

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 25, 2017**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 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. Councilors absent: Robert Vallee. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator; Jamie Hellen, Deputy Town Administrator.

**CALL TO ORDER:** ► Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *None.*

**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:** *None.*

**APPOINTMENTS:** *None.*

**LICENSE TRANSACTIONS:** *None.*

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:** *None.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:** ► Mr. Mercer stated the Senior Center is finishing up with just a lot of paperwork left and a few minor issues. Everything is done except for the movable partition on the second floor. He stated that we will probably do it ourselves after the project. ► Mr. Mercer stated the final piece of paperwork for the High School has gone through and has been accepted. The audit should begin sometime in the next two to three weeks. That process will take two to three months. That will bring it to complete closure. ► Mr. Padula asked about the upkeep for the turf fields. ► Mr. Nutting stated they must be raked, cleaned up, and pellets redistributed once per year; it is usually contracted out. ► Ms. Pfeffer stated the Library is coming along. A company inspected the roof as water was coming in on the side of the original structure. The gutter had bent and the mortar had been knocked out. It is in the process of being fixed. A new front walk will be installed. A company has been contacted to make an unbreakable display cabinet for the Benjamin Franklin books. Lights are being installed. The refurbishing of the bronze doors is starting. ► Mr. Bissanti, EDC, asked if the Planning Board is endorsing back to the Town Council the brewery, distillery with tasting room. ► Mr. Hellen stated Yes; the Planning Board made one alteration regarding the percentage of the square footage that could be used for the tasting room. It will be on the next Town Council agenda. ► Mr. Dellorco asked about buying the bricks for the library. ► Ms. Pfeffer stated information can be found on the website and at the Town Hall, the Library, the Senior Center and other places. ► Mr. Jones, Communications, stated things are going well; they are on track with Google. Franklin TV is putting in a backup generator this week. Franklin Radio is at 102.9. ► Mr. Hellen stated the town is transitioning from the old email to Gmail. It is going well. Councilors will be notified when to come in and get their public email.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** *None.*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** ► Ms. Pfeffer asked about the Regional School projections for 2021 and 2022 as listed on the proposed forecast. ► Mr. Nutting stated it must be an error/typo.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** ► *None.*

**HEARINGS:** ► *FY 2018 Budget Hearing: 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing.* ► **MOTION to Open** the FY 2018 Budget Hearing: 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing by **Jones. SECOND** by **Mercer. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** ► Chairman Kelly asked if there were any Holds on any items on the FY 2018 Operating Budget for the Town of Franklin. ► Town Council members all said No. ► **MOTION to Close** the FY 2018 Budget Hearing by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

**LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:**

- 1. Resolution 17-33: Adoption of FY 2018 Budget (Motion to Move Resolution 17-33 – Majority Vote (5)).** Ms. Pfeffer read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Move** Resolution 17-33: Adoption of FY 2018 Budget by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated he had no comments. ► Chairman Kelly stated that Mr. Jones is unable to vote on Item 390: Regional School. He asked the Town Council how they would like to handle that. ► Mr. Mercer proposed to amend the motion. ► **MOTION to Amend** the Motion to **Move** FY 2018 Budget Item 390: Regional School for \$2,373,202 by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-7, No-0, Absent-1, Abstain-1** (Mr. Jones abstained). ► **Vote on the amended motion:** FY 2018 Town of Franklin Budget Item 390: Regional School for \$2,373,202 as amended. ► **VOTE: Yes-7, No-0, Absent-1, Abstain-1** (Mr. Jones abstained). ► **MOTION to Move** the balance of the FY 2018 Town of Franklin Budget which is \$118,092,608 by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.** ► Chairman Kelly confirmed the Town Council just took two votes on two separate budget pieces and when added together it equals the total budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *None.*

**ADJOURN:** **MOTION to Adjourn** by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary