

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 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; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney; Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

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 and shown on Comcast channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting may be recorded by others.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Mr. Archit Bhatia, 25 MaryJane Road, stated that he would like to give a presentation on the greenhouse gas inventory for Franklin. He stated that he got into the project through the Franklin High School Green Team. He stated that they took an inventory of all the emissions of the town. He narrated a slideshow presentation. He stated that they used the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) greenhouse gas inventory tool which helped them get information on activities in town that raised emissions. He provided an overview of the findings. He stated that per year, Franklin releases approximately 350,000 tons of CO₂. He described stationary energy. He stated that in total, Franklin emits 10.8 tons of CO₂ per resident, per year. He reviewed information regarding heading in the direction of net zero. He stated that he would be excited if the town administration continued to work with them on this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ► *May 25, 2022 and May 26, 2022.* ► **MOTION to Approve** the May 25, 2022 meeting minutes by Dellorco. **SECOND** by Jones. **No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.** ► **MOTION to Approve** the May 26, 2022 meeting minutes by Dellorco. **SECOND** by Jones. **No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: ► *Proclamation and Performance: Electric Youth.* ► Chair Mercer stated that this is a proclamation recognizing Electric Youth. He read aloud the proclamation honoring Electric Youth on the occasion of their 2022 European tour. ► Ms. Raye Lynn Mercer thanked the Town Council. ► Electric Youth members introduced themselves and gave a singing presentation.

► *Proclamation: LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Recognition.* ► Chair Mercer stated that this is a proclamation recognizing LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger read aloud the proclamation honoring LGBTQIA+ Pride Month recognizing June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

Chair Mercer declared a two-minute recess.

APPOINTMENTS: ► ***Richard Salve - New Hire, Firefighter/Paramedic - Fire Department.*** ► Fire Chief James McLaughlin introduced new member of the Fire Department, Richard Salve. He reviewed Mr. Salve's education, background, and career. ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello performed the swearing in. ► Mr. Salve's girlfriend pinned the badge.

► ***Timothy Sweeney - New Hire, Firefighter/Paramedic - Fire Department.*** ► Fire Chief James McLaughlin introduced new member of the Fire Department, Timothy Sweeney. He reviewed Mr. Sweeney's education, background, and career. ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello performed the swearing in. ► Mr. Sweeney's wife pinned the badge.

► ***Annual Reappointments of Boards and Committees.*** ► Councilor Jones read the Appointed Committee Members June 2022 document. ► **MOTION to Ratify** the Annual appointments to the following boards and commissions (as listed on the Appointed Committee Members June 2022 document) by **Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Ms. Pellegri asked about the Historical Commission's appointment regarding Alan Earls as a full member as his application indicates serving as an associate. ► Mr. Hellen noted an email correspondence indicating that Mr. Earls wanted to be a full member. ► Councilor Frongillo asked about the application process and the reappointment process. ► Mr. Hellen stated that when there is a vacancy, they put out an announcement, and traditionally a lot of applications are received. In approximately July, they will put out a posting with all the currently available seats. Normally, they do not need to do that every year; they keep the applications on file. He explained the reappointment process. He stated that when a term of appointment is up, the person is asked if they would like reappointment. Usually, if there are no concerns, the member can be reappointed. He stated that it is good to have some consistency on the boards. He noted that these are volunteers. ► Councilor Frongillo asked that the reappointment process be looked into. He stated that there are a whole bunch of benefits of getting new people in. ► Mr. Hellen explained the staggered appointment terms on most non-elected boards. He stated that many of the bigger committees have a very healthy cycle of new faces. He provided an example of the Finance Committee membership. ► Councilor Jones stated that there were times that the town was struggling to get volunteers on boards. He said that he is excited to see people stepping up to get involved in volunteer opportunities. He stated that there are countless hours behind the scenes that are needed to do the committee work. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

► ***Tri-County School Committee Appointment - Jennifer D'Angelo.*** ► Councilor Jones read the appointment. ► **MOTION to Ratify** the appointment by the Town Administrator of Jennifer D'Angelo to serve as a member of the Tri-County Regional Vocational School Committee, with a term to expire on June 30, 2025, by **Jones. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen and Councilor Pellegri stated this is a great candidate. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

HEARINGS: None.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: None.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

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

- a. ***Resolution 22-36: FY23 CPA Budget & Reservations (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-36 - Majority Vote).*** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 22-36: FY23 CPA Budget & Reservations by **Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen

explained that the vote before the Town Council is the formal legal recommendation from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). This budget sets out 5 percent administrative costs, 10 percent for each of the three categories, and 65 percent remaining in the budgeted reserve. He reviewed that this states the legal framework for which we have to spend the money by those amounts in those categories. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- b. Resolution 22-37: FY23 CPC Appropriation of Capital Funds (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-37 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 22-37: FY23 CPC Appropriation of Capital Funds by Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that there are some great projects; this is huge. This is what everyone voted for. He stated that he is excited to bring these forward and endorsed by the CPC. He stated that these are a lot of projects that people had in mind; he is grateful to get these projects moving. He noted that the Red Brick Schoolhouse has been out to bid; bids will be due soon. He stated that he hopes the work will start in July. ► CPC Chairman Christopher Feeley was in attendance at the meeting. ► Councilor Jones confirmed the Red Brick Schoolhouse is still being used by the robotics club. ► Councilor Hamblen stated that she is excited that these projects are going to get done. She asked why each item has to be a separate appropriation. ► Mr. Hellen stated it is an accounting process. ► In response to questions, Mr. Feeley stated that these projects were all voted on unanimously by the committee. He noted that other projects were discussed; there is going to be a rolling application process. ► Mr. Hellen explained the Franklin Ridge housing project and where some of the funding has come from for this project; this amount matches the required 10 percent contributions. He stated that the state and federal have to help out on this project. ► Councilor Chandler stated that the Red Brick Schoolhouse is dilapidate, and he appreciates the CPC taking on this project list. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- c. Resolution 22-38: CPC Appropriation of Funds - Debt Service Maple Hill Land (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-38 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 22-38: CPC Appropriation of Funds - Debt Service Maple Hill Land by Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that this is the first payment on the Maple Hill property. In the future, they will not have to do this annually; he wanted people to know the cost. He noted that from the borrowing of about a month ago, they got a 3.38 interest rate. ► Councilor Hamblen stated that due to the CPC, we can save open space, and it is really not that much money. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- d. Resolution 22-40: Appropriation Transfers FY22 (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-40 - Majority Vote).** ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 22-40: Appropriation Transfers FY22 by Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that on an annual basis there are a few transfers that need to be done between departments. He stated that the real message is that out of a \$138 million budget, all of our departments did a tremendous job staying within budget and working within their budget to where we only have to transfer less than \$50,000. In response to questions, he stated that regarding the \$10,000 for Fire Expenses, he believes there was a cost increase in one of the contracts. He explained the Town Administrator Expenses for \$7,800. He stated that any unspent money during the fiscal year creates free cash money. He stated that the \$7,800 is probably miscellaneous from all the accounts. ► Fire Chief James McLaughlin explained Fire Expenses for \$10,000. He stated that they were a little short. He stated that they went a little over with training. He reviewed the EMS training process. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
- e. Resolution 22-41: Authority for Town Administrator to File Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-41 - Majority Vote).** ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 22-41: Authority for Town Administrator to File Clean Water State Revolving Fund**

Application by **Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed that the SRF loan application for this project requires a last resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to file applications, execute agreements, provide relevant information for grant and/or loan assistance, and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with this application.

► DPW Director Brutus Cantoreggi, in response to questions, stated that through the whole project, they have an outside consultant who will be there and who will bring in specialists as well. It is a checks and balances kind of thing, similar to the plant they did on Grove Street. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

- f. Resolution 22-42: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept. (\$1,960) (Motion to Approve Resolution 22-42 - Majority Vote).* ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 22-42: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept. (\$1,960) by Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that Mr. Joseph Halligan is probably one of the more generous people in town. He thanked him for his gift. He noted that next year, this will be a Town-sponsored event. He discussed reasons as to why the Memorial Day Parade was not a Town-sponsored event this year. He noted that in previous years it was the Rotary Club that spearheaded the parade. ► Councilor Pellegri questioned why the police detail payment was not taken out of the Town budget and why an individual had to pay for it. She stated that she does not agree with having to have an individual pay for a police detail. She stated that we should have found the money to pay for it; we find the money for other things. ► Mr. Hellen explained that historically the Rotary Club has funded the Memorial Day Parade including the police detail. ► Councilor Jones thanked Mr. Halligan for his wonderful donation. He thanked former Town Council member Matt Kelly for spearheading the Memorial Day Parade with the Rotary Club. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-1, Absent-0.** (Councilor Pellegri voted No.)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► **None.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee.** ► **None.**
- b. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► **None.**
- c. **Economic Development Subcommittee.** ► **None.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Councilor Sheridan asked to talk about the flag and the historical districts. ► Mr. Hellen stated the historical districts discussion would be around November. ► Councilor Frongillo asked to follow up with the student who presented the greenhouse gases inventory and get it on an agenda. He asked to talk about parking. ► Councilor Hamblen stated that she agreed with Councilor Sheridan about a discussion on the flag and the emissions discussion. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger mentioned the state flag presentation; he supported hearing more from the group putting it together. He asked to hear more about the greenhouse gases emissions. ► Councilor Pellegri asked if the plastic bags were going to be brought forward again; we put it on hold. ► Mr. Hellen stated that it has been in the local code for four years. It was passed. He noted there was a brief hold put on it during Covid. He confirmed businesses should not be using plastic bags. ► Councilor Pellegri stated something should be put out on Facebook or wherever to let people know they are not supposed to be using them because there are stores using them. ► Councilor Jones stated that he would like the Davis Thayer School to be put on a future agenda. ► Councilor Dellorco asked for the person who did the greenhouse gases emissions presentation to be brought back.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Councilor Cormier-Leger thanked the Town for the proclamation recognizing Pride month. ► Councilor Chandler thanked all the people who volunteer and all the people who were reappointed to the boards and committees. He thanked Mr. Halligan for his payment of the police detail for the Memorial Day Parade. He said Electric Youth were awesome. ► Councilor Pellegri

gave condolences to the family of Stacey Bower. ► Councilor Sheridan thanked the Franklin Clergy Council for organizing the event in Support for Ukraine held on Town Common. ► Councilor Frongillo noted the Franklin Art Association is opening their art gallery; the grand opening is tomorrow from 6 PM to 8 PM. He noted Pride Day is Sunday at the Town Common from 12 PM to 4 PM. ► Councilor Hamblen said ditto to what everyone said. She stated that she was adding to not forget about the Farmers' Market. She stated that this year the SNAP program is in effect; Dean Bank has matched the first \$10 you spend. She wished everyone a wonderful and safe Fourth of July. ► Councilor Jones asked for the feasibility of getting lights at the crosswalk at Dean College. ► Mr. Hellen stated that he got a response from DPW Director Brutus Cantoreggi. He stated that Mr. Cantoreggi and the Town Engineer have taken note of it; they are going out to see how close some of the ornamental lights are. They plan to talk to the new incoming Dean College president about this. ► Mr. Cantoreggi stated that ornamental lights are easy to change; so, if we need to upgrade it, it can be easy to change. He noted the trees have grown as well. ► Councilor Jones apologized for his absence at the last meeting due to Covid. ► Councilor Dellorco gave a shout-out to the Franklin High Baseball Team. He gave condolences to the family of Stacey Bower. ► Chair Mercer gave a shout-out to the Franklin High Baseball Team. He congratulated the Franklin Boys Lacrosse Team and the Franklin Girls Lacrosse Team.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ► *Collective Bargaining - Exemption #3: Collective Bargaining (all Town unions) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.* ► Chair Mercer stated there is a need for an executive session for Collective Bargaining, Exemption #3, Collective Bargaining (all Town unions) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares, and we will not return to open session. ► **MOTION to Enter** executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining - Exemption #3: Collective Bargaining (all Town unions) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares, and to not return to open session, by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **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.**

Open Session ended at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary



Franklin, MA Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory



The Tool: Metropolitan Area Planning Council

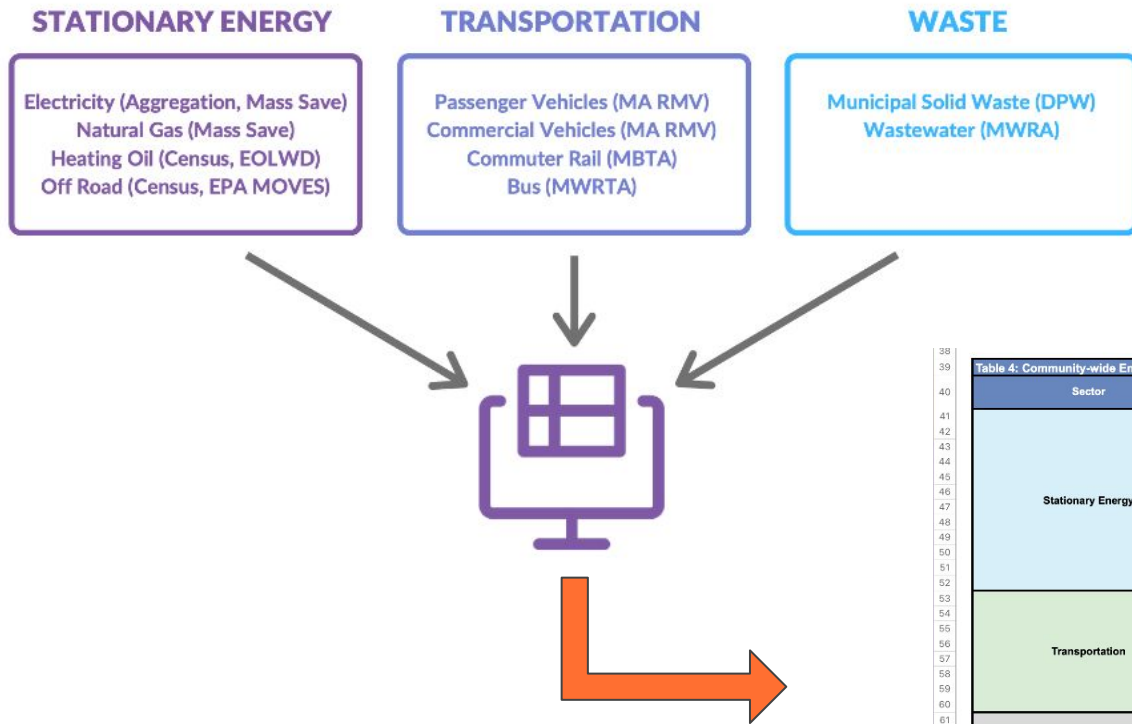


Table 4: Community-wide Emissions Summary by Sector, Subsector, Source & Scope			
Sector	Subsector	Source	Scope
Stationary Energy	Residential Buildings	Electricity	2
		Electricity T&D Losses	3
		Fuel Oil	1
		Natural Gas	1
	Commercial & Institutional Buildings & Manufacturing Industries	Nat. Gas. Dist. Losses	1
		Electricity	2
		Electricity T&D Losses	3
		Fuel Oil	1
		Natural Gas	1
		Nat. Gas. Dist. Losses	1
Construction	Off-Road (Various Fuels)	1	
	Off-Road (Various Fuels)	1	
Transportation	On-road	CNG	1
		Diesel	1
		Electricity	2
		Electricity T&D Losses	3
	Rail	Gasoline	1
		Diesel	1
		Electricity	2
		Electricity T&D Losses	3
Waste	Solid Waste Disposal	Methane Commitment	3
	Biological Treatment of Waste	Direct Emissions	3
	Incineration and Open Burning	Incineration	3
	Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	Effluent	3
All Sectors & Subsectors			

Total Emissions

Waste

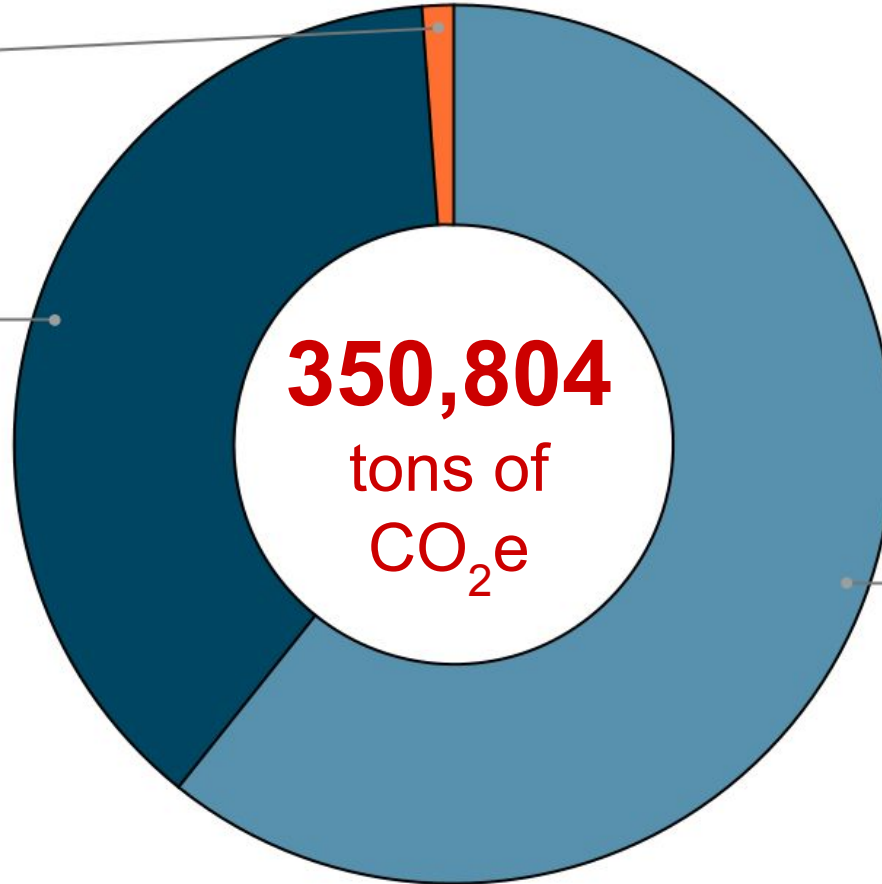
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Transportation

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Stationary Energy

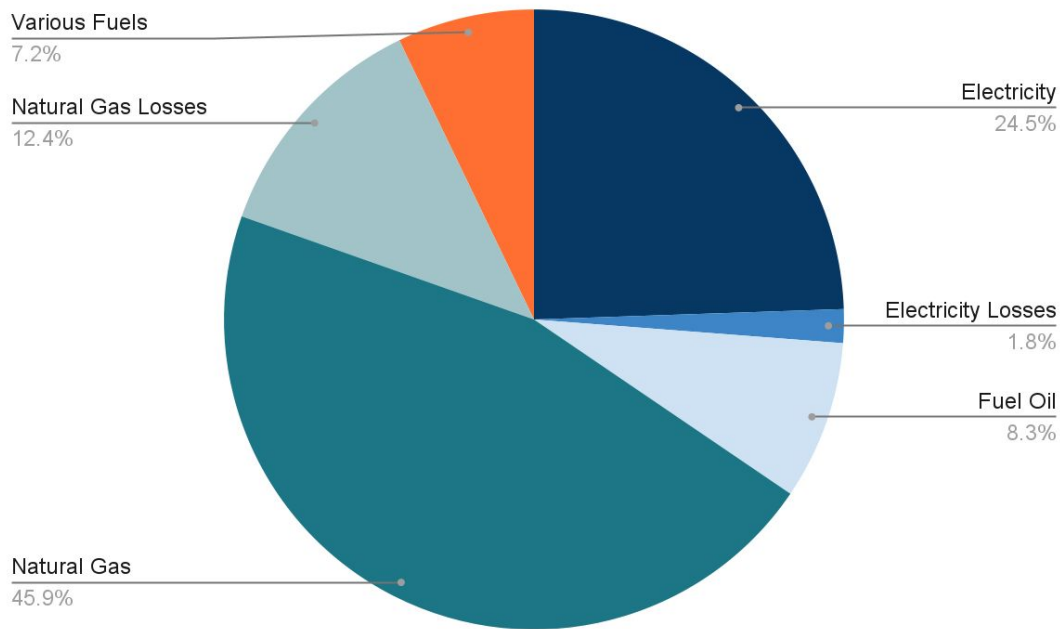
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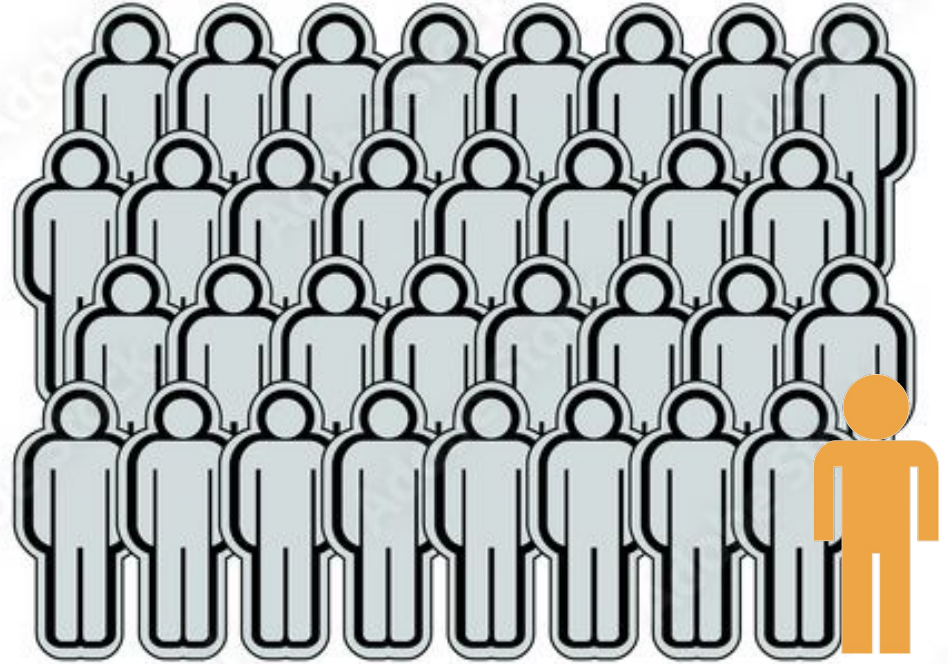
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CO₂e

What is Stationary Energy?

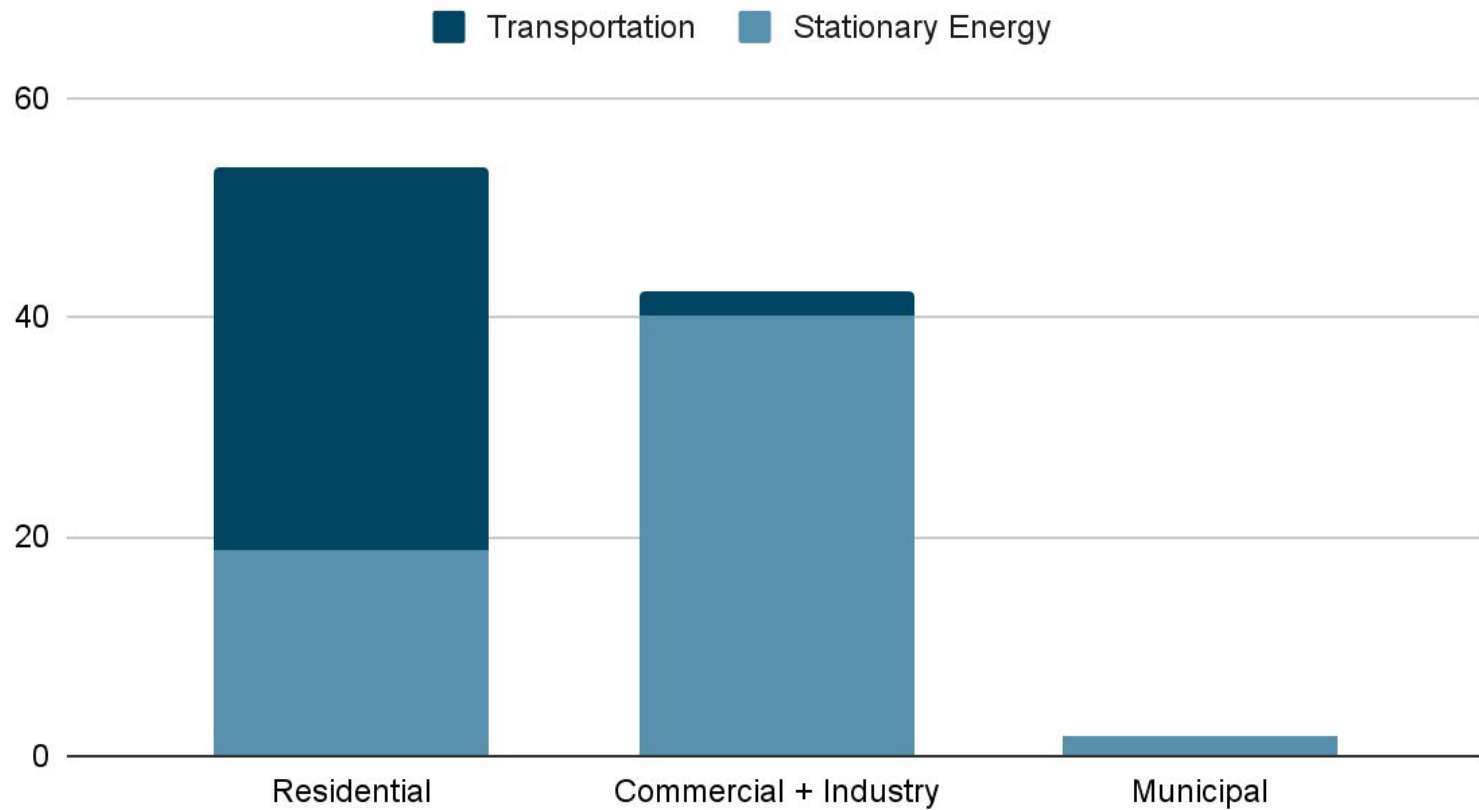
- ❖ Residential Buildings
- ❖ Commercial and Industrial Buildings
- ❖ Construction



In total,
Franklin emits
10.8 tons of
CO₂ per
resident, per
year.



% of Emissions by Sector



Heading in the Direction of Net Zero

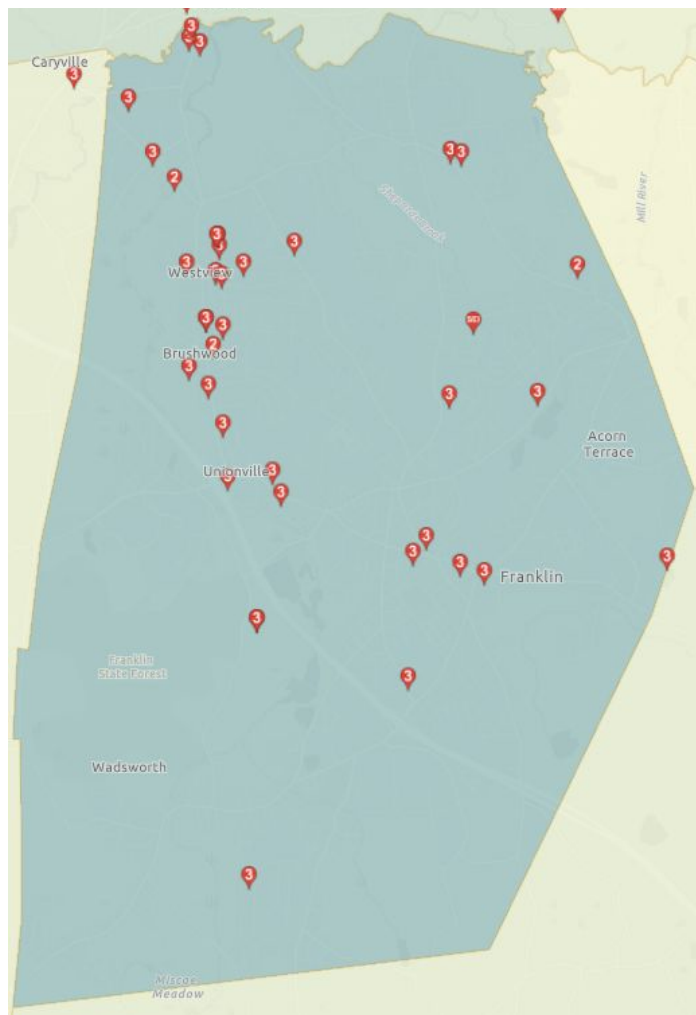
- ❖ Green the grid with renewables
- ❖ Produce more green energy locally
- ❖ Make homes and buildings energy efficient
- ❖ Electrify heating and cooking equipment
- ❖ Encourage walking, biking, and public transport
- ❖ Electrify existing transport

From this...



...to this!





Grade 1: hazardous and must be repaired immediately. This includes leaks in or near a contained space, such as a building or manhole, where the gas could build up enough to potentially explode.

Grade 2: non-hazardous, but could become hazardous in the near future

Grade 3: non-hazardous and are expected to remain non-hazardous

***SEI (significant environmental impact):** grade 3 leaks larger than 2000 sqft . These largest 7% of leaks contribute roughly 50% of all leak emissions.

Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived;

Whereas the Colonial broadsword held by a white hand above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal is modeled after Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed for that purpose from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders that resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against Colonial encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the Flag and Seal were taken from a Native skeleton unearthed in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and the facial features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called "praying Indians" on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in the winter of 1675, the enslavement of Native people in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps

Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, occurred in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an appreciation of the need for better relations between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Franklin shares a rich Native history with modern tribal Nations like the Wampanoag, the Nipmuc and the Massachusett, who inhabited this area for thousands of years before the first colonial settlers arrived in 1660;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Franklin hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2020 and appointed by the Governor to **recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts**, and in support of a new seal and motto for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The city clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Marc Pacheco and Rep. Antonio Cabral, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, who serve as members of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and to Sen. Karen Spilka, Sen. Rebecca Rausch, and Rep. Jeffrey Roy, with the request that they continue their advocacy and support for the work of the aforementioned Special Commission.