



## FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

### Agenda & Meeting Packet

December 4, 2019

Municipal Building  
Council Chambers  
355 East Central Street  
2nd Floor  
7:00 PM

REVISED

### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

#### 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.*

#### 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 - None

#### 4. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS - None

#### 6. HEARINGS

- a. Franklin Tax Classification Hearing

#### 7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a. 99 Restaurants of Boston, change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers & Change of Ownership Interest, 847 West Central Street

**ACTION:** The Town Council approved the request by 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant and Pub, for a change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers & Change of Ownership Interest. **Approved 8-0**

#### 8. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS - None

#### 9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

#### 10. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. Resolution 19-80: Tax Classification Residential Factor (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-80 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-80, to maintain a single tax rate for all property owners. **Approved 8-0**

- b. Resolution 19-81: Tax Classification - Open Space Exemption (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-81 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-81, to maintain no tax exemptions for open space. **Approve 8-0**

- c. Resolution 19-82: Tax Classification Small Business Exemption (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-82 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-82, to maintain no tax exemptions for small businesses. **Approved 8-0**

- d. Resolution 19-83: Tax Classification Residential Property Exemption (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-83 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-83, to maintain no tax exemptions for residential property. **Approved 8-0**

- e. Resolution 19-84: Gift Acceptance - Franklin Public Library, \$10,500 (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-84 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-84, to accept a generous gift in the amount of \$10,500 from the Friends of Franklin Library Board. This donation will be used at the discretion of the Franklin Library for the purchase of technology and other items as specified in the donation. **Approved 8-0**

- f. Resolution 19-85: Gift Acceptance - Franklin Senior Center, \$250 (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-85 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-85, to accept a generous gift in the amount of \$250 from Ames Financial Services to be used at the discretion of the Franklin Senior Center for Senior Center Programs. **Approved 8-0**

- g. Resolution 19-86: Town Council 2020 Meeting Calendar (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-86 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-86, this approved the proposed 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar. **Approved 8-0**

- h. Resolution 19-87: Appropriation of Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per M.G.L Ch.44, §53F3/4 (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-87 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Town Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-87, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires the Town Council to vote to appropriate PEG funds received from Comcast and Verizon to

an established revolving account. This resolution appropriated \$182,192.88 in PEG funds received in the Third quarter from Verizon and Comcast to the Cable Access Corporation per M.G.L Ch.4, §53F3/4. **Approved 8-0**

- i. Resolution 19-88: Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility Fee Study Committee (**Motion to Approve Resolution 19-88 - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to approve Resolution 19-88, this resolution established a Stormwater Utility Fee Study Committee pursuant to paragraph 26 of the Franklin Town Council Procedures Manual. This Ad Hoc Committee will consist of three Town Council members for the current Council term. **Approved 8-0**

- j. Bylaw Amendment 19-846: Chapter 153 Stormwater Management - 1st Reading (**Motion to Move Bylaw 19-846 to a 2nd Reading - Majority Vote (5)**)

**ACTION:** The Council made a motion to move Bylaw Amendment 19-846, Chapter 153 Stormwater Management, to a second reading. **Approved 8-0**

**11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**13. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pending Litigation: *Southern Foods Group, LLC. et al., debtors (Dean Foods)***

**15. ADJOURN**

*Note:*

*Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes*

*Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting*