



FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

October 6, 2021

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

2nd floor, Council Chambers

355 East Central Street

7:00 PM

ACTIONS TAKEN

Absent: Councilor Kelly

A NOTE TO RESIDENTS: All citizens are now welcome to attend public board and committee meetings in person. Additionally, in an effort to maximize citizen engagement opportunities, citizens will be able to continue to participate remotely via phone OR Zoom. The meetings will also be [live-streamed by Franklin TV](#) and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29.

- **Link to access meeting:** October 6, 2021 Town Council Meeting Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open Zoom"
 - Or copy and paste this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87840435009>
 - **Call-In Phone Number:** Call **1-929-205-6099** and enter Meeting ID # **878 4043 5009** --Then press #

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- a. *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.*
- b. *Chair to Identify members participating remotely.*

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- a. *Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to five 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

- a. [September 1, 2021](#)
ACTION: The Town Council approved the September 1, 2021 minutes. **Approved 8-0**
- b. [September 15, 2021](#)
ACTION: The Town Council approved the September 15, 2021 minutes. **Approved 8-0**

4. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- a. Franklin Cultural Council - 2021 Cultural Fest

5. APPOINTMENTS

- a. [Susan Younis - Municipal Affordable Housing Trust](#)
ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the appointment of Susan Younis to serve as a Member of the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust with a term to expire on June 30, 2022.
Approved 8-0

b. [Candice Narsasian - Cultural District Committee](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the appointment of Candice Narsasian to serve as a Member of the Cultural District Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Approved 8-0

c. [Anne Bergen - Franklin TV Board of Directors](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the appointment of Anne Bergen to serve as a Member of the Franklin TV Board of Directors with a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Approved 8-0

d. [Ken Norman - Franklin TV Board of Directors](#)

ACTION: The Town Council voted to approve the appointment of William (Ken) Norman to serve as a Member of the Franklin TV Board of Directors with a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Approved 7-1

6. HEARINGS - 7:10pm - None Scheduled

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None scheduled

8. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a. [Franklin School Department Update to Town Council](#): Dr. Sara Ahern, Superintendent of Schools

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

10. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 21-54: A Resolution Adopting the Town of Franklin 2021 Housing Production Plan](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-54 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 21-54, to adopt the Town of Franklin 2021 Housing Production Plan. **Approved 8-0**

- b. [Resolution 21-55: Gift Acceptance - Veterans Department, \\$1000](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-55 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 21-55, to accept an exceptionally generous gift on behalf of the Veterans' Services Department. **Approved 8-0**

- c. [Resolution 21-56: Gift Acceptance - Conservation Commission, \\$1000](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-56 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 21-56, to accept an exceptionally generous gift on behalf of the Conservation Commission. **Approved 8-0**

- d. [Resolution 21-57: Gift Acceptance - Town of Franklin, Dog Park Gazebo](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-57 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 21-57, to accept an exceptionally generous gift on behalf of the Town of Franklin. **Approved 8-0**

- e. [Resolution 21-58: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4](#) (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-58 - Majority Vote)

ACTION: The Council made a motion to approve resolution 21-58. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires the Town Council to vote to appropriate PEG funds received from Comcast to an established revolving account. This resolution appropriated \$36,000.00 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under M.G.L Ch.4, §53F3/4, to be paid to Franklin Cable Access Corp. to support capital equipment expenditures. **Approved 8-0**

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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