



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

January 18, 2023

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.

Link to access meeting via Zoom for the January 18, 2023 Town Council meeting:

- Zoom Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open Zoom".
- Or copy and paste this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89388141045>
- Call-In Phone Number: Call 1-929-205-6099 and enter **Meeting ID # 893 8814 1045** --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 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

- [January 4, 2023](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the January 4, 2023 minutes.
Approved 9-0.

4. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS - None Scheduled.

5. APPOINTMENTS - None Scheduled.

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

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- [License Modification - Change of Manager: NEP OPS-T, LLC d/b/a Residence Inn Boston Franklin, Located at 4 Forge Parkway, Franklin, MA 02038](#)
ACTION: The Town Council approved the request for a change of manager on the §12 Innkeeper/Hotel, All Alcoholic Beverages License for NEP OPS-T, LLC d/b/a Residence Inn Boston Franklin. The new manager will be Samantha Wood.
Approved 9-0.

8. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSION

- a. Presentation: One Year Update of the Franklin Senior Center - Danielle Hopkins, Senior Center Director and Christina Larose, Deputy Director
 - i. [Slideshow presentation](#)
 - ii. [Senior Center 2030: A 7-year strategic plan for the Franklin Council on Aging](#)
- b. Discussion: Stormwater Utility Update
 - i. [Update Memo & Draft Stormwater Credit Manual](#)
 - ii. [Stormwater property specific impervious surface website portal](#)

9. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 23-11: Home Rule Petition on Newspaper Legal Ads](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-11 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 23-11, to authorize the Town of Franklin to petition the General Court to enact legislation captioned "An Act Authorizing the City Known as the Town of Franklin to Utilize Alternative Methods for Notice of Public Hearings".
Approved 9-0.
- b. [Resolution 23-12: Acceptance of New \(Re-located\) Sewer Easement and Abandonment of Active Use of Existing Sewer Easement at 259 Cottage St.](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-12 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 23-12, to accept a new (re-located) sewer easement and abandon active use of existing sewer easement at 259 Cottage Street.
Approved 9-0.
- c. [Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-891: Zoning Map Changes from Rural Residential II and Single Family Residential III to Rural Residential II or Single Family Residential III an Area On or Near Lincoln St.](#) **(Motion to Refer Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-891 to the Planning Board - Majority Vote)**
ACTION: The Town Council voted to refer Bylaw Amendment 23-891 to the planning board, which if approved would amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Franklin by changing from Rural Residential II and Single Family Residential III to Rural Residential II an area containing 26.004± acres comprising three parcels of land as outlined in Bylaw Amendment 23-891 , and by changing from Rural Residential II and Single Family Residential III to Single Family Residential III an area containing 20.057± acres, comprising seven parcels of land as outlined in Bylaw Amendment 23-891.
Approved 9-0.
- d. [Resolution 23-13: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept. \(\\$2,350\) & Fire Dept. \(\\$100\)](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 23-13 - Majority Vote)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve Resolution 23-13 to accept two generous donations totaling \$2,350 for the Veterans' Services Department and a generous donation totaling \$100 for the Fire Department.
Approved 9-0.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a. [OPEB Actuarial](#)

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 - None Scheduled.

15. ADJOURN

Note: Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting