

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 19, 2023**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at the Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA. Councilors present: Brian Chandler, Theodore Cormier-Leger, Robert Dellorco, Cobi Frongillo, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Thomas Mercer, Deborah Pellegrini, Patrick Sheridan. Councilors absent: None. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator; Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER: ► Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Chair Mercer called for a moment of silence. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ► Chair Mercer reviewed the following as posted on the agenda. 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. He announced that this meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV; this meeting may be recorded by others.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello stated there are two elections. The Tri-County election will be held October 24 from 12 PM to 8 PM. The Town election will be held on November 7 from 6 AM to 8 PM. She stated that nomination papers can be pulled on August 1 at 8 AM; they must be returned by September 6 by 5 PM. September 22 by 1 PM is the last day to withdraw candidacy. October 28 is the last day to register to vote. She stated that all information is available on the website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ► *May 25, 2023, June 7, 2023, and June 21, 2023.* ► **MOTION to Approve** the May 25, 2023 meeting minutes by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Jones. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve** the June 7, 2023 meeting minutes by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Jones. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve** the June 21, 2023 meeting minutes by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Jones. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: ► *Agricultural Commission: Nick Capoccia (6/30/25).* ► *Cultural District Committee: Sue Cass (6/30/26), Patrick Conlan (6/30/26).* ► *Design Review Commission: Amy Adams (6/30/25), Jim Bartro (6/30/26).* ► *Finance Committee: Lauren Nagel (6/30/26).* ► *Franklin Cultural Council: Carol Fletcher (6/30/26), John Ristaino (6/30/25), Jean Wolf (6/30/25).* ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointments by the Town Administrator as listed above with term expiration dates as listed above by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated they are all great people. ► Councilor Jones thanked all who volunteered for these positions. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

HEARINGS: 7:00 PM. None.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: ► *License Modification - Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers: Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc., d/b/a Shaw's, Located at 255 East Central Street.* ► **MOTION to Waive** the reading by **Cormier-Leger. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve** the request by Shaw's Supermarket, Inc. d/b/a Shaw's, for a change of Officers/Directors as described above (in document provided in meeting packet) by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Cormier-Leger. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that this is a pretty routine transaction. ► Attorney Nick Zozula of McDermott Quilty & Miller LLP (via Zoom) stated that he would be happy to answer any questions. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► Discussion: Legislative Delegation: Senator Rebecca Rausch, Representative Jeffrey Roy.

► Senator Rausch stated that she wanted to present a citation to celebrate Franklin resident Ms. Kaye Kelly who earned a 2023 Commonwealth Heroine Award from the state. She read aloud the citation. ► Ms. Kelly thanked everyone and said it has been an experience of a lifetime. She discussed how she was able to serve the community through arts and culture during a global pandemic. ► Representative Roy stated the House gave Ms. Kelly a citation as well. He stated that tonight they are here to talk about what has been happening on Beacon Hill. He stated that they are aware of the stressors the town is under. He congratulated the Town Council in handling many of the issues professionally and with great service to the community. He stated that they are currently running on an interim budget; the FY24 budget should be finalized soon. He stated that they anticipate unrestricted aid contains a 3.2 percent increase of FY23 funding; this will represent just under \$3 million for the community. He stated that Chapter 70 would be funded at \$6.5 billion in line with the Student Opportunity Act. He explained what that means for Franklin and explained that means the minimum of \$60 per student for Franklin which results in approximately \$29.2 million in Chapter 70 funding for Franklin for FY24. He discussed special education and noted they should see \$75 million and some will go to Franklin. He discussed charter school and fair share revenue funding and free school meals programs. He discussed lottery proceeds. He discussed funding the genocide education programs. He stated that in terms of local funding programs, their budget will provide \$50,000 for the SAFE Coalition. He stated that the budget includes \$50,000 for the Franklin Food Pantry for their building project, \$25,000 for the Franklin Downtown Partnership, and money for the Franklin Performing Arts Company. He stated that the FY24 Chapter 90 bond bill is also in a conference committee and had \$200 million for local road maintenance which means \$933,000 in Chapter 90 funding for FY24. He reviewed expanding the rail trail and working to try to get the portion owned by CSX. He stated that they funded an MBTA quiet zone study for the community. He discussed other items that he is fighting to get for Franklin. He reviewed some of the committee work that he has done. He stated that last session they passed two major landmark climate bills into law. He stated that he is happy to report the first commercial scale off-shore wind project will produce power for 400,000 homes by the end of this year. He stated that he will be going on a boat tour to see this in September. He discussed other investments in the Commonwealth. He stated that they are going to do more climate legislation as they have little time to save the planet. He discussed that hydro power is coming from Quebec. He discussed that they are looking at permitting reform and advanced metering for power being used in homes and businesses. He said they will do be doing more electrical vehicle charging. He discussed that they will be looking at rebates from Mass Save. He discussed policies that he has been working on including that he received an award from the American Cancer Society for work on a bill. He stated that he and Senator Rausch have a strong relationship with Governor Healy. He stated that Governor Healy appointed a climate chief. He stated that there is a new road safety law which requires motorists to provide at least four feet of space when passing a non-vehicle road user which includes bicyclists. He stated that remote and hybrid meeting options have been extended to March 2025. He thanked the Town Council for their service to the community. ► Senator Rausch noted some of the items Representative Roy already reviewed. She stated that in addition she was able to secure in the Senate budget \$65,000 for the continued implementation of universal mental health screening for all students in grades 7 and 9 for the upcoming school year in Franklin. She stated that the Senate budget is still in the process of hammering out all the details. She reviewed additional funding areas including that there was over \$503 million for the Special Education Circuit Breaker which is state-wide funding which is a significant increase. She stated that she was very proud to have championed what is called the Hey Sam program which is a state funded youth mental health text line. She stated it is fully funded and fully functioning. She stated this program has a 100 percent success rate. She reviewed some of the other legislation that they have been able to move so far. She reviewed some of her committee work and said she serves as a reappointed chair of the joint committee on the environment and natural resources. She stated that anything and everything that has to do with climate change, environmental protection and planetary preservation that is not about energy and utilities comes to her committee. She stated that she meets monthly with the secretary of environmental affairs. She stated that some of her high priority legislation is that she has filed more than five dozen bills this term which are moving through the legislative process; one of those bills is on plastics to drastically reduce single use

plastics throughout the Commonwealth. She reviewed some of the other bills. She stated that she continues to run her small business advisory council. She stated that she addresses concerns from residents in Franklin. She stated that she is doing in-person in-district town halls, and she is super excited about it. She stated that she continues to feel honored to represent this town. She stated that she has a monthly newsletter. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► In response to a comment about Tri-County costs and that Tri-County feels they are underfunded from the state level, Senator Rausch stated that they have increased the regional school transportation. She stated that in general there is a finite pot of money and she is open to conversations about new revenue streams. She stated that they are not the federal government and cannot operate at a deficit. She stated that she is part of the dialogue with the interplay between district schools and regional schools and where the funding belongs and discussions about school buildings. She stated that there are many sides and many thoughts about where education money should be going.

► Representative Roy stated that one penny of the sales tax is devoted to school building assistance. He stated that the need for high quality vocational education cannot be understated. He discussed that it will be up to the voters to choose the direction that they wish to move regarding the Tri-County School. ► In response to comments about getting medical records on trans people, Representative Roy spoke about the protections in place in the Commonwealth. He stated that there are people trying to move into Massachusetts because it is a welcoming state. He stated that we have the most extensive protections in place for all citizens of the Commonwealth and we welcome all citizens to come here. He stated that he cannot think of a safer space than the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He stated that we protect individual rights. ► Senator Rausch stated that she hears from students and adults that this is a scary time. She stated that Massachusetts is a welcoming place. She stated that if people are stressed, they can text Hey Sam. ► Mr. Hellen noted that the project cost for Tri-County School is slightly under \$300 million. He stated that the state will cover about one-third of that. He discussed the progression of the process and the involvement of MSBA. He explained that to pass, it is an aggregate vote of all 11 communities with a simple majority. ► In response to a request to touch on affordable housing, Representative Roy noted \$250,000 for Franklin Ridge. He stated that a priority is getting affordable housing and getting people places to live. He stated that they established a housing secretary in Massachusetts. He said it is an economic boom to get more housing and people in their communities. He discussed the genocide bill. He stated that it was not an easy bill to get over the hurdle. He stated that there is nothing more that teaches you about humanity than genocide education. ► Senator Rausch stated that it was a powerful bill signing. She added that she hears about the concept of the missing middle. She asked how do we effectively direct funding and support and incentives to build starter homes. She stated that finding the right set of policy choices is an ongoing conversation; she stated that the conversations are ongoing at the state level. In response to a question to expand on environmental justice, she discussed the office of environmental justice that was created to do some deeply dedicated work. She stated that her committee gets the bulk of the items. She stated that they will hear multiple pieces of legislation in the fall about environmental justice including waste management and air pollution from burning waste. She stated that they are directing millions of dollars into environmental justice. ► Councilor Frongillo stated that he works in the State House and the legislators are very dedicated. ► In response to comments about the wrongfully imprisoned program, Representative Roy discussed someone in prison for a crime the person did not commit. He stated that currently under the law after they have been wrongfully put in prison, they leave with nothing. This would give them immediate cash for housing and get an education and provide them with social services to reintegrate into society and it would lift the cap on damages the person could seek in a lawsuit which is currently capped at \$1 million. He discussed the amount of money that should be awarded for taking that person's liberty. He stated that this bill will provide the person with instant cash. He stated let's make the system more fair. ► Senator Rausch discussed plastic alternatives such as biodegradable plastics. She stated that she is going to learn more about this. She stated that she does not have an update on the redesigning of the flag and seal; the commission is still meeting. ► Representative Roy responded to the question about putting a 5-cent refund on plastic bottles and what can we do about the nips. He stated that his committee deals with the bottle bill. He stated that one piece of a bill before them is to add plastic bottles and to add nips and to increase the rate to 10 cents to encourage people to return them. He stated this item was brought to the people about 10 years ago and it was rejected. ► Senator Rausch stated that in her plastics reduction act it would ban the sale of plastic nips in the state. She discussed innovative work to make plastic

bottles out of recycled plastic. She stated that it is a very complicated area. ► In response to questions about state aid, Representative Roy stated that Franklin has been getting a great deal of Chapter 70 state aid since the 90s. He stated that it is currently about 35 percent of the schools' budget. He discussed the additional \$60 per student increase. He stated that Chapter 70 aid will continue to go up but will cover less of a portion of the school budget. ► In response to a question as to why Franklin is rated as number two in safe communities, Representative Roy said this is a community that values communities, hires the right officials, and provides a great education to the kids. He stated that when you have that level of high value, there is no surprise that it is safe. ► Senator Rausch stated that the work of the Cultural Council has fostered that good community. ► In response to a comment stating what are we doing with China and India, Representative Roy said that for years we have sent manufacturing over to China and we are beginning to see reshoring of that work. He stated that we saw during Covid the supply chain disruption that really opened our eyes to the need to bring things back. He stated that climate change and global warming do not know borders. He stated that Massachusetts has always been a leader in this space. ► In response to a question, Senator Rausch stated that there is still a fuel assistance program. ► Town Council members thanked the presenters for attending tonight's meeting and for their good work. ► Chair Mercer thanked the presenters for the Chapter 70 and Chapter 90 money; he stated that more dollars are needed. He stated that Franklin High School is built to take solar panels; we just need someone to give them to us. He stated that he was thankful for the Franklin Ridge money, but anything they can do to help the project get there faster would be appreciated. He discussed that the state's MSBA model school program once had a great program. He said this program was a great benefit when building Franklin High School. He asked the presenters to discuss with others in the state to bring back the program. He thanked the presenters for all they do for Franklin. ► Mr. Hellen introduced new Deputy Town Administrator Amy Friguliatti.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

Note: Two-Thirds Vote requires six votes; Majority Vote requires majority of members present and voting.

- a. ***Bylaw Amendment 23-900R: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations, D. Parking Prohibited, Downtown Parking Map Amendment - Second Reading (Motion to Approve Bylaw Amendment 23-900R - Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ► Councilor Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Approve** Bylaw Amendment 23-900R: Chapter 170, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, §170-15 Parking Prohibitions and Limitations, D. Parking Prohibited, Downtown Parking Map Amendment by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed that this is a second reading and final vote of this bylaw amendment which will amend the Downtown Parking District Map by changing the hours of no overnight parking at the Depot Street parking lot and the Ferrara lot to 12 am to 5 am Sunday to Thursday, and to 2 am to 5 am Friday and Saturday. He explained that at the June 7 first reading, the Town Council voted to amend the Friday and Saturday hours, which originally were the same as the Sunday to Thursday hours of 12 am to 5 am. He noted the Davis Thayer parking times. The Town Council voted unanimously both on the amendment and on moving the bylaw, as amended, to a second reading. He noted the new parking kiosks are replacing the parking permits. ► Councilor Hamblen thanked those who were involved in the compromise for the hours and for the new kiosks. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- b. ***Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-894: To Amend Chapter 185, Section 3 of the Code of the Town of Franklin to add Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Definition - Second Reading (Motion to Approve Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-894 - Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ► Councilor Jones read the zoning bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Approve** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-894: To Amend Chapter 185, Section 3 of the Code of the Town of Franklin to add Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Definition by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed, as written in his letter to the Town Council dated July 14, 2023, that this is a second reading and final vote on three (3) bylaw

amendments relative to accessory dwelling units: ●23-894: To Amend Chapter 185, Section 3 of the Code of the Town of Franklin to add Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Definition ● 23-895R (As Further Revised): To Amend Chapter 185, Attachment 8, Use Regulations Schedule Part VII: Accessory Uses of the Franklin Town Code to Add Accessory Dwelling Residential Units ● 23-896: To Amend Chapter 185, Section 19 of the Code of the Town of Franklin to Add on Accessory Dwelling Unit Setbacks. He reviewed that at the April 12 meeting, the Town Council voted to refer these three bylaws to the Planning Board. He stated that 23-894 and 23-896 were referred to the Planning Board unanimously (8-0); 23-895R was referred to the Planning Board as amended with a vote of 6-2. The Town Council altered the EDC's recommendation to allow ADU's by right in the rural zoning districts. The Planning Board voted unanimously (5-0) at their May 8 meeting to recommend adoption of all three, as originally presented by the EDC+ Steering Committee, to the Town Council. In other words, the Planning Board recommended to reject the amended version of 23-895. He stated that on June 7 the Town Council held a public hearing and first reading of these bylaws. The Town Council voted unanimously (9-0) to move 23-894 and 23-896 to a second reading; 23-895R was moved to a second reading with a vote of 7-2, as it was originally presented to the Town Council and recommended by the Planning Board. ►Councilor Hamblen noted that this item also went through the Franklin for All committee. She thanked everyone involved in this item of legislation. ►**ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrri-YES; Sheridan-YES.** ►**VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- c. ***Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-895R (As Further Revised): To Amend Chapter 185, Attachment 8, Use Regulations Schedule Part VII: Accessory Uses of the Franklin Town Code to Add Accessory Dwelling Residential Units - Second Reading (Motion to Approve Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-895R - Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ►Councilor Jones read the zoning bylaw amendment. ►**MOTION to Approve** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-895R (As Further Revised): To Amend Chapter 185, Attachment 8, Use Regulations Schedule Part VII: Accessory Uses of the Franklin Town Code to Add Accessory Dwelling Residential Units by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ►Mr. Hellen stated that this is the item that had debate on the accessory use table. He stated that these have always been a no for a use in the commercial districts. ►Councilor Hamblen stated that this was discussed a lot. She said that Building Commissioner Gus Brown was here and explained his side. She stated that she thinks that we should just get this done. ►Councilor Frongillo discussed missing middle housing which he said refers to all the housing forms that exist between single family homes and large apartment complexes and there are a whole bunch. He said we have made it really difficult to build something in that range. He stated that at some point if we are interested in recognizing that it is difficult to afford housing in Franklin, it will require setting a vision of what the town will look like and removing impediments of building middle housing types. He stated that this measure takes a set toward that. He stated that he hopes we get more applications for this and more approved. ►Councilor Jones thanked Councilor Hamblen for her work on the EDC. ►**ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrri-YES; Sheridan-YES.** ►**VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ►Chair Mercer thanked those involved with this legislation.
- d. ***Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-896: To Amend Chapter 185, Section 19 of the Code of the Town of Franklin to Add on Accessory Dwelling Unit Setbacks - Second Reading (Motion to Approve Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-896 - Majority Roll Call Vote).*** ►Councilor Jones read the zoning bylaw amendment. ►**MOTION to Approve** Zoning Bylaw Amendment 23-896: To Amend Chapter 185, Section 19 of the Code of the Town of Franklin to Add on Accessory Dwelling Unit Setbacks by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ►Mr. Hellen stated congratulations to all those getting the last legislation item passed. This item regards the setback requirements. ►**ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrri-YES; Sheridan-YES.** ►**VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- e. **Resolution 23-45: Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with County of Norfolk for County of Norfolk to Provide Sealer of Weights and Measures Services to Town of Franklin (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-45 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 23-45: Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with County of Norfolk for County of Norfolk to Provide Sealer of Weights and Measures Services to Town of Franklin by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed that in 2022, the State terminated their program that provided Sealer of Weights and Measures services to Franklin and other communities with a population over 20,000 residents. Building Commissioner Gus Brown has been serving in this role for Franklin in the interim. We now have an opportunity to join several other towns including Needham, Canton, and Wrentham to an agreement with Norfolk County to have these services provided to us by Norfolk County. He stated that the agreement is included in the meet packet. This legislation authorizes the Town Administrator to enter into the agreement. He stated that the Building Commissioner endorses this as well. He noted that the participating communities are currently working on reevaluating the fee schedule and are looking to have commensurate fee schedules. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger asked about the budget for this position. ► Mr. Hellen reviewed the amount and noted this will be budget saving of about \$10,000. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- f. **Resolution 23-46: Acceptance of and Authorization for Town Administrator to Execute Conservation Restriction on Two Open Space Parcels at Brookview Condominium located off Pond Street (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-46 - Majority Vote).** ► **MOTION to Waive** the reading by **Hamblen. SECOND** by **Sheridan. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 23-46: Acceptance of and Authorization for Town Administrator to Execute Conservation Restriction on Two Open Space Parcels at Brookview Condominium located off Pond Street by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that these are the small pieces of open space at the end adjacent to the brook; this is the formal acceptance of town land. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- g. **Resolution 23-47: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept. (\$600), Fire Dept. (\$300) (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-47 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 23-47: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept. (\$600), Fire Dept. (\$300) by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Chair Mercer stated thank you to the gift donors. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► Mr. Hellen congratulated Lt. Jason Reilly for being the most recent graduate of the MMA's Suffolk Program. He stated that he is the fifth graduate from Franklin from this program. He stated that August 2 at 7 PM is the Joint Budget subcommittee meeting; August 16 is an EDC meeting in which they will talk about the snow removal issue along with other items.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee. None.**
- b. **Economic Development Subcommittee. None.**
- c. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► Chair Mercer stated that the August 2 meeting is the start and is very important.
- d. **GATRA Advisory Board.** ► Councilor Frongillo stated that they will not be meeting in the summer; they will be meeting again in September. He explained some situations with the bus pick ups and drop offs. He stated they are having meetings to discuss how to improve dealing with people with dementia in their operation. ► Chair Mercer asked if communication with GATRA is easier recently. ► Councilor Frongillo said yes. ► Councilor Dellorco asked about their contract negotiations. ► Councilor Frongillo stated he will get that information.
- e. **Master Plan Update Committee.** ► Councilor Jones stated the next meeting is on July 26 at 6:30 PM. He stated that things are moving along well.
- f. **Davis-Thayer Building Reuse Advisory Committee.** ► Councilor Pellegri stated that they had their first meeting last night and it went very well. She said there are new people on the committee. She stated

there were some residents there that gave their opinions on what would be a good thing for the Davis Thayer School. She said she suggested everyone have an open mind. She said she wants to listen to what everyone has to say. She said there is tons of reading to do. She said the meeting can be seen on Franklin TV, and the next meeting is on August 15.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Councilor Sheridan asked for an update on the South Meeting House.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Councilor Hamblen said that because of the great work the Farmers Market manager has done, SNAP program has now a \$20 match. She said there are Concerts on the Common this Friday along with the Farmers Market. She said the Senior Center hours are tomorrow. She said we will see you all in August. ► Councilor Chandler said that August 1 is the election papers. He said to please come to the Budget Subcommittee meeting. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger thanked the legislative delegation for coming out tonight. He said that he does not think he is the only person in town that is alarmed at the growing number of panhandlers that are coming particularly in the Stop & Shop plaza. He said I am not concerned that they are asking people for money, I am concerned about the situation they are in and concerned that maybe they are not getting the services they need, and I am particularly concerned that they are standing at a busy intersection with babies. He asked Mr. Hellen if he could ask the folks who help with social services. ► Councilor Jones noted that in the process of people learning about how things work, education is key. He gave a shoutout to Mr. Steve Sherlock of Franklin Matters who has a plethora of information that is archived at Franklin Matters. He noted he got word that the Massachusetts Bay Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps has been ranked as number 1 in the nation. He stated that the hope is to continue to build their leadership skills. ► Councilor Dellorco gave condolences to the family of Brett Van Vort. He asked Mr. Hellen to have Town Engineer Michael Maglio call him regarding the elevation of the road at 6 and 8 Charles Drive. ► Chair Mercer gave his wife and sister get well wishes. He gave condolences to the FSPA family as one of the band members who has been with the school since its inception passed away. He congratulated those who organized the July 4th celebration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: ► MOTION to Adjourn by Dellorco. SECOND by Jones. No discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary