

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 15, 2023**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at the Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA. Councilors present: Brian Chandler, Theodore Cormier-Leger, Robert Dellorco (via Zoom), Cobi Frongillo, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones (via Zoom), 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. ► He stated that Councilor Dellorco and Councilor Jones would be attending the meeting via Zoom.

SWEARING IN OF TOWN COUNCIL: ► Ms. Nancy Danello, Town Clerk, conducted the swearing in of all Town Council members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, CLERK:

► Nominations were accepted for Town Council Chair. **Nomination of Mercer by Hamblen. SECOND by Cormier-Leger. No Discussion. Motion to Appoint Tom Mercer as Chair. No SECOND. No Discussion.**

► **ROLL CALL VOTE (for Chair): Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

► Nominations were accepted for Town Council Vice Chair. **Nomination of Dellorco by Chandler. SECOND by Pellegrini. No Discussion. Motion to Appoint Robert Dellorco as Vice Chair. No SECOND. No Discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE (for Vice Chair): Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

► Nominations were accepted for Town Council Clerk. **Nomination of Jones by Sheridan. SECOND by Hamblen. No Discussion. Motion to Appoint Glenn Jones as Clerk. No SECOND. No Discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE (for Clerk): Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

ADOPTION OF TOWN COUNCIL PROCEDURE MANUAL: ► Resolution 23-60: Adoption of Procedures Manual of the Franklin Town Council (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-60 - Majority Vote).

► Councilor Hamblen read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 23-60: Adoption of Procedures Manual of the Franklin Town Council by Pellegrini. SECOND by Sheridan. Discussion:** ► Chair Mercer reviewed that this resolution must be voted annually. ► Mr. Hellen stated that this must be done right away; this is a procedural matter. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

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. ► Chair Mercer reviewed upcoming Town sponsored community events: on November 16 from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM at the Senior Center the Town Council will hold office hours; on November 21 at 6 PM the Town Council will hold a public hearing at Council Chambers to set the annual tax rate; on November 25 from 10 AM to 12 PM Mrs. Claus will make her annual Thanksgiving weekend appearance at the Franklin Historical Museum and will read *The Night Before Christmas*; and on November 26 starting at 4 PM the Annual Christmas on the Common will be held with holiday festivities including refreshments, lighting Town Common and holiday light displays, and visiting with Santa and Jingle the Elf.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

Chair Mercer announced that Councilor Jones has left the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ► *October 18, 2023.* ► **MOTION to Approve** the October 18, 2023 meeting minutes by **Hamblen. SECOND** by **Pellegrini. No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES.** ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: ► *Agricultural Commission: Cynthia Garbosk.* ► Councilor Hamblen read the appointment. ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment by the Town Administrator of Cynthia Garbosk to serve as a member of the Agricultural Commission, with term expiration June 30, 2026, by **Hamblen. SECOND** by **Pellegrini. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that Ms. Garbosk started the Farmers Market and has a farm on Prospect Street. He said he thinks she will be a great member of the Commission. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES.** ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.

HEARINGS – 7:00 PM: ► *Transfer of Section 15 All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License, Approval of Pledge of Liquor License, and Approval of Bhaveshkumar Patel as the Manager - Heeru Corporation d/b/a DeVita's Market, Located at 198 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038 (License Transaction #9a).* ► *Chair Mercer declared the public hearing open.* ► Mr. Hellen stated that this is for the approval of the transfer of Section 15 All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license. He stated this is for sale on the premises, but people take the alcohol home; there is no consumption onsite. He said this is also for the pledge of liquor license as well as the approval of the actual manager of the license. He stated that all departments have signed off on the application. ► Attorney John Mooradian of Demakis Law Offices, Ankitaben Patel, and Bhaveshkumar Patel addressed the Town Council. Attorney Mooradian said they are buying DeVita's Market through the Heeru Corporation, and they are seeking approval of the transfer of the package store license. He said this is a change of business ownership; there is no change to the market, the footprint, or the concept. He stated that Bhaveshkumar Patel will be the manager of record; he is TIPS certified as will be the three to four employees. ► Mr. Cerel noted the current owner of the premises, Michael Donovan, is in attendance. ► *Chair Mercer declared the public hearing closed.*

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: ► *Transfer of Section 15 All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License, Approval of Pledge of Liquor License, and Approval of Bhaveshkumar Patel as the Manager - Heeru Corporation d/b/a DeVita's Market, Located at 198 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038.* ► Councilor Hamblen read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the Transfer of Section 15 All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License, Approval of Pledge of Liquor License, and Approval of Bhaveshkumar Patel as the Manager - Heeru Corporation d/b/a DeVita's Market, Located at 198 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038 by **Hamblen. SECOND** by **Pellegrini. Discussion:** ► Councilor Chandler stated this is big shoes to fill of Mr. Donovan. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES;**

Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► Presentation: Franklin Elks Riders Donation to Veterans' Services Department (Legislation for Action #9f). ► Veterans Services Officer Shannon Nisbett introduced Elks Riders President Rich Gatley. ► Mr. Gatley recognized members of the Elks Riders who made this and other donations possible, many of whom were in attendance at the meeting. He noted the Elks Riders now have 32 members and have raised funds and donated to many charities. He stated that they are providing a check of \$1,000 to the Veterans Gift Fund. ► Ms. Nisbett said that she and Veterans Services Assistant Debra Martin thank the Elks Riders for their generous donation. She reviewed that since 2021, the Elks Riders have donated \$5,000 to veterans' funds. She introduced all Elks Riders members in attendance. She thanked them all for their great work.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

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

- f. Resolution 23-62: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department (\$1,000) (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-62 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Hamblen read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 23-62: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department (\$1,000) by **Cormier-Leger**. **SECOND** by **Frongillo**. **No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS (continued): ► Discussion: Open Meeting Law, Public Records, Ethics and Conducting a Public Meeting - Mark Cerel, Town Attorney. ► Mr. Hellen stated that usually after a Town election, the Town Attorney reviews a series of laws including Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law, and Ethics Law, but seeing it is the same nine members who already know the rules and have signed the ethics, there is really no need to go through the presentation. He said that however, for the record and the fact that we do it every two years, this item was put on the agenda just in case any councilors had any questions. ► Chair Mercer confirmed there were no questions from Town Council members.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION (continued):

- a. Resolution 23-58: General Funds Appropriation, Transfers and Adjustments FY24 (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-58 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Hamblen read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 23-58: General Funds Appropriation, Transfers and Adjustments FY24 by **Pellegrini**. **SECOND** by **Frongillo**. **Discussion:** ► Chair Mercer clarified that the Finance Committee vote was 5-0 in favor. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger pointed out that the Town Administrator budget encompasses many different things. He said it is not the Town Administrator's salary and benefits alone, so there is a reduction because of a marketing person not there and a secretarial position not there, and when we look at the Tri-County number it has nothing to do with the new building, it has to do with a reduction of the number of students enrolled. He said that he encouraged folks that if they have questions about these budget numbers, please look at the details provided. ► Councilor Frongillo said there are two things he gets from this. He said they are lucky to have the Finance Committee and Town Administration as they are very good at what they do in making sure every dollar is accounted for. He said two things stand out to him. He said it is a healthy reminder that one of the ways we are able to raise money to pay for services is new growth and that is impacted by the rules that we have for what can be developed in our community, so making sure that we are welcoming in certain positive development in the community. He said the second is that to name it, he thinks that marketing communications, which is one of the roles that was reduced, are a very important part of a healthy local government. He said as we continue to engage citizens mostly digitally and virtually, that position becomes increasingly important, and he hopes we do

not go too long in finding the budget to reinstate that position. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

- b. Resolution 23-59: Stormwater Enterprise Fund Appropriation Reduction FY24 (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-59 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Hamblen read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 23-59: Stormwater Enterprise Fund Appropriation Reduction FY24 by Pellegrini. SECOND by Cormier-Leger. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen said they are asking to reduce the budget because of the federal ARPA funds. He said they will end up using a couple hundred thousand to pay off those services. He stated that this is important because it is the first year of the Enterprise Fund and so as we go through the tax rate setting process, the Department of Revenue will want to see a few things including that we have a solvent account and it is financially sustainable. He said the DOR likes to see some small cushion of surplus in an enterprise fund as it shows we are managing our money well. He said this is more of an administrative item. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

- c. Bylaw Amendment 23-903: A Bylaw to Amend the code of the Town of Franklin at Chapter 82, Fees, Municipal Service - First Reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 23-903 to a Second Reading).** ► Councilor Hamblen read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Move Bylaw Amendment 23-903: A Bylaw to Amend the code of the Town of Franklin at Chapter 82, Fees, Municipal Service, to a Second Reading by Pellegrini. SECOND by Cormier-Leger. Discussion:** ► DPW Director Brutus Cantoreggi discussed that they try to operate on an even keel so they are not making or losing money. He said in 2022, the EPA banned mattresses in the waste stream, so they all have to be recycled. He said in 2022, they did approximately 300 per year and charged \$10 each; in 2023, we started getting more of them. He reviewed that last year we did 473 and this year it cost us \$65 to get rid of each mattress. This has been supplemented with some grant money. So far this year we have done 654 and we are on track to do 1,500. He said that we are getting imported mattresses from other communities. He discussed the system to collect them. He said when they have to be left outside when there is no room, it then costs \$135 to get rid of them as they are considered hazardous waste. He said they are proposing the rate to \$65 as it is the actual cost to get rid of one. ► Town Council members asked questions. ► In response to questions, Mr. Cantoreggi explained that a vehicle recycling sticker is required. ► Highway and Grounds Superintendent Carlos Rebelo said they have not found too many mattresses on the sides of the roads. ► Mr. Cantoreggi explained how they plan for fee increases and this one he did not see coming. He explained they look at the waste stream, and he thinks there is no other community that takes more than Franklin does. He noted that they are getting close to the land swap with the state regarding land for the recycling center. He responded that he did not check as to what other towns are charging for mattresses; he said that some towns do not even take them. ► Stormwater and Environmental Affairs Superintendent Derek Adams reviewed the past and present cost of mattress disposal. ► Chair Mercer asked what Waste Management charges if they pick up a mattress. ► Mr. Adams said Waste Management currently does not accept them. He said there are some vendors in town that will pick them up and charge approximately \$75 to \$100. ► Mr. Cantoreggi said he thinks the Town should continue to provide the service. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

► Chair Mercer stated that the following bylaw amendment is being brought back, and it is close enough to a resubmission that he thinks they should have a resubmission vote in order to take up the bylaw. He said that as a resubmission, it requires a two-thirds vote to reconsider the bylaw, and it is close enough to what it was before that rather than get into any legalese, he figures that this is a better way to do this. He stated that what he would like is to entertain a motion for resubmitting Bylaw Amendment 23-902 which was a bylaw to

amend the Code of the Town of Franklin by inserting Chapter 147, Snow and Ice, Removal Of. ► **MOTION** to **Resubmit** Bylaw Amendment 23-902: A Bylaw to Amend the Code of the Town of Franklin by Inserting Chapter 147, Snow and Ice, Removal Of, by **Hamblen**. **SECOND** by **Pellegrini**. **No discussion**. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE (to reconsider the bylaw amendment): Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES**. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

d. Bylaw Amendment 23-902: A Bylaw to Amend the Code of the Town of Franklin by Inserting Chapter 147, Snow and Ice, Removal Of - First Reading (Motion to Move Bylaw Amendment 23-902 to a Second Reading - Majority Vote). ► Councilor Hamblen read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION** to **Move** Bylaw Amendment 23-902: A Bylaw to Amend the Code of the Town of Franklin by Inserting Chapter 147, Snow and Ice, Removal Of, to a Second Reading by **Pellegrini**. **SECOND** by **Frongillo**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed his memo to the Town Council dated November 9, 2023, provided in the meeting packet, which stated the following. A first reading of a previous iteration of this bylaw was held on October 11th, and after careful discussion and deliberation the Town Council ultimately voted not to move it to a second reading. General consensus among the Councilors who opposed the bylaw was that they would like to see a few changes to the language and map, and then vote on a revised bylaw. Bylaw Amendment 23-902 has now been updated to reflect the Councilors' feedback, which includes: Removal of residential feeder streets from the requirement (except the few residences that are on 140, Franklin Crossing or around the college perimeter); and removal/clarification that roofs are not required to be cleared. In the absence of adequate staffing or funding for the Town to remove all snow and ice alone, the purpose of this bylaw is to take a modest step toward creating a new community culture where we all need to chip in to help remove snow and ice from town sidewalks to make them more safe and accessible for all residents. The proposed bylaw and map are included in the agenda packet. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► In response to questions, Mr. Hellen said that even if a store is closed on the day of a storm, snow removal is still required. ► Mr. Cerel said he did not think there was a need to state this in the bylaw as it is irrelevant if it is open or closed as it is an absolute time period that kicks in based on when it stops snowing. ► Councilor Frongillo said this is a product of a compromise, and he appreciates this as a first step in shifting to a culture where the expectation is that we have walkable mobile sidewalks in a timely basis so people can reasonably live withing relying on a car to get around. He said the green on the map should be brighter to stand out more. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger said they previously talked about DPW placing salt and sand barrels in the downtown area so those residents would not be unfairly punished in having to provide snow melting materials. He said he did not see this in the bylaw. ► Mr. Hellen said they would hesitate to put that in the bylaw. He said he hopes people would be good citizens, but people will go up there and get free salt. He said they can work procedurally with the DPW to find a couple of spots that may help people. He said they may get the argument from some as to why they are not getting Town salt. ► Mr. Cantoreggi suggested that if anyone/businesses in the area felt they wanted some salt, they could call the DPW about it, and they could work something out. He said he is going to try to make this as painless as possible. He said it is about public education. He said he wants to work with the folks and get it done. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES; Sheridan-YES**. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

e. Resolution 23-61: 2024 Town Council Meeting Schedule (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-61 - Majority Vote). ► Councilor Hamblen read the resolution. ► **MOTION** to **Approve** Resolution 23-61: 2024 Town Council Meeting Schedule by **Pellegrini**. **SECOND** by **Sheridan**. **Discussion:** ► Councilor Cormier-Leger asked if they really wanted to have a meeting on Valentine's Day. ► Chair Mercer said why don't we vote the resolution and then adjust that one. He said we can delete it and then add one. ► Mr. Hellen reviewed the January and February schedule possibilities. ► Chair Mercer said let's eliminate the Valentine's Day meeting for now and not put another one in; if we need one, we will add it later on. ► **MOTION** to **Amend** Resolution 23-61: 2024 Town Council Meeting Schedule to remove the

February 14, 2023, date by Frongillo. **SECOND** by Cormier-Leger. No discussion. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE (for the amendment):** Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1. ► **MOTION to Move Resolution 23-61: 2024 Town Council Meeting Schedule As Amended by Pellegri. SECOND** by Sheridan. No discussion. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE (as amended):** Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.

- g. **Resolution 23-63: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department (\$1,975) (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-63 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Hamblen read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 23-63: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department (\$1,975) by Pellegri. **SECOND** by Sheridan. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen thanked the donors for their incredible donations. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.
- h. **Resolution 23-64: Establishment by Town Council of Subcommittee for Town Administrator Evaluation (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-64 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Hamblen read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 23-64: Establishment by Town Council of Subcommittee for Town Administrator Evaluation by Pellegri. **SECOND** by Cormier-Leger. **No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.
- i. **Resolution 23-65: Establishment by Town Council of Subcommittee for Review of Rules of Procedure of the Town Council (Motion to Approve Resolution 23-65 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Hamblen read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 23-65: Establishment by Town Council of Subcommittee for Review of Rules of Procedure of the Town Council by Pellegri. **SECOND** by Cormier-Leger. **No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-YES. ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► Mr. Hellen stated that he took the migrant housing update off the official agenda. He said he has given updates every couple of weeks and answered a lot of questions for the community. He said he is happy to report that everything at the hotel is stable. He thanked all those involved in working hard to integrate the folks into the community. He said he thinks the House and Senate are working out details for more funding. He said there is information on the website on the migrant housing item. He noted there is a hearing next week on the tax rate. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee. None.**
- b. **Economic Development Subcommittee. None.**
- c. **Budget Subcommittee. None.**
- d. **Master Plan Update Committee.** ► Councilor Frongillo said they met last Wednesday. He said the big news is that BETA Group and Barrett Planning Group who have been contracted to do the data collection and analysis presented their initial findings at the last meeting. He said they sent the 175-page document with the data which the committee is going through. He said it is really getting going now. He said to look for the survey for all residents which is going public soon. He said someone generously donated two \$100 gift cards as a give-away for participants.
- e. **Davis-Thayer Building Reuse Advisory Committee.** ► Councilor Pellegri confirmed the next meeting is November 28.
- f. **Police Station Building Committee. None.**

- g. **GATRA Advisory Board.** ► Councilor Frongillo said they met today. He said the big news is that from November 24 to December 31 all GATRA buses are free.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Councilor Sheridan wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. ► Councilor Frongillo mentioned office hours tomorrow at 8:30 AM at the Senior Center. He said this Saturday is the Franklin Newcomers Craft Fair at the Tri-County High School from 9 AM to 3 PM. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger thanked all Town staff and volunteers for the groundbreaking of the Beaver Street Interceptor. He thanked Town Clerk Nancy Danello and her team for the great election day. He thanked Ms. Shannon Nisbett and her staff for putting together the Veterans Day luncheon at the Elks last week. He wished all a happy Thanksgiving. ► Councilor Chandler said he saw some towns are already doing their winter parking ban. He said Franklin's winter parking ban is very reasonable. He voiced concern regarding the School Committee and One Franklin with what is happening with the override and the numbers. He said what he is seeing is no one is doing much to get the numbers. He said he wants to get it on the ballot to give the voters the choice. ► Councilor Hamblen said the holiday decorating event around the bridge is November 18 and people can reach out to Eileen Mason or the Franklin Downtown Partnership for more information. She thanked all the voters, the Town Clerk, and the election team for showing up, and she thanked Ms. Nisbett for the Veterans luncheon. ► Councilor Pellegri thanked Ms. Danello for a well-run election. She noted there are three more elections coming up. She said she was happy to attend the Veterans breakfast, and she thanked Ms. Nisbett. She thanked the Elks for doing so much. She wished all a happy Thanksgiving. ► Councilor Dellorco thanked Ms. Danello for a great election day. He thanked the first responders as he was in a recent accident. He thanked all his fellow councilors and others for reaching out to him and thinking of him. ► Chair Mercer congratulated his fellow councilors for being elected again. He thanked them for supporting him to continue as chair. He thanked the voters for coming out. He noted there are about 25,000 eligible voters and about 6,000 came out to vote in the election. He said he would like to see more voters come out and vote. He thanked Town Clerk Nancy Danello and the election workers for their great job. He thanked all the Elks for their continued donations to veterans. He wished all a happy Thanksgiving and safe holiday season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: ► **MOTION to Adjourn** by **Hamblen**. **SECOND** by **Pellegri**. **No discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Chandler-YES; Cormier-Leger-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegri-YES; Sheridan-YES.** ► **VOTE:** **Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary