



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

December 1, 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:** December 1, 2021 Town Council Meeting Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open Zoom"
 - Or copy and paste this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628494025>
 - **Call-In Phone Number:** Call **1-929-205-6099** and enter Meeting ID # **876 2849 4025** --Then press #
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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- a. *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.*

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- a. *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 - None Scheduled

6. HEARINGS - 7:10pm

- a. [Franklin Tax Classification Hearing](#)
 - i. Legislation for Action Items: 10a., 10b., 10c., 10d., 10e.

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None Scheduled

8. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a. [Snow Removal: Robert "Brutus" Cantoreggi, Director of Public Works](#)

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

10. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 21-74: Tax Classification Residential Factor](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-74 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-74 to set the Residential Factor at [1.000000]. The Residential Factor must be voted on annually by state law. **Approved 9-0.**
- b. [Resolution 21-75: Tax Classification Open Space Exemption](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-75 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-75 that there not be an exemption for open space. The Open Space Exemption must be voted on annually by state law. **Approved 9-0.**
- c. [Resolution 21-76: Tax Classification Small Business Exemption](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-76 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-76 that there not be an exemption for small businesses. The Small Business Exemption must be voted on annually by state law. **Approved 9-0.**
- d. [Resolution 21-77: Tax Classification Residential Property Exemption](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-77 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-77 that there not be an exemption for residential properties. The Residential Property Exemption must be voted on annually by state law. **Approved 9-0.**
- e. [Resolution 21-78: Tax Classification Senior Means Tested Exemption](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-78 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-78 that there not be an exemption for senior means tested. The Senior Means Tested Exemption must be voted on annually by state law. **Approved 9-0.**
- f. [Resolution 21-79: Town Council 2022 Meeting Calendar](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-79 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council approved Resolution 21-79 to approve the 2022 Town Council meeting schedule. **Approved 9-0.**
- g. [Resolution 21-80: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4](#) **(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-80 - Majority Vote)**
ACTION: The Council approved Resolution 21-80 to appropriate \$180,038.11 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, representing the amount received in the previous quarter, to be paid to Franklin Cable Access Corp. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations. **Approved 9-0.**
- h. [Resolution 21-81: Gift Acceptances - Veterans' Services Department \(\\$1,415\) and Agricultural Commission \(\\$200\)](#) **(Motion to Approve Resolution 21-81 - Majority Vote)**
ACTION: The Council approved Resolution 21-81 to accept exceptionally generous gifts on behalf of the Veterans' Services Department (\$1,415), \$1,215 of which will be allocated toward the Municipal Assistance Fund, and \$200 of which will be allocated toward the Monument Restoration Fund, and also to accept an exceptionally generous gift on behalf of the Agricultural Commission (\$200) to be used towards the organization of future community programs and events. **Approved 9-0.**

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. *Considering the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Public Body.*

15. ADJOURN

Note:

Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting