

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 15, 2021**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at the Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA. Councilors present: Andrew Bissanti, Brian Chandler, Robert Dellorco, Cobi Frongillo, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Thomas Mercer, Deborah Pellegri. Councilors absent: None. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator; 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 now welcome to attend public board and committee meetings in person. Additionally, in an effort to maximize citizen engagement opportunities and comply with open meeting law regulations, 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. He stated that this meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and may also be recorded by others. ► Mr. Hellen introduced Ms. Shannon Nisbett, the new Veterans' Services Officer; he reviewed her education and background. He introduced Ms. Debra Martin, Veterans' Services Assistant, and noted that she is now an employee of Franklin. ► Ms. Nisbett stated that she is honored to serve veterans and their families, and she thanked those in Franklin for their warm welcome.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Acting Town Clerk Nancy Danello provided an update on the Town's upcoming election. She reviewed the number of people running for open seats on boards/committees. She noted that all nomination papers have been certified. She reviewed the following important dates: the last day to withdraw candidacy is September 30th by 5 PM, ballots will be ordered on October 1st, last day to register to vote is October 13th, candidate's night will take place on October 14th, machines will be tested in the Council Chambers on October 20th, her office will be open for early in-person voting when ballots arrive, vote by mail requests will be mailed out, and Town Hall will be open for early voting on October 23rd and October 24th. She commended the Cultural Council for a fabulous job this past weekend on the Cultural Festival.

► Ms. Jane Callaway-Tripp, 607 Maple Street, addressed comments made by Councilor Pellegri at the September 1, 2021, Town Council meeting. She stated that when Councilor Pellegri chose to use the Councilor Comments agenda item to reprimand residents of Franklin in regard to the stand out on the Town Common, it was a violation of several items. Councilor Pellegri stated that these people were an embarrassment to the Town and she would have had them removed. Councilor Pellegri stated that someone contacted her and compared these people to the insurrection on January 6, 2021. Ms. Callaway-Tripp stated that not only is that slander, but Councilor Pellegri violated Resolution 20-14, the very resolution that she voted to put in place. Councilor Pellegri also violated Robert's Rules of Order regarding personal privilege. Closing councilor comments are not to be used for personal opinions, viewpoints, and definitely not for bashing the residents of this Town. Councilor Pellegri also chose to call out a sitting councilor member running for reelection and new candidates running for election, and she stated that she found it appalling that they would take part in such a standout. Those words turned what was supposed to be a non-partisan election into a partisan election. Ms. Callaway-Tripp reminded Councilor Pellegri that she is a sworn Town Council member and sworn to represent every resident in this town; however, with her comments, Councilor Pellegri violated her oath as she is clearly representing only the people in Town who are supporting her political

viewpoints. Ms. Callaway-Tripp stated that in the past she has seen other Town Council members stand in the Town Common participating in stand outs and protests and nothing was ever said because they aligned with what Councilor Pellegri agrees with. The Town Common does not belong to Councilor Pellegri; it belongs to every resident in this Town. It is within people's Constitutional rights to do a stand out or protest. Ms. Callaway-Tripp stated that she may not agree with what others chose to protest about or stand out for or against, but she will stand up for her right to do such. Ms. Callaway-Tripp stated that Councilor Pellegri proves the point that Ms. Callaway-Tripp has been making for the past few months that the residents have stopped getting involved because they feel as if their opinions do not matter and their voices are being ignored; the residents do not matter as they are simply income to the Town in the way of taxes. Ms. Callaway-Tripp stated that Councilor Pellegri should be giving a public apology to all the residents in this Town and accountability needs to be brought to the table. She stated that she wants the violations of Resolution 20-14, the Robert's Rules of Order on personal privilege, and her sworn duty to represent all residents be put on the record. Ms. Callaway-Tripp requested that the present Town Council hold Councilor Pellegri accountable. Ms. Callaway-Tripp noted that she was present at the stand out and supported the police and military. She stated that it is everyone's Constitutional right to stand out or protest. For Councilor Pellegri to use her position as a Town Council member to reprimand the residents in this Town is unacceptable. ► Mr. Colin Cass, 146 Longhill Road, stated that he commended Councilor Pellegri for her comments as she found the heckling of a U.S. senator disgusting and so did he. There is no question that the hecklers had the right to behave as they did. They brought a huge sign reminding everyone of their First Amendment rights. It seems that when a U.S. senator requests a moment of silence to honor a marine that died in the line of duty, it is common decency governing behavior; that is the time to shut up and be quiet for one minute. However, the heckling continued which is the part that he found particularly outrageous. It showed that common decency was a bridge too far for most of those people. ► Ms. Jacqueline Maciel, 95 Elm Street, stated discuss an item from the last Town Council meeting regarding the discussion of the parking and zoning, and redistricting downtown. She stated that she reviewed the agenda for the September 1st meeting. She noted that there are links associated with the agenda items to find all the information. She stated that one link had a letter dated August 27th from Mr. Hellen in where he had provided history of the zoning bylaw which said that the bylaw was unanimously endorsed by the EDC in June and then referred to the Planning Board on June 23rd by the full Town Council. She stated that she recalled Chair Mercer talking at the September 1st meeting that the Town Council had approved a comprehensive analysis of the downtown zoning and hired MAPC to do the study. She stated that she reviewed the Town Council June 23rd meeting minutes and found two Legislation for Action items: Resolution 21-34 and Zoning Bylaw 21-874. She reviewed the details of each Legislation for Action item. She stated that the townspeople would like to know the cost of the study indicated in Resolution 21-34 and the qualifications of those on the MAPC to do this. She discussed that Zoning Bylaw 21-874 was about downtown parking and parking spots; it was unanimously passed by the Town Council. It was the deal to reduce the downtown parking spots from 1.5 to .5 spots. She asked why the Town Council is doing this when it was just previously voted to have a study. She pointed out that Mr. Hellen stated that there would need to be some auxiliary parking place for cars. Ms. Maciel said that Mr. Hellen stated that part of the argument is that the downtown is supposed to be a transit-oriented world where there are no cars. The residents would be commuters and take public transportation. As such, most of the units would not have a car or parking spots. Ms. Maciel stated that due to COVID, more people are working from home and not taking public transportation. She stated that Mr. Hellen is employed by Franklin, not the North End of Boston or Somerville. She stated that we do not want to live in those places. She stated that the Town Council just approved the money for the study, so why did they just refer the item to the Planning Board. She requested that when the Comprehensive Downtown Zoning Analysis study is complete, make the public aware of it, post the complete report for all to read, and possibly have an informal meeting for the public to ask questions. She stated that it should not be assumed that everyone reads the Milford Daily News. She discussed her ideas for more parking in downtown: divide the Davis Thayer School into two parcels. Make one parcel into housing and one into a parking garage where the

Town gets a percentage of the parking fees. ► Ms. Diana Bardsley, 31 Alpine Place, stated that she is sad that there are blurred lines between personal opinions and professional public opinions. She stated that she thinks that is what has happened here. She stated that all voices should be honored and heard. She is very happy that people go to the Town Common for all kinds of things. But, when the lines are blurred between the public and personal opinions by Town officials, it is a concern. She stated that she supports what Ms. Jane Callaway-Tripp said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ► *August 18, 2021.* ► **MOTION** to **Approve** the August 18, 2021 meeting minutes by **Dellorco**. **SECOND** by **Bissanti**. **No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: Police Department. ► ***Sergeant Lee Drake - Retirement.***

► Police Chief Thomas Lynch reviewed Sergeant Lee Drake's background and career. He wished Sergeant Drake the best in his retirement. He gave Sergeant Drake a plaque of appreciation and a flag box with an inscription of thanks. ► Representative Jeff Roy read aloud a resolution from the House of Representatives and a proclamation from the Massachusetts Senate commending Sergeant Drake. He also read aloud citations from the Senate offering congratulations and recognition of Sergeant Drake's 25 years of dedicated service. He congratulated and thanked Sergeant Drake for his years of service. ► Chair Mercer read aloud a proclamation from the Town Council honoring and commending Sergeant Drake on the occasion of his retirement. ► Sergeant Drake thanked everyone for their kind words. He stated that it was a great 25 years. He stated that the Franklin Police Department was great to work with. He thanked his wife and family for their support.

► ***Sergeant Louis Marguerite - Promotion.*** ► Chief Lynch introduced Sergeant Louis Marguerite and reviewed his background and education. ► Acting Town Clerk Nancy Danello performed the swearing in. ► Sergeant Marguerite's father performed the pinning; his mother, wife, and son were present for the ceremony.

Chair Mercer declared a two-minute recess.

APPOINTMENTS: ► ***Janice Prentice - Associate member, Historical Commission.*** ► Councilor Jones read the appointment. ► **MOTION** to **Ratify** the appointment by the Town Administrator of Janice K. Prentice to serve as an Associate Member of the Historical Commission, with a term to expire on June 30, 2022, by **Jones**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that Ms. Prentice is excited to continue to volunteer as she has done for many years. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.** ► ***Chuna Keophannga - Finance Committee.*** ► Councilor Jones read the appointment. ► **MOTION** to **Ratify** the appointment by the Town Administrator of Chuna Keophannga to serve as a member of the Finance Committee, with a term to expire on June 30, 2024, by **Jones**. **SECOND** by **Dellorco**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that the final two appointments on tonight's agenda are for the Finance Committee. He stated that both candidates were reviewed by the chair, vice chair, and former member Susan Dewsnap. These appointments have been approved by the Finance Committee. He reviewed Ms. Keophannga's background. ► Councilor Frongillo requested the appointees provide information on their interest in joining the committee. ► Ms. Keophannga discussed her interest in the Finance Committee, noted her interest in public finance, and noted roles she has held during her career. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.** ► ***Tyrel Hansen - Finance Committee.*** ► Councilor Jones read the appointment. ► **MOTION** to **Ratify** the appointment by the Town Administrator of Tyrel Hansen to serve as a member of the Finance Committee, with a term to expire on June 30, 2023, by **Jones**. **SECOND** by **Hamblen**. **Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that Mr. Hansen was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a family issue. He reviewed Mr. Hansen's background and education. In response to a request by Councilor Frongillo, Mr. Hellen reviewed the process for making the committee member selections. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

HEARINGS: None.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS: ► *Franklin Shed, LLC d/b/a Franklin Shed, New Section 12 Restaurant, All Alcoholic Beverages, and approval of manager, located at 340 East Central Street, Franklin, MA.*

► Councilor Jones read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the request by Franklin Shed, LLC d/b/a Franklin Shed, for a New Section 12 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License and to approve Gregory A. Barker as the manager by **Jones. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen noted that this is one of the new restaurants that will be located across from the municipal building. A Mediterranean restaurant will be coming before the Town Council in the future for the same area. He noted that a Starbucks and hair, beauty, and nail salon business also will be going in across the street. He noted that although it states that the Fire Department has not signed off on this application, there is no reason it would not get approved. He thanked all those involved in this development. ► Mr. Richard Cornetta, attorney representing the applicant, introduced the members of Franklin Shed: Greg Barker, Mike Barker, and Mark Griffin. He noted that they are also seeking approval from the Town Council to pledge the license to Dean Cooperative Bank who is the anticipated lender; this information is all contained in the provided materials. ► Mr. Hellen stated that there should be two separate roll call votes for this item; the pledge is technically a different application. ► Mr. Dellorco noted that the applicants are local citizens. ► Ms. Hamblen asked about the menu and if they would have outdoor space. ► Applicant stated that there would be outdoor space, and it would be an upscale pub style. ► Councilor Chandler stated that he is glad they are local. ► Councilor Bissanti confirmed all employees serving alcohol will be TIPS certified. ► Councilor Jones stated that he looks forward to the opening. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE (on the pledge and the license): Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0. ► ROLL CALL VOTE (on the license transaction): Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: ► *SAFE Coalition, Jennifer Knight-Levine, Executive Director.*

► Ms. Knight-Levine narrated a slideshow presentation on the SAFE Coalition and discussed how the Town of Franklin has been a partner. She stated that the SAFE Coalition was established in 2015. She noted their logo has changed. She discussed that SAFE is a judgment-free community organization relentlessly committed to educating and supporting those affected by substance use disorder across southeastern Massachusetts. She reviewed SAFE's values, vision, and mission. She discussed their milestones including their first community-wide meeting in 2015, formation as a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in 2016, office space obtained in 2019, and current staffing in 2021. She discussed team members and noted co-founder James Derick. She discussed programs including adolescent wellness, family recovery, and collaborative care. She discussed their process which includes initial interaction, connection, and follow up. She reviewed SAFE's partnerships and professional relationships. She discussed FY20-21 Town of Franklin funding and how those funds were utilized including grief support, peer-to-peer support, grandparents raising children, and vaping cessation. She highlighted SAFE'S partnerships with Franklin's Police Department and Fire Department. She discussed that the police chief has been a great partner in recognizing the importance of mental health and substance abuse concerns. She discussed that at the end of the last school year, there were many students who were possibly going to be suspended. They went through the vaping program. The consistent message heard was adolescents were buying substances through dealers in the community. She discussed the missing child information packet provided to the Town Council members. Each adolescent that comes through their program is asked to fill out the packet. SAFE wants to provide as much education as possible to adolescents. She discussed how much more potent and powerful today's vaping cartridges are than marijuana joints used in the 1990s. She stated that conversations about risk and safety need to be had with adolescents as they are being addicted to these substances. She thanked the Town Council for their

provided funding. ► Town Council members provided comments and thanked Ms. Knight-Levine for her presentation and the work the SAFE Coalition does. ► Councilor Chandler noted that Franklin has approved three marijuana grow facilities and a store coming shortly. He asked how much tax money is the Town getting from those facilities and how much is approved to go to the SAFE Coalition. ► Mr. Hellen stated that currently there is \$300,000 that comes to the Town in the form of host community agreement money: \$25,000 goes to the SAFE Coalition, and \$275,000 goes to the Grove Street repair project/traffic light. He stated that he has spoken to Representative Jeff Roy and Ms. Knight-Levine. He stated that his guess is that as future monies come in, there will be future appropriations going to SAFE. He noted that there are limitations as to what can be done with host community agreement money. ► Councilor Dellorco thanked all Town Council members for being in support of the SAFE Coalition and all those who work with and provide support to the SAFE Coalition including Wrentham District Court and the police and fire departments.

► ***DelCarte Conservation Area Weed Remediation, Jennifer Delmore, Conservation Agent.*** ► Mr. Hellen noted that he has not received any complaints regarding the Conservation Department since Ms. Delmore was hired. He noted Conservation Commission members speak highly of Ms. Delmore. ► Ms. Delmore narrated a slideshow presentation, which was provided in the meeting packet, on the DelCarte property invasive species removal update. She provided background on the project. She discussed that in 2015 the Town contracted with ESS Group to develop an ecological and management study of the DelCarte ponds. The study contained several recommendations including ways to control two invasive species in the ponds which are water chestnut and variable milfoil. She stated that Solitude Lake Management has been doing the chemical treatments with the goal of eradicating the two invasive species. They are currently on the fifth year of treatments. She explained what the contract for these services includes. She discussed the reasons why these treatments are important to control the invasive species including that the invasives limit oxygen levels in the ponds leading to fish kills, limit native vegetation growth, and impair boating and swimming. Clearcast chemical along with Flumioxazin have been used for water chestnut treatment, and Diquat has been used for variable milfoil. She reviewed photographs of the water chestnut comparison from June 2018 and June 2019. She discussed that the average annual cost for treatments for the five years is \$26,930 with a total cost to date of \$134,650. She highlighted excerpts from the 2020 year-end report prepared by ESS Group including that water chestnut cover in DelCarte ponds decreased from 21.4 acres in September 2017 to 15.5 acres in September 2020. She stated that according to discussions with Solitude Lake Management, milfoil treatments have been successful, and the plant was not observed growing in DelCarte ponds in 2020. She stated that she thinks to stop treatment now would not be a good idea. ► Town Council members thanked Ms. Delmore for her presentation. ► Ms. Hamblen asked about how to make sure the invasive species do not get reintroduced to the pond once they are eliminated. ► Ms. Delmore stated that it is important to stay on top of it; if it were to be seen coming back, someone should be hired to possibly hand pull it out before it becomes a bigger problem. She suggested that signage be installed indicating that boats should be properly washed before being put in the pond to reduce spreading of the invasive species. Possible education signage on the two invasive species should be installed. ► Councilor Jones asked about swimming in DelCarte ponds. ► Ms. Delmore stated that she would have to confirm with Solitude Lake Management about the chemicals/toxicity levels and swimming in DelCarte ponds. ► Councilor Bissanti asked about the invasive species. He questioned that there is no fishing in DelCarte. He asked about carp in the ponds. ► Ms. Delmore stated that the invasive species were non-native. She stated that dissolved oxygen is monitored each year; it has not dropped so low as to create a fish kill. There is long-term plan to add fish to the pond when the invasive species will allow their survival. She noted that she does not have information to respond to the carp question. ► Mr. Hellen stated that there are invasive fish in the ponds. He stated that the project was to get rid of the invasive weed species, maintain it for a while, determine if the community wants to go through a program to get rid of the invasive carp fish, and then bring DelCarte recreation back to a pure state as it was before the invasive species came along. ► In response to questions, Ms. Delmore noted a beaver problem

downstream. She discussed that the only non-chemical way to remove the invasives is to dredge the pond or hand pull; she is not sure of the costs for these methods.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- b. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- c. **Economic Development Subcommittee.** ► Ms. Hamblen stated that they met tonight and had a conversation about Town branding and way-finding signs. The next meeting is October 20th prior to the Town Council meeting to talk more in depth about Town branding.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

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

- a. **Resolution 21-53: Gift Acceptance, Franklin Public Library \$5,890, Veterans' Service Department \$300, Fire Department \$200 (Motion to Approve Resolution 21-53 - Majority Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 21-53: Gift Acceptance, Franklin Public Library \$5,890, Veterans' Service Department \$300, Fire Department \$200 by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen thanked the donators for their generosity. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**
- b. **Bylaw Amendment 21-875: Chapter 82, Trash and Recycling Fee Increase - Second Reading (Motion to Adopt Bylaw Amendment 21-875 - Majority Roll Call Vote).** ► Councilor Jones read the bylaw amendment. ► **MOTION to Adopt** Bylaw Amendment 21-875: Chapter 82, Trash and Recycling Fee Increase by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed that this is the second reading for the fee increase. This will increase the fee \$2 additional per quarter. He noted that in looking at the curbside trash fee history, it cost \$300 in 2005. He stated that the staff has done a great job with the program. ► Ms. Pellegrini confirmed the fee using 35-gallon trash and recycling carts will remain the same at \$212. ► Mr. Bissanti stated that he did not have an issue with the \$8; however, he does have an issue with what has been trending in Franklin with the increase in taxes, fees, and stormwater. Nothing is going down; it keeps going up. He noted the arrogance with some people who say they do not care about taxes; they just want Franklin to be the best it can be. He stated that he wants Franklin to be the best it can be, but there are people struggling out there. ► Councilor Chandler discussed the number of superintendents and assistant superintendents in the DPW; he stated the memo on the FY21 solid waste costs came from the Environmental Affairs Superintendent. He asked where this person came from as he could not find it in the budget. ► Mr. Hellen stated that it is in the budget in the stormwater division that they created. He noted that there is no stormwater fee in the Town at this time. ► Ms. Theresa Shea, resident, addressed a comment made by Mr. Hellen about the trash fee. She stated that she agrees with everyone that it is only \$8 more for the trash fee. She stated that she went to Mr. Hellen's office 1.5 years ago, and she told him that she knew the trash fee was going to be increased and water and sewer bills were going to be going up. She explained that she was the person who went before the Town Council years ago to request they look into this fee. At that time, the trash fee was over \$300. She stated that it is not an accurate picture when Mr. Hellen referenced that in 2005 the trash fee was \$300 and therefore, they have done a great job of keeping the fees down. The accurate picture was that the residents were paying \$300 and the staff did their job, investigated, and found out that the Town did not have a designated trash account. The money going into the account was being used for other things besides trash. So, they got the Town to create a designated account just for trash which is why the rate came down. She stated that as well, Mr. Hellen did not indicate that Ms. Shea went to his office 1.5 years ago regarding the upcoming trash fee increase as she wanted to help residents not have to deal with the fee increase. She stated that Mr. Hellen told her that she may want to help the people in the Town, but it is

not her Town, it is his Town. She stated that the residents now have to pay the \$8 increase because the Town Administrator did not want her help to help the residents. She stated that \$8 is a lot for some residents; however, Mr. Hellen could not have cared less. ► **ROLL CALL VOTE: Bissanti-YES; Chandler-YES; Dellorco-YES; Frongillo-YES; Hamblen-YES; Jones-YES; Mercer-YES; Pellegrini-YES. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ► None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Councilor Pellegrini asked about the Davis Thayer School and if there will be an open house. ► Mr. Hellen stated that it is anticipated that at the October 6th Town Council meeting the School Committee will be present to go through a few presentations and the Davis Thayer School be one of the topics. He stated that there will be an open house. ► Councilor Jones stated that during the Cultural Festival people asked him about adding bike racks to the Town Common. ► Chair Mercer stated that could be put on a future agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: ► Councilor Chandler thanked all the people watching at home and all those who participated in the meeting. He discussed that there were people at the post office handing out literature; they have the right to do that. ► Councilor Hamblen thanked tonight's presenters, all those who attended the zucchini races, and the Franklin Cultural Council for the wonderful festival. She noted that the Harvest Festival is scheduled for October 2nd from 12 to 5 PM. ► Councilor Frongillo noted that bike racks on the Town Common is already on a future agenda; a complete streets policy has already been passed. The next step is to put together a list of priority projects. He stated that there will be a meeting on September 22nd at 6 PM at the Council chambers on complete streets. He stated that he will be at the Farmers' Market to talk with citizens. He stated that the Cultural Festival was fantastic. He requested Mr. Hellen provide the cost of the downtown zoning study and explain what is MAPC. ► Mr. Hellen stated that the study was something discussed at past Town Council meetings. There was an appropriation in June for \$95,000. This is the first time the Town has done a comprehensive zoning analysis for downtown in 20 years; it was last done in 2003. MAPC is a quasi-state agency; it is a group that does a great job and has highly educated people. They are a credible organization. He stated that MAPC will have a booth at the Harvest Festival. He stated that he thinks the study will provide some good recommendations for the downtown revitalization effort. ► Councilor Bissanti noted the pancake breakfast at the Rod & Gun Club. He stated that some of the proceeds went to Mission 22, a group dedicated the healing American's veterans and recognizes veteran suicide. ► Councilor Jones welcomed Ms. Nisbett as the new Veterans' Services Officer. He discussed that people are interested in what will be done with the Davis Thayer School; it is not known at this time. He stated that the Cultural Festival had a great turnout. ► Councilor Dellorco agreed that the Cultural Festival was great. He stated that the Historical Museum had a great presentation on 9/11; he recommended people watch it on cable TV. ► Chair Mercer stated that he is happy the police and fire chiefs come in to Town Council meetings to recognize promotions and retirements. He welcomed the new board/committee appointees and the new veterans' services officer. He thanked tonight's presenters for their presentations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: ► **MOTION to Adjourn by Dellorco. SECOND by Jones. No Discussion. ► VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,