



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

November 17, 2021

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

2nd floor, Council Chambers

355 East Central Street

7:00 PM

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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:** November 17, 2021 Town Council Meeting Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open Zoom"
 - Or copy and paste this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81097949243>
 - **Call-In Phone Number:** Call 1-929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID # 810 9794 9243 --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

- [October 20, 2021](#)

ACTION: The Town Council approved the October 20, 2021 minutes. **Approved 9-0.**

4. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None Scheduled

5. APPOINTMENTS - None Scheduled

6. HEARINGS - 7:10pm - None Scheduled

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS- None Scheduled

8. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- Discussion: Franklin Housing Authority

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Capital Budget Subcommittee
- Budget Subcommittee

- c. Economic Development Subcommittee

10. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 21-68: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Dept \(\\$1,000\). Historical Commission \(\\$100\)](#)
[\(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-68 - Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council accepted an exceptionally generous gift on behalf of the Veterans' Services Department (\$1,000) which will be allocated toward the Veterans' Municipal Assistance Fund, and an exceptionally generous gift on behalf of the Historical Commission (\$100) which will be applied towards the preservation, protection, and development of historic and archaeological assets of Franklin. **Approved 9-0.**

- b. [Resolution 21-69: General Funds Appropriation, Transfers and Adjustments FY22](#)
[\(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-69 - Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-69 to transfer and adjust FY22 General Fund appropriations that in total amount to a reduction in the FY22 General Fund operating budget of Four Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$454,672). **Approved 9-0.**

- c. [Resolution 21-70: Appropriation of Cannabis Fees](#)
[\(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-70 - Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-70 to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) to offset the negative impacts of the sale of cannabis in the Town of Franklin, said amount representing the total to be received from cannabis impact Fees in FY22. **Approved 8-0. Abstained-1 (Councilor Dellorco).**

- d. [Resolution 21-71: Appropriation to Pay Prior Years' Bills](#)
[\(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-71 - 2/3 Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-71 to appropriate FY22 funds in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$1,279.48) to pay for prior years' bills in accordance with G.L. Ch44, §64. **Approved 9-0.**

- e. [Resolution 21-72: Order of Taking Approximately Seventy \(70\) Acres of Unimproved Land Off Maple Street](#)
[\(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-72 - 2/3 Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-72 to take by eminent domain approximately seventy (70) acres of unimproved land off Maple Street for municipal purposes, namely open space and passive recreation. This vote is the final step required to ensure a good title for the Maple Hill property. **Approved 9-0.**

- f. [Resolution 21-73: Acceptance of Open Space, Access and Parking Easements at Brookview Condominium Located Off Pond Street](#)
[\(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-73 - Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-73 to accept the open space, access and parking easements at Brookview Condominium located off Pond Street. **Approved 9-0.**

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None Scheduled.

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Note:

Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting