



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

REVISED

December 14, 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.*

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

- [November 2, 2022](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the November 2, 2022 minutes.
Approved 9-0.
- [November 16, 2022](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the November 16, 2022 minutes.
Approved 9-0.

4. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS - None Scheduled.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- [Mark LePage - Conservation Commission](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to appoint Mark LePage to serve as a Member of the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on June 30, 2024.
Approved 9-0.
- [Alison Rheame - Disability Commission](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to appoint Alison Rheaume to serve as a Member of the Disability Commission with a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Approved 9-0.

c. [Francesca Ricci - Disability Commission](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to appoint Francesca Ricci to serve as a Member of the Disability Commission with a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Approved 9-0.

d. [Lloyd \(Gus\) Brown - Sealer of Weights and Measures](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to appoint Lloyd (Gus) Brown to serve as the Sealer of Weights and Measures with a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Approved 9-0.

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

7. **LICENSE TRANSACTIONS**

a. [2023 Annual Alcohol License Renewals](#) - See attached 2023 Town of Franklin Alcohol Licenses Renewals

ACTION: The Town Council approved the 2023 Annual Alcoholic Beverages License Renewals.

Approved 9-0.

8. **PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSION**

a. Franklin Library Association Presentation of Gift - Scott Nolan, President, FLA

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

9. **LEGISLATION FOR ACTION**

a. [Resolution 22-86: Gift Acceptance - Franklin Public Library \(\\$70,000\)](#)

(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-86 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-86, to accept an exceptionally generous donation for the Franklin Public Library in the amount of \$70,000 from the Franklin Library Association.

Approved 9-0.

b. [Resolution 22-87: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department \(\\$565\)](#)

(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-87 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-87, to accept generous donations for the Veterans' Services Department in the total amount of \$565 to be applied toward the Municipal Assistance Fund.

Approved 9-0.

c. [Bylaw Amendment 22-888: Chapter 170, Vehicles And Traffic, Section 170-22, Subsection A, Location of Stop Signs - First Reading](#)

(Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 22-888 to a second reading - Majority Roll Call Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Bylaw Amendment 22-888, to accept three stop signs located on streets that the Town has recently accepted.

Approved 9-0.

d. [Resolution 22-88: Local Acceptance of MGL Ch40, Section 5B, Fourth Paragraph](#)

(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-88 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-88, to accept the fourth and final paragraph of Ch. 40, Section 5B, as described in Resolution 22-88.

Approved 9-0.

e. [Resolution 22-89: Creation of the Massachusetts Statewide Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, as Authorized b GL Chapter 40, Section 5B](#)

(Motion to Approve Resolution 22-89 - Two-Thirds Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-89, to create a stabilization fund known as “Massachusetts Statewide Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund” to accumulate revenue received from the MA Statewide Opioid Settlement.

Approved 9-0.

- f. [Resolution 22-90: Authorization of and Appropriation for Purchase of Three Parcels of Unimproved Land](#) (**Motion to Approve Resolution 22-90 - Majority Vote**)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-90, to authorize and appropriate for the purchase of three parcels of unimproved land.

Approved 9-0.

- g. [Resolution 22-91: Authorization for Town Administrator to Submit American Rescue Plan Act Applications to Norfolk County](#) (**Motion to Approve Resolution 22-91 - Majority Vote**)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-91, to accept the receipt of ARPA funds from and/or through Norfolk County, to approve the expenditure of said funds for water main replacements & police detail, and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute any and all documents and/or to take any and all other action required for Town to receive said funds.

Approved 9-0.

- h. [Resolution 22-92: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4](#) (**Motion to Approve Resolution 22-92 - Majority Vote**)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-92, to appropriate \$78,798.41 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, representing the amount received from Verizon in the previous quarter, to be paid to Franklin Cable Access Corp. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.

Approved 8-1 (No - Councilor Pellegrini)

- i. [Resolution 22-95: Gift Acceptance - Recreation Department \(\\$109,832.25\)](#) (**Motion to Approve Resolution 22-95 - Majority Vote**)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-95 to accept a generous donation totaling \$109,832.25 from Joseph Vendetti to be applied toward the cost of purchase and installation of artificial turf at the Beaver Pond playground.

Approved 9-0.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

11. SUBCOMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Capital Budget Subcommittee
- b. Economic Development Subcommittee
- c. Budget Subcommittee
- d. GATRA Advisory Board

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Exception #2: Contract negotiations with non-union personnel, namely: Town Administrator
- b. Exception #3: Strategy with respect to collective bargaining: Police Patrol, Police Sergeants and Fire Department unions

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- a. Vote on approving Administrator contract, subject to Executive Session outcome
 - i. Legislation for action:

1. Resolution 22-93: Approval of Town Administrator’s Contract (**Motion to Approve Resolution 22-93 Majority Vote**)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-93, to approve the Town Administrator’s contract.

Approved 9-0.

- b. [Resolution 22-94: Salary Schedule: Full-Time Elected Official - Town Clerk](#) (*Motion to Approve Resolution 22-94 - Majority Roll Call Vote*)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 22-94, to approve the salary schedule for the Town Clerk, which was revised to reflect a FY23 salary of \$106,000 to become effective January 1, 2023.

Approved 9-0.

16. ADJOURN

Note: Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting