

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 13, 2017**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts. Councilors present: Patrick Casey, Robert Dellorco, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Matthew Kelly, Eamon McCarthy Earls (via remote), Thomas Mercer, Peter Padula, Deborah Pellegri. Councilors absent: None. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator; Jamie Hellen, Deputy Town Administrator; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney.

**CALL TO ORDER:** ► Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. He noted that Mr. Earls will attend tonight's meeting via remote participation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *November 15, 2017.* ► **MOTION to Approve** the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes by Mercer. **SECOND** by Dellorco. **No Discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Kelly announced the meeting is being recorded by *Franklin TV* and available for viewing on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting may also be recorded by others.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:** ► *Honoring Public Safety – Teerith Pasricha, Audrey DiMella.* ► Ms. Pasricha and Ms. DiMella, juniors at Franklin High Schools, addressed the Town Council. They stated that they are part of DECA, a nationwide business competition. The goal of their project is to raise awareness for Franklin's first-responders. They presented the first responders with a plaque of remembrance which will be hung in the Town Council Chambers. Fire and police department members were presented with the plaque; they thanked the presenters for the recognition.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** *None.*

**APPOINTMENTS:** *None.*

**HEARINGS:** *None.*

*Items Taken Out of Order from Agenda.*

**LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:**

1. **Resolution 17-75: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Veterans Memorial Path Account.** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Move** Resolution 17-75: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Veterans Memorial Path Account, for \$1,500 from the Franklin Lodge No. 2136, B.P.O.E. (Elks) by Mercer. **SECOND** by Padula. **Discussion:** ► Exalted Ruler Michael Mele stated that bricks could be purchased for the memorial path. He encouraged local businesses that may want to give a monetary donation toward the installation of the bricks; they should contact Mr. Dale Kurtz, Veterans Agent. He presented Mr. Kurtz with a \$1,500 check. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegri-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

2. **Resolution 17-76: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Veterans Memorial Path Account.** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Move** Resolution 17-76: Acceptance of Gift – Franklin Veterans Memorial Path Account, for \$500 from the VFW Post 3402 by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Commander Larry Bederian of VFW Post 3402 presented Mr. Kurtz with a \$500 check for the memorial path. He encouraged people to purchase bricks and provide donations for the installation of the bricks. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**LICENSE TRANSACTIONS:** ► **2018 Annual Alcoholic Beverages License Renewals.** ► Mr. Jones read the list of all 2018 Town of Franklin Alcohol License Renewals. ► **MOTION to Approve** the renewal of the alcoholic beverages licenses listed on the attached Renewal List for the year 2018 with the licenses that have fees or taxes outstanding to be held in the Town Administrator’s Office until all items are paid by **Jones. SECOND** by **Mercer. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is standard procedure; he expects they will all come in and pay. If they do not come in by December 31, they will not have a license for New Years. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:** ► **Franklin Senior Center – Karen Alves.** ► Ms. Karen Alves, Senior Center Director, and Ms. Maggie Gunderson, Social Services Coordinator, addressed the Town Council and provided an update and slide presentation on the Senior Center. Ms. Alves reviewed the mission statement, demographics, participants, FY 17 funding, programs, nutrition resources, health and wellness resources, and caregiver support. Ms. Gunderson reviewed social services, mental health clinician, and low vision training. Ms. Alves also reviewed socialization, recreation, education, volunteers, intergenerational events, tax work off program, amenities, and unmet needs. ► Mr. Jones thanked the presenters and stated the Senior Center is a great resource. ► Mr. Dellorco asked if they had run into any opioid issues. ► Ms. Gunderson stated they have seen some dependency issues. ► Mr. Casey requested elaboration on the process of stopping into the Senior Center to drop off materials or visit. ► Ms. Alves stated it is best to call first and let staff know what a person might want to drop off. ► Mr. Mercer applauded the efforts of the Senior Center staff for their adaptability and flexibility during the renovations of the facility. ► Ms. Pellegrini congratulated Ms. Susan Barbour on her HMEA award. ► Ms. Alves stated that Ms. Barbour received a community service award from HMEA; the award recipient was selected by the students. ► Mr. Padula stated the Senior Center is outstanding. ► Chairman Kelly stated that he hoped a Town Council member would continue to plan monthly Town Council breakfasts at the Senior Center. He thanked the staff at the Senior Center for their hard work.

**LEGISLATION FOR ACTION (continued):**

3. **Resolution 17-74: Acceptance of Gift – Council on Aging.** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Move** Resolution 17-74: Acceptance of Gift – Council on Aging, for \$1,000 from Donald and Jane Christy by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Padula. Discussion:** ► Ms. Alves clarified that the donation was made by Donald Christy in memory of his wife Jane Christy. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**
4. **Resolution 17-77: Legal Notices.** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Move** Resolution 17-77: Legal Notices by **Mercer. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Nutting stated this is a requirement of law. ► Chairman Kelly said this is the worst thing to give the Milford Daily News money when the whole world is on the Internet and we are still putting legal notices in the newspaper. This is a waste of money for the taxpayers. He said he thinks the state representative has put in legislation to try to get rid of this. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-

YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

5. **Resolution 17-78: 2018 Schedule of Town Council Meetings.** ► Mr. Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Move Resolution 17-78: 2018 Schedule of Town Council Meetings by Mercer. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Chairman Kelly stated that they tried to adopt everyone's changes. ► Mr. Padula reviewed dates that he was not available to meet. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:** *None.*

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** ► Mr. Nutting noted that the Cultural Committee was appointed a few weeks ago. He gave thanks to the group of residents that came together a few years ago that started the process for this; he commended their hard work. ► A \$24,000 grant was received to help with waste reduction; there will be a presentation at a future Town Council meeting to help educate citizens on recycling efforts. He thanked the DPW. ► A \$125,000 grant was received to continue to do stormwater management, rain garden and infrastructure improvements in Franklin. ► He stated there was a Budget Subcommittee meeting today. The group includes representatives from the Town Council, School Committee, Finance Committee, and town and school administration to start discussions about FY 19 budget. There is currently much missing information, but the general overview is that there will be a \$3 ½ million to \$5 million shortfall. They will need to work together to solve this problem.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** ► Chairman Kelly requested that the subcommittees be listed on future agendas so he will remember to call on them.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** ► Mr. Casey wished everyone happy holidays. ► Mr. Dellorco said he thought the first snowstorm went well; he did not receive any calls. He confirmed that Cottage Street was plowed. ► Mr. Mercer said the Holiday Stroll was a very nice event; the decorations looked great. ► Ms. Pellegrini stated the Holiday Stroll went very well. The DPW did a great job on the first snow. ► Mr. Padula stated that the budget meeting was a great first discussion and was a good group of people. ► Mr. Jones said the Holiday Stroll was a lot of fun. ► Chairman Kelly stated the Holiday Stroll was great and the lights in Downtown Franklin are great. He gave Mr. Robert Vallee credit for pushing to get more lights up every year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *None.*

**ADJOURN: MOTION to Adjourn by Mercer. SECOND by Dellorco. No Discussion.** ► **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Casey-YES; Dellorco-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Kelly-YES; Earls-YES; Mercer-YES; Padula-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► **VOTE: Yes-9, No-0, Absent-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary