000-plus gathering in the Town Common and why a police and fire detail was not hired for this. He stated that as someone who was there, there was not much social distancing. As such, will this allow the restaurants to open at full capacity? He noted that he made posts to two Town Council members' social media and they were removed. He asked why his comments were not responded to. He asked how the legislators were handling the comments made by Attorney General Maura Healey regarding letting America burn and it will grow back as forests do. ► Mr. Hellen stated that law enforcement was at the event. He stated that the right to assembly for a protest does not require a permit; it is a constitutional right. ►Ms. Dashee Madeira discussed Senator Rausch's Community Immunity Act and stated that some children are not able to be vaccinated due to health risks. She stated the wording in the bill implies that those who do not vaccinate their children are willingly putting other people at risk. She stated the form will go to the Department of Public Health and it will state that a person is endangering their children and the rest of the community. She asked who would be held responsible if something happened to her children because of a vaccine. ► Senator Rausch said a hearing was held on this bill on December 3, 2019; she has received multiple emails of support about this legislation. She has done her best to talk about this offline. This is a piece of legislation that had a public hearing. Whitney asked Senator Rausch that with all the financial difficulties for the State of Massachusetts, how does she envision the Community Immunity Act being funded. ► Ms. Rausch stated that the data sets that they have with immunizations and immunity are incomplete; they are missing components of the data. So, they really do not actually know what the states immunization rate is. She stated that the State has a vaccine trust fund that operates at a surplus; this funding will come from that fund. She stated this bill will alleviate the burden put on educators and day care providers. ► Monica asked questioned Senator Rausch about the Community Immunity Act and stated that she is a practicing physician in Franklin. Providers will be fearful and they will turn away children. What are the protections in place for the physicians to do their job; some patients cannot have a vaccine. > Senator Rausch said that healthcare organizations have publicly supported the bill. A doctor can provide the information in the exemption form. ▶ Sean asked that as large gathering such as the one held last night do not require a permit, then going forward there will be no permits required for any future gatherings or peaceful assemblies. ►Mr. Hellen said there is a permitting process for events, concerts, and gatherings, but in the case of it being done last night, it was not as if the Town had the right to said no. Mr. Hellen talked about the permitting process and stated inquiries should be made to his office or the police department. ▶ Brianna asked Senator Rausch if a fast-track COVID-19 vaccine becomes available, should it be mandated. ▶ Senator Rausch stated that she would defer to public health experts on matters of public health. ► Stephen stated that as a senior citizen, he is concerned about the spread of COVID-19; he asked the Town Administrator why social distancing was not adhered to at the event last night consisting of approximately

1,500 people. He recommended that the next time such an event is held, it should not be at the Town Common, but at a venue large enough for said event. ►Mr. Hellen said that they will look into this. ►Jess questioned Senator Rausch about the Community Immunity Act and asked if she was planning to hold another hearing post-COVID-19 as there is more interest about the bill now. ▶ Senator Rausch said the legislative process is the legislative process and it occurred in December. At this point, comments from constituents are best sent to their state representatives. Katie said she represents one of the 30,000 people in Massachusetts with disabilities in group homes. There is a higher infection rate of COVID-19 in group homes. She stated that Senator Rausch is on the Disabilities Committee and is not responding to the needs of group homes such as essential items and PPE for staff. ▶ Senator Rausch said the governor is in charge of the reopening plan and PPE in all state-run facilities. She said she is deeply committed to transparency. ► Joe Evans, lifelong Franklin resident and small business owner, said that he is all for protests, but the governor's order said meetings over 10 were not allowed; therefore, he cannot protest. However, Franklin allowed a large gathering of 100s of people not wearing masks and not social distancing. Many of the protestors were the same people who chastised others for not staying home and not wearing masks. He stated that Town Council member Ms. Hamblen raised the issue of being very concerned about COVID-19 and not wanting to accept cash at her business; however, she was at the large gathering of people last night who were not social distancing. He said it seems like there is a different set of rules for some people. He stated that a small business in Town was contacted for a COVID violation on the same day as the large gathering of people on the Town Common occurred. ►Mr. Hellen stated that he would check with the Board of Health staff to get back in touch with Mr. Evan. ► Abraham asked if there is a plan to extend the legislative session. ► Senate President Spilka said at this point in time, not yet. She discussed the bill that will allow restaurants to serve alcohol outside. Currently, there is an executive order; the licensing authority of each municipality should start the permitting process.

► Franklin Police Department – Chief T.J. Lynch. ► Chief Lynch stated that over the last eight days many members of community have asked the Franklin Police Department (FPD) about the use of force, personnel training, and current policies. He said the majority of inquiries are from residents who want to know what the FPD has done in an effort to ensure safety and uphold the civil rights of residents and those who visit Franklin. He thought this meeting would be a good venue to answer the questions. He stated the FPD denounced the actions and inactions of the members of the MN police department that resulted in the death of George Floyd. He stated he was proud of his police department staff. He discussed the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, a 65-page report created under President Obama in December 2014. The executive summary states that trust between law enforcement agencies and people they serve is key. The task force identified best practices and recommendations organized around six pillars. He reported that many of the recommendations in the final report were already being used in Massachusetts. He made it a priority in the FPD to implement these recommendations. He reviewed each of the pillars and stated this review should provide answers to many of the questions he has received recently. The pillars include: 1. building trust and legitimacy. He described the use of force data from the FPD and said it is published on the police website. He stated there have been zero complaints about the excessive use of force; 2. police and oversight including bias training to minimize bias. They have established policies for disturbances, and he discussed the mutual aid pact between communities. He discussed the experience of the crowd-control unit; 3. technology and social media and use of the Internet to communicate with the community. He noted that therapy dog Ben Franklin keeps lines of communication open. He stated that all officers have tasers which have reduced injuries to both subjects and officers. He discussed that the FPD does not have a body camera program. He noted that the costs are great for this program, and he would not like to lose officers to get body cameras when there are no complaints about excessive use of force; 4. community policing and crime prevention. He reviewed some of the events FPD does for community involvement. He noted they have a full-time social worker in the police department. He discussed the benefits of education and advanced degrees for police officers; 5. de-escalation training; and 6. officer wellness. He reviewed programs and treatments as officer

wellness is critical especially when dealing with stressful situations. He reviewed the 4 on/4 off 10-hour shift schedule which improves the work/home life balance. ▶ Town Council members asked questions and thanked Chief Lynch for his presentation. Appreciation was expressed for all the information that is available on the website. It was noted that many of the officers are involved in the community including coaching children's sports which adds to community trust. ▶ Chief Lynch said FPD has been working regularly with the Board of Health and Health Director Cathleen Liberty regarding restaurants opening with outdoor seating. He noted most people have abided by the governor's guidelines. ▶ Ms. Joannie McGee, one of the organizers of yesterday's vigil, thanked the Police Chief for all they do and thanked his officers for knelling in solidary with them. She appreciates their service to the community. ▶ John asked Ms. Hamblin about her concern regarding handling cash; however, she was out in a crowd of 1,500 and may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. ▶ Ms. Hamblen said it was a difficult thing to decide to do. She wore a mask, said what she had to say, and left. Not accepting cash at her business is to make sure her staff stays mentally healthy; it is not that she is afraid of it, they are. She felt like she stayed safe at the event.

► Community Preservation Act (CPA). ► Mr. Hellen stated this is the second or third conversation about this. At the discussion in April, many were in support of putting this on the November ballot. Then the COVID-19 situation occurred. At the last meeting it was requested to put this item on as a discussion item at this meeting. He stated the deadline is August to put this item on the November ballot. ►Mr. Kelly asked if there was a conversation about the percentage on the CPA and if the Town Council members could take a vote about the percentage. ► Mr. Hellen said the town attorney drafted a model ballot question; they had assumed the two exemptions for residents and plugged in 3 percent to get the debate started. Three percent is the amount needed to get the State's matching funds. Mr. Kelly said the issue is that Massachusetts has gone from 2.8 percent to 15 percent unemployment. He is trying to get this past; however, putting it on the ballot at 3 percent instead of 1.5 percent, which can be changed later, they will face opposition from people who cannot afford to do this. He is not in favor of 3 percent; he is in favor of CPA. ►Mr. Bissanti echoed Mr. Kelly's remarks. He expressed concern that an ad hoc committee is needed to discuss CPA and provide an introduction to residents about CPA as it must be on the ballot by August; more education for the residents is needed. ► Mr. Dellorco agreed with Mr. Kelly and Mr. Bissanti that 3 percent is a little high. He is in favor of the bill and agrees residents need to be educated. Mr. Chandler stated he spoke in favor of this at the last meeting; if Town Council members want the percentage lower, he will support that. ▶Ms. Pellegri stated she is very in favor of the CPA; she thinks a special meeting is needed on this topic. Then people will call in to discuss it and see what they think. She stated that 3 percent is not a lot and it will give so much back to the community. Mr. Jones agreed that they need to continue to educate residents and get their input. He agreed they should not be looking at 3 percent; 1.5 percent seems reasonable. ► Mr. Hellen stated that the Town Council cannot form an ad hoc subcommittee. If the Town Council were to put this on the ballot, they can say what this is and provide the facts, but a third-party campaign organization would have to take over to educate the public as a campaign issue. However, a forum could be held or a special meeting to discuss this. He noted that there is going to be a high turnout in Franklin for the November election. He reviewed the average surcharge and what it would cost the average homeowner. ▶ Chair Mercer said that based upon the comments heard, it was the consensus to hold a forum and get some citizen input. He will work with the town administrator to determine the right time to have a CPA forum.

► Annual Financial Audit Presentation. ► Mr. Scott McIntire, Mr. Zackary Fentross, and Ms. Jennifer Reddington, all of Melanson Heath, addressed the Town Council. Mr. McIntire gave a brief review of the Melanson Heath staff working on this audit. ► Mr. Fentross reviewed highlights from the financial statements and discussed the Independent Auditors' Report (page 1). He stated that the Town has received a clean opinion which means there are no exceptions; it is the best opinion that can be received from an independent audit firm. This is the same opinion the Town has received in prior years. He noted and reviewed the Statement of Net Position (page 14), with focus on the governmental activities' column. He

noted the Net Pension Liability with a balance of approximately \$48 million which is approximately \$7 million increase from the prior year; he reviewed the reasons for the increase in this account. He reviewed the net OPEB liability with a balance of approximately \$68.6 million. This is a decrease from the prior year. He discussed these items in relation to COVID-19. He noted page 16 and focused on the General Fund. He stated that this page does not include any long-term liabilities or long-term assets. He stated the unassigned fund balance of \$11.721 million was a decrease over last year. This is 9.3 percent of the Town's annual budget which is a good financial position for a bond rating agency. He noted information on the General Fund (page 20) which highlighted the slight decrease in the unassigned fund balance. In total, from revenues and transfers in, to expenditures and transfers out, there was a variance of approximately \$3.4 million. He stated total revenues came in higher than anticipated for the Town in FY19 with expenditures coming in at less than what the Town was anticipating. He reviewed the use of Free Cash. He noted that bond rating agencies like to see the use of Free Cash for one-time expenditures which is what the Town has done. The Town is in a good and solid financial position. The Town did not receive a management letter this year which puts the Town of Franklin in a high category. ► Mr. Hellen thanked the presenters and the Town's Finance Team. He stated the challenge in this COVID era is to maintain this high level. ▶ Town Council members thanked the presenters for their report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Capital Budget Subcommittee. ► None.
- b. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- c. **Economic Development Subcommittee.** ► None.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

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

- a. Resolution 20-29: Appropriation of Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per M.G.L Ch.44, §53F3/4 (Motion to Approve Resolution 20-29 Majority Roll Call Vote). ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► MOTION to Approve Resolution 20-29: Appropriation of Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per M.G.L Ch.44, §53F3/4 by Dellorco. SECOND by Kelly. Discussion: Mr. Hellen stated this is a quarterly vote to deposit the money. ► ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Earls-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.
- b. Resolution 20-30: Gift Acceptance Franklin Fire Department (Motion to approve Resolution 20-30-Majority Roll Call Vote). ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► MOTION to Approve Resolution 20-30: Gift Acceptance Franklin Fire Department by Dellorco. SECOND by Kelly. Discussion: ► Fire Chief McLaughlin stated this antique/historical 1949 vehicle will be very good for the Franklin Fire Department; this will help pass on tradition to the younger firefighters. It will be left at headquarters on the ramp for the community to see. They are very grateful for this donation. ► Mr. Hellen thanked all those involved in the effort for this donation. ► ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Earls-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES.
 ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► *Coronavirus Update.* ► Mr. Hellen stated the curbside café at the Senior Center is open. He stated the governor has allowed the revival of camps and recreational programs outside in the summer. The Town of Franklin is aiming for a July 13th start. He discussed that Recreation Director Ryan Jette has been preparing for this. He stated that the Town is already working on the licensing application process for restaurants for outdoor seating. He suggested a motion be made for the Town Administrator to be the licensing authority. Mr. Cerel recommended a formal resolution should be made; he

discussed the governor's regulations and process. Chair Mercer agreed a motion should be made to allow the Town Administrator the authority to grant these permits until the next Town Council meeting.

MOTION to Allow the Town Administrator to have the authority to grant temporary expansion alcohol licenses, entertainment licenses and on premise consumption food, entertainment, and alcohol licenses by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No discussion. ▶ ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Earls-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ▶ VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.

► *FY21 Budget Update.* ► Mr. Hellen said there were three nights of budget meetings. The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night. The Town Council budget hearings are on June 17^{th} and June 18^{th} .

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Ms. Pellegri thanked Mr. Hellen for the updates he provides for the residents of Franklin. ► Mr. Kelly thanked Chris Flynn from Franklin TV for putting together the Memorial Day tribute program. He congratulated firefighter Stephen Geer on his retirement. He said it was encouraging and touching to see the group that came together on the Town Common last night. He thanked all who attended for adhering to social distancing and wearing masks. He quoted Martin Luther King. ► Ms. Hamblen thanked the Board of Health and the Franklin Police Department. She stated that there have been recommendations for U-pick businesses and Famer's Markets to not accept cash. She thanked the people who peacefully knelt for nine minutes last night. ► Mr. Chandler thanked everyone for their participation at tonight's meeting. ► Mr. Bissanti said he has seen so much democracy in action this week. He thanked the people of Franklin. ► Mr. Jones stated this is great democracy in action. He thanked everyone for being peaceful and making their voices heard last night. He noted the first successful manned flight into space this weekend after 9.5 years. ► Mr. Dellorco thanked everyone for last night and being peaceful. He congratulated the Class of 2020. ► Chair Mercer thanked the Town Council members; he stated these are difficult times and he applauded their efforts and giving their time for the constituents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: ►MOTION to Adjourn by Kelly. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion. ►ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Earls-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES. ►VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,