



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

October 19, 2022

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

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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.*
- Municipal Aggregation*

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to three 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

- [September 28, 2022](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the September 28, 2022 minutes.
Approved 9-0.

- [October 5, 2022](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the October 5, 2022 minutes.
Approved 9-0.

4. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS - None Scheduled.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- Victor DaCosta - New Hire, Firefighter/Paramedic - Fire Department
- Nicholas Brosseau - New Hire, Firefighter/Paramedic - Fire Department

6. HEARINGS - 7:00 pm - None Scheduled.

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a. [License Modification - Change of Officers/Directors: Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. d/b/a Shaw's: Located at 255 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the Change of Officers/Directors for Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. d/b/a Shaw's, Located at 255 East Central Street. The new officers will be Cody Perdue as Director, Treasurer and Group Vice President, and Eric Myers as Director.

Approved 9-0.

8. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSION

- a. Legislative Delegation: Senate President Karen Spilka, Senator Rebecca Rausch, Representative Jeffrey Roy

9. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 22-64: Appropriating Funds by Borrowing to Pay Costs of Land Acquisition: Land of Schmidt's Farm, Inc. off Prospect Street \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-64 - Two-Thirds Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-64, to appropriate \$3,800,000 to pay costs of purchasing the land of Schmidt's Farm, Inc. as well as all incidental and related costs, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer-Collector with the approval of the Town Administrator, is authorized to borrow \$3,800,000 at one time or from time to time, under GL Chapter 44B Section 11, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Approved 9-0.

- b. [Resolution 22-65: Town of Franklin's Exercise of Town's Chapter 61A, Section 14 First Refusal Option. Re: Land of Schmidt's Farm, Inc. off Prospect Street, Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Title Reference: Book 11712, Page 405 \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-65 - Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-65, to exercise its first refusal option to purchase Land of Schmidt's Farm, Inc. off Prospect Street, excepting approximately two acres, together with access thereto to be reserved by Landowner to construct a single-family residence for its principal, said reserved land shown as Lot 1 together with a right of access over Parcel A, also shown on the plan of land referenced in Resolution 22-65, for the purchase price of \$3,800,000. The Town Council also directed that a copy of this vote be mailed to Schmidt's Farm, Inc. by certified mail as notice of Town's exercise, together with a copy of Town's proposed purchase and sales agreement described in paragraph 3 of Resolution 22-65, and that an attested copy of his vote also be recorded at Norfolk Registry of Deeds. The Town Council also approved the purchase and sales agreement for Town's purchase of Land from Landowner. The Town Council also authorized and directed the Town Administrator to execute any other documents and to take any and all other action necessary to consummate Town's purchase of Land.

Approved 9-0.

- c. [Resolution 22-66: FY23 Community Preservation Appropriation of Funds - Red Brick School House \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-66 - Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-66, appropriate \$50,000 from Community Preservation for Red Brick School House renovations.

Approved 9-0.

- d. [Resolution 22-67: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4 \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-67 - Majority Vote\)](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-67, to appropriate \$28,000 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, representing the agreed annual amount for capital improvements in the first five years the Town's agreement with Verizon, to be paid to Franklin Cable Access Corp. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.

Approved 9-0.

- e. [Resolution 22-68: Gift Acceptance - Police Dept. \(\\$1,000\), Veterans' Services Dept. \(\\$100\)](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-68 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-68, to accept generous gifts on behalf of the Police Department (\$1,000 to be applied toward the Dept's annual Halloween event) and on behalf of the Veterans' Services Department (\$100 to be applied toward the Monument Restoration Fund).

Approved 9-0.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

11. SUBCOMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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