



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

November 16, 2022

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

2nd floor, Council Chambers

355 East Central Street

7:00 PM

ACTIONS TAKEN

Absent: Councilor Dellorco

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. Link to access meeting via Zoom for the November 16, 2022 Town Council meeting:

- Zoom Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open 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.*

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

- [October 19, 2022](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes.
Approved 8-0. Absent-1 (Dellorco).

4. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- Becki Carloni - Franklin Fire Department

5. APPOINTMENTS

- [Library Board of Directors - Alison Wallace](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to appoint Alison Wallace to serve as a Member of the Library Board of Directors with a term to expire on June 30, 2025.
Approved 8-0. Absent-1 (Dellorco).

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

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a. [La Cantina Winery Company, Farmer-Winery, Special License to allow sale of wine at 2022-2023 Franklin Winter Farmers' Market located at 887 Lincoln Street](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the Farmer-Winery Special License to allow sale of wine at the 2022-2023 Franklin Winter Farmers' Market located at 887 Lincoln Street for La Cantina Winery Company.
Approved 8-0. Absent-1 (Dellorco).

8. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSION

- a. Presentation: Recreation Department, Ryan Jette, Director of Recreation
- b. [Discussion: Davis-Thayer Reuse Committee](#)

9. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 22-71: Further Amending the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-71 - Majority Vote\)](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-71, to amend the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program to increase the wage rate to the new state minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2023.
Approved 8-0. Absent-1 (Dellorco).
- b. [Resolution 22-72: Further Amending the Veterans' Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-72 - Majority Vote\)](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-72, to amend the Veterans' Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program to increase the wage rate to the new state minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2023.
Approved 8-0. Absent-1 (Dellorco).
- c. [Resolution 22-73: General Funds Appropriation, Transfers and Adjustments FY23 \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-73 - Majority Vote\)](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-73, to transfer and adjust FY23 General Fund appropriations that in total amount to an increase in the FY23 General Fund operating budget of five hundred forty-two thousand, five hundred-seven dollars (\$542,567).
Approved 8-0. Absent-1 (Dellorco).
- d. [Resolution 22-74: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept. \(\\$1,550\) \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-74 - Majority Vote\)](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-74, to accept generous donations for the Veterans' Services Department in the total amount of \$1,550 to be applied toward the Monument Restoration fund, the Municipal Assistance Fund and the Gift Fund.
Approved 8-0. Absent-1 (Dellorco).
- e. [Resolution 22-75: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4 \(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-75 - Majority Vote\)](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-75, to appropriate \$92,189.37 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, representing the amount received from Comcast in the previous quarter, to be paid to Franklin Cable Access Corp. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.
Approved 8-0. Absent-1 (Dellorco).

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a. [Franklin Open Space and Recreation Plan Kickoff Process](#)

11. SUBCOMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

c. Budget Subcommittee

d. GATRA Advisory Board **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

13. 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*

14. ADJOURN

Note:

Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting