



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

October 20, 2021

Meeting will be held at the **Municipal Building**

2nd floor, Council Chambers

355 East Central Street

7:00 PM

ACTIONS TAKEN

Absent: Councilor Kelly

A NOTE TO RESIDENTS: All citizens are now welcome to attend public board and committee meetings in person. Additionally, in an effort to maximize citizen engagement opportunities, citizens will be able to continue to participate remotely via phone OR Zoom. The meetings will also be [live-streamed by Franklin TV](#) and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29.

- **Link to access meeting:** October 20, 2021 Town Council Meeting Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open Zoom"
 - Or copy and paste this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605831233>
 - **Call-In Phone Number:** Call 1-929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID # **876 0583 1233** -Then press #

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- This meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting may be recorded by others.*
- Chair to Identify Members Participating Remotely.*

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to five minutes on a matter that is not on the agenda. The Council will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Citizen Comments. The Town Council will give remarks appropriate consideration and may ask the Town Administrator to review the matter.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None Scheduled

4. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None Scheduled

5. APPOINTMENTS

- David Ogilvie: Fire Department, New Hire

6. HEARINGS - 7:10pm - None Scheduled

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None Scheduled

8. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- American Rescue Plan Act: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
- 2020 Federal Census & Reprecincting Update: Nancy Danello, Acting Town Clerk and Kate Sjoberg, GIS Coordinator

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Capital Budget Subcommittee
- b. Budget Subcommittee
- c. Economic Development Subcommittee

10. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 21-59: Update of Town's Voting Precincts](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-59 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 21-59, to update the Town's voting precincts. *Approved 8-0*

- b. [Resolution 21-60: Further Amending the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-60 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 21-60, to further amend the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program. *Approved 8-0*

- c. [Resolution 21-61: Further Amending the Veterans' Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-61 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 21-61, to further amend the Veterans' Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program. *Approved 8-0*

- d. [Resolution 21-62: Acceptance of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5C ½ and Increase in Certain Property Tax Exemptions Pursuant Thereto](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-62 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 21-62, to accept G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5C ½ and increase certain property tax exemptions pursuant thereto. *Approved 8-0*

- e. [Resolution 21-63: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4 - \\$28,000](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-63 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Council made a motion to approve resolution 21-63. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires the Town Council to vote to appropriate PEG funds received from Verizon to an established revolving account. This resolution appropriated \$28,000 in PEG funds, representing the agreed annual amount for capital improvements in the first five years of the Town's agreement with Verizon, to the Franklin Cable Access Corporation per M.G.L Ch.4, §53F3/4. *Approved 8-0*

- f. [Resolution 21-64: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4 - \\$28,000](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-64 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Council made a motion to approve resolution 21-64. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires the Town Council to vote to appropriate PEG funds received from Verizon to an established revolving account. This resolution appropriated \$28,000 in PEG funds from a prior fiscal year, representing the agreed annual amount for capital improvements

in the first five years of the Town's agreement with Verizon, to the Franklin Cable Access Corporation per M.G.L Ch.4, §53F3/4. **Approved 8-0**

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - *None Scheduled*

15. ADJOURN

Note:

Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting