

FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda & Meeting Packet

November 20, 2024

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

2nd floor, Council Chambers

355 East Central Street

7:00 PM

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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- a. *This meeting is being recorded by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast channel 9 and Verizon Channel 29. This meeting may be recorded by others.*
- b. *Chair to identify members participating remotely.*
- c. *Upcoming Town Sponsored Community Events.*

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- a. *Citizens are welcome to express their views for up to three minutes on a matter that is not on the agenda. In compliance with G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20 et seq, the Open Meeting Law, the Council cannot engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Citizen Comments. The Town Council may ask the Town Administrator to review the matter. Nothing herein shall prevent the Town Administrator from correcting a misstatement of fact.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. [October 30, 2024](#)

4. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

5. APPOINTMENTS - None Scheduled

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 7:00 PM

- a. [Franklin Tax Classification Hearing](#)
 - i. Legislation for Action Item 9a

- ii. Legislation for Action Item 9b
- iii. Legislation for Action Item 9c
- iv. Legislation for Action Item 9d
- v. Legislation for Action Item 9e

7. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - None Scheduled

8. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

- a. [Presentation: Franklin Elks Riders Donation to Veterans' Services Department](#)
 - i. Legislation for Action #9n
 - ii. Legislation for Action #9o

9. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. [Resolution 24-67: Tax Classification Residential Factor](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-67 - Majority Vote)
- b. [Resolution 24-68: Tax Classification Open Space Exemption](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-68 - Majority Vote)
- c. [Resolution 24-69: Tax Classification Small Business Exemption](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-69 - Majority Vote)
- d. [Resolution 24-70: Tax Classification Residential Property Exemption](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-70 - Majority Vote)
- e. [Resolution 24-71: Tax Classification Senior Means Tested Exemption](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-71 - Majority Vote)
- f. [Resolution 24-72: Local Acceptance of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-72 - Majority Vote)
- g. [Resolution 24-73: Local Acceptance of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C As Amended By Chapter 184, Section 51 Of The Acts of 2002](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-73 - Majority Vote)
- h. [Resolution 24-74: Authorization of Purchase of Land from CSX for Rail Trail Extension and Appropriation of Funding](#) **(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-74 - $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority Vote)**
- i. [Zoning Bylaw Amendment 24-917: A Zoning Bylaw to Amend Chapter 185 Section 3 of the Code of the Town of Franklin - Definitions, Accessory Dwelling Units.](#)
(Motion to Refer Zoning Bylaw Amendment 24-917 to the Planning Board)
- j. [Zoning Bylaw Amendment 24-918: A Zoning Bylaw to Amend the Franklin Town Code at Chapter 185 Attachment 8, Use Regulations Schedule Part CVII: Accessory Uses](#)
(Motion to Refer Zoning Bylaw Amendment 24-918 to the Planning Board)
- k. [Zoning Bylaw Amendment 24-919: A Zoning Bylaw to Amend Chapter 185 Section 20 of the Code of the Town of Franklin - Signs \(at C. 3.\)](#)
(Motion to Refer Zoning Bylaw Amendment 24-919 to the Planning Board - Majority Vote)
- l. [Zoning Bylaw Amendment 24-920: A Zoning Bylaw to Amend Chapter 185 Section 20 of the Code of the Town of Franklin- Signs \(at E.2.\)](#)
(Motion to Refer Zoning Bylaw Amendment 24-920 to the Planning Board - Majority Vote)
- m. [Resolution 24-75 2025 Town Council Meeting Schedule](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-75 - Majority Vote)
- n. [Resolution 24-76: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department \(\\$2,000\)](#)
(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-76 - Majority Vote)
- o. [Resolution 24-77: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department \(\\$2,125\), Senior Center \(\\$164\)](#) **(Motion to Approve Resolution 24-77 - Majority Vote)**

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

11. SUBCOMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Capital Budget Subcommittee
- b. Economic Development Subcommittee
- c. Budget Subcommittee/Joint Budget Subcommittee
- d. Master Plan Committee
- e. Police Station Building Committee
- f. GATRA Advisory Board

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - *None Scheduled*

15. ADJOURN

Note: Two-Thirds Vote: requires 6 votes

Majority Vote: requires majority of members present and voting

**FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 30, 2024**

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at the Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA. Councilors present: Brian Chandler, Theodore Cormier-Leger, Robert Dellorco, Melanie Hamblen, Glenn Jones, Deborah Pellegrini, Thomas Mercer, Patrick Sheridan. Councilors absent: Cobi Frongillo. Administrative personnel in attendance: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney.

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 meetings in person. To view the live meeting remotely, citizens are encouraged to watch the live stream on the Franklin Town Hall TV YouTube channel or the live broadcast on Comcast channel 9 and Verizon channel 29. Meetings are also archived by Franklin TV on the Franklin Town Hall TV YouTube channel and shown on repeat on Comcast channel 9 and Verizon channel 29 for those who miss the live meeting. To participate in the meeting remotely, citizens are able to join a Zoom webinar using the information provided. Any participants who wish to speak during the webinar must enter their full name and email address when joining the webinar. All participants will be automatically muted upon joining the webinar. In order to speak, participants, who have entered full name and email address, will need to select the “raise hand” function to request to be unmuted. All speakers will be required to state their full name and street address before commenting. ► He announced that Councilor Frongillo will not be in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: ► Ms. Jane Callaway-Tripp, 607 Maple Street, said she was following up from the last meeting. She said she was very upset. She said at the last meeting they talked about a verbal assault that happened to a resident in this town. There was one Town Council member who found it amusing and did not even acknowledge it during Council Comments. She said that Councilor Frongillo who is on the Freedom Team did not even acknowledge the threat. She said the town administrator is also part of the Freedom Team based on the list on the website; however, his response was that this did not happen in Franklin and is a police matter. She said it was a Franklin/Medway event, and a town resident verbally assaulted another town resident and that person is still sitting as the chair of the Cultural Council which is a violation of the civil discourse pledge that the Town Council put together, Resolution 20-14. She said nothing has been done. She said she thinks Councilor Cormier-Leger is not being honest when he said he did not hear it. She asked, if you did not hear it happen, how do you know it happened during your conversation. She said the truth will come out. She said the civil liberties discourse pledge has been violated on multiple occasions by different people, and she has yet to once see anything be done to stand up against it. She said as such, it should be deleted as it is just fluff. She said this is a sad time, and this town is so divided. This town is not the same. She said the people are a number sign to them; more taxes and pay this and pay that. It is all about funding and money. She asked what about the people and when do the people matter. She said she is begging the Town Council to hold the civil discourse pledge accountable and remove JR from the Cultural Council and stand up for what you actually brought to the table. ► Mr. Frank Edward Falvey, 920 Pond Street, said he believes any ballot question that comes before the voters of Franklin should be fully explained as the state does. He showed and explained a pamphlet provided by the state. He said that apparently, they will be voting on a \$7 million override question in February that has already been defeated by 236 votes. He said you have three months to put together and consider mailing out to every voter an explanation including financial information and two points of view. If this does not happen, you are not fulfilling a voter’s expectation, education, and information. He said older voters in Franklin are being over-assessed, and that is one of the reasons there

will be strong opposition as the town is over-assessing properties. He showed a pamphlet from the Rebecca Rausch campaign and said fully funded schools were listed as one of her accomplishments. He said the Town Council is doing everything they can to aim it purposely to get it passed. He asked how many times will it be done if it fails again. ► Mr. Hellen corrected a misstatement of fact. He said there was no discussion of a \$7 million number. The number of what was discussed at the budget subcommittee was far less. The number has been far from determined. ► Mr. Mark Minnichelli, 31 Longfellow Drive, reflected back on the joint budget subcommittee meeting of October 23, 2024. He said during the meeting the town administrator and superintendent presented what the future outlook looks like for Franklin. He said \$3.7 million was generally agreed on as to what it would take to maintain the current levels we are operating under right now. He said Franklin is not alone. He read aloud from a letter from Natick's town administrator regarding the problem with filling structural deficits with one-time funds and their need for an operational override. Mr. Minnichelli said he urges the Town Council to take an active role on this truly critical topic. ► Ms. Maureen Sullivan, 871 King Street, said her driveway is caving in and our city is crumbling. She said on October 21, Mr. Doug Hartnett, president of Highpoint Engineering for 100-200 Financial Drive, appeared before the Planning Board. She said this item on the agenda was for a two-year extension for a permit granted by the Planning Board in November 2023 to demolish the Digital Office Park building constructed on the Sullivan dairy farm in 1981. She stated that the vote was rushed prior to a retirement of a Planning Board member. She noted that during the October 21 meeting, Mr. Hartnett said he was appearing before the Planning Board on behalf of his former client, Berkeley Partners. She said she is confused with that. She discussed that in 2021 Town Engineer Michael Maglio walked with her from her property on Washington Street to her residence on King Street and viewed much structural damage with curbs, buckled retaining walls, and more. She said this past spring, Mr. Maglio looked at the worsened damage in the past 3.5 years from heavy trucks. She continued to discuss an item on the October 21 Planning Board meeting, Spring Street Lewis Street Reality LLC. She said this entity took it upon themselves to cut trees and install a stone-type surface. Franklin's tree warden opened the hearing and closed it without giving the public a chance to contribute input. She said that at a Master Plan meeting, Clerk Jones asked members to not specifically mention any properties involved. She said Councilor Frongillo spoke about the rail trail and how he hopes through the Master Plan to connect the trail trunk on Grove Street to with a walk path by Benjamin Franklin Classical public school located off Grove Street at 500 Financial Parkway and maybe exit trucks on Grove and rezone an undisclosed land on Washington Street beyond Financial Drive. She said by the town bylaws, there are no trucks to be coming out of Grove Street onto Washington Street. ► Nancy Danello, Town Clerk, said there are six days to the election. She said they started on October 21 with in-person early voting at Town Hall. She said the flow has been steady with no wait. She said they have also been busy with the advanced opening of ballots which will be deposited into the tabulator on November 2 starting a 9 AM at the high school. She said the numbers will not be tabulated until election night. Observers are welcome. She reviewed how a person can track their ballot. She said election day is 6 AM to 8 PM on November 5. She said they will disclose the unofficial results at the close of the election. She thanked those who have helped with the election process. She noted the total population is 33,735 and total registered voters are 25,667. ► Mr. Joel D'Errico, 72 Deer View Way, spoke on the MCAS ballot question. He said as a council member, he was always in support of the schools and teachers and children. He reviewed other committees he was on. He said there are 47 states in the United States that a test is given to their seniors as a prerequisite to high school graduation. We have 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts and only 700 students fail the MCAS. He said they are in a high percentile for passing the MCAS. He said he watched Mr. Frank Falvey's interview with the teacher's union representative from Franklin, and he heard the word stress many times from the union representative. He said there were many complaints that they had to teach children how to take a multiple-choice test. With so many positives of this exam and so many students passing, the teachers' union says we do not need it. He said I think we need it; we need a high bar for the students. He said the sense he gets from the teachers' union is that they want to go easy and not have to work too hard to get the students to get a passing grade. He said he is in favor of teachers, but he cannot say about teachers' unions. ► Ms. Roberta Trahan, 1 Green Street (via Zoom), said she is speaking about what is

going on in this town. She said there is so much good that goes on in this town. Yet, right now, there seems to be a divide that is literally destroying us. She said she does not know the solution, but she would like to offer a way forward that we can try to hear each other and be respectful and kind to one another. She said she is hurting like many other townspeople. She asked the Town Council to give great consideration as to how we might begin to heal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ► *October 16, 2024.* ► **MOTION to Approve** the October 16, 2024 meeting minutes by **Dellorco.** **SECOND** by **Jones.** **No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: ► *Fire Department - Swearing In of New Firefighter / Paramedics: Paul Schleicher Jr., Michael Dumican, Corey Rafter, Steven Osorio, and Shea Hurley.* ► Chair Mercer thanked the Fire Department for a great job in saving Franklin's landmark of St. Mary's Church during the fire. ► Fire Chief James McLaughlin acknowledged in the audience Needham's Fire Chief Thomas Conroy who is a resident of Franklin. Chief McLaughlin said for the first time, they have 60 full-time career firefighters with the Franklin Fire Department. He thanked all for their help in allowing the fire department to grow with the needs of the community. He noted that all 60 firefighters are licensed paramedics. ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello performed the swearing in of the five new firefighter/paramedics: Paul Schleicher Jr., Michael Dumican, Corey Rafter, Steven Osorio, and Shea Hurley. ► Deputy Fire Chief James Klich reviewed the backgrounds, education, and careers of each of the new firefighter/paramedics and noted the family members pinning the badges.

► *Fire Department - Promotion: Fire Lieutenant Joseph McGann.* ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello performed the swearing in. ► Deputy Fire Chief James Klich reviewed the background, education, and career of Fire Lieutenant Joseph McGann and noted the family members pinning the badge.

► *Police Department – Promotions: Lieutenant Michael Colecchi, and Sergeant Cody Landry.* ► Chair Mercer thanked the Police Department for their quick response regarding the St. Mary's Church fire. ► Chief of Police Thomas Lynch said that with the retirement of John Ryan, they have some promotions to fill. He reviewed the background, education, and career of Sergeant Cody Landry and noted the family member pinning the badge ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello performed the swearing in. ► Chief Lynch reviewed the background, education, and career of Lieutenant Michael Colecchi and noted the family member pinning the badge. ► Town Clerk Nancy Danello performed the swearing in.

Chair Mercer declared a three-minute recess.

APPOINTMENTS: ► None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - 7:00 PM:

- a. *Rescission of Prior Approval of Transfer of Section 15 All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License, Rescission of Prior Approval of Pledge of Liquor License, and Rescission of Prior Approval of Bhaveshkumar Patel as the Manager - Heeru Corporation d/b/a DeVita's Market, Located at 198 East Central St., Franklin, MA 02038 (License Transaction #7a).* ► Chair Mercer declared the public hearing open. ► Mr. Hellen said that each year from November 1 through the end of November by ABCC law/regulation it is liquor license renewal season. Every renewal has to be signed and returned by the last day in November. He said there was a transfer approved, but there were some code issues at the parcel that have not been fully addressed by the parties. As the renewal season starts in two days, it is easier to repeal the transfer, renew the license under the DeVita's name, and then in the new year work out the details between the private parties. It is a situation due to the rules of the state. This will make it less complicated for the parties to address any issues. He requested the Town Council vote in favor or repealing the transfer. He noted that DeVita's will renew

their license during the November renewal period for next year. ► Attorney John Mooradian of Demakis Law Offices (via Zoom) noted that Mr. Hellen reviewed the issue well. He said he welcomes any questions. He said the transaction never took place, and his client never took over any ownership of the business. ► Mr. Cerel explained the underlying transaction was never consummated. He said this process is done with the involvement of the ABCC. ► Chair Mercer declared the public hearing closed.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS:

- a. ***Rescission of Prior Approval of Transfer of Section 15 All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License, Rescission of Approval of Pledge of Liquor License, and Rescission of Approval of Bhaveshkumar Patel as the Manager - Heeru Corporation d/b/a DeVita's Market, Located at 198 East Central St., Franklin, MA 02038.*** ► Councilor Jones read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the Rescission of Prior Approval of Transfer of Section 15 All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License, Rescission of Approval of Pledge of Liquor License, and Rescission of Approval of Bhaveshkumar Patel as the Manager - Heeru Corporation d/b/a DeVita's Market, Located at 198 East Central St., Franklin, MA 02038 by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. No discussion.** ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS - 7:00 PM (continued):

- b. ***Order of Layout, Acceptance, and Taking of Bogans Way and Drainage Lot Parcel A and Easements (Legislation for Action Item #9a).*** ► Chair Mercer declared the public hearing open. ► Mr. Hellen said this is part of the street acceptance program. He explained the location of Bogans Way. He said the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend acceptance. He said it will add to the Chapter 90 reimbursement. ► Chair Mercer declared the public hearing closed.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION:

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

- a. ***Resolution 24-62: Order of Layout, Acceptance, and Taking of Bogans Way and Drainage Lot Parcel A and Easements (Motion to Approve Resolution 24-62 - 2/3 Majority Vote).*** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve** Resolution 24-62: Order of Layout, Acceptance, and Taking of Bogans Way and Drainage Lot Parcel A and Easements by **Dellorco. SECOND** by **Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Councilor Hamblen reviewed that the Planning Board in December 2023 recommended two things to happen before this was accepted. ► Town Engineer Michael Maglio said those two items have been taken care of. ► Councilor Jones noted a typo on the Resolution document and confirmed that the word should be "easement" not "casement." ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS (continued):

- b. ***License Modification - Change of Manager of a Section 15 Retail Package Store License: Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. d/b/a Shaw's; Located at 255 East Central St., Franklin, MA 02038.*** ► Councilor Jones read the license transaction. ► **MOTION to Approve** the request by Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. d/b/a Shaw's; Located at 255 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038, for a Change of Manager to Brian Schwede by **Jones. SECOND** by **Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen stated that this is a routine transaction for a change of manager. The applicant's attorney is present via Zoom. ► Attorney Nick Zozula (via Zoom) said this is a routine change of manager. He said Mr. Schwede has been with Shaw's since 1997 in various roles. ► Councilor Jones said he gives due

credit to Shaw's as when he is in Shaw's the business does due diligence to make sure the individuals servicing alcohol are at least 18 years old. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION: ► *Franklin Childrens' Museum - Meghan Hagen & Erin Gallagher.* ► Co-founder Meghan Hagen introduced co-founder Erin Gallagher, Britt Lindberg of Kuth Ranieri Architects, and developer and contractor Brad Chaffee. Ms. Hagen narrated a slideshow presentation. She noted this is a 501(c)(3). She reviewed her background and noted that she is a pharmacist and loves the community. Ms. Gallagher reviewed her background and noted she is in marketing and communications. Ms. Hagen reviewed the board of directors, the mission, and vision. She said they will bring fun, engaging, inclusive STEM-based education for the community through play. She reviewed core concepts for the museum. She said they looked at research of learning through play. Ms. Gallagher explained they did research of how many children live within one hour of the museum. Ms. Hagen discussed the mobile museum and how many visitors they have had. She reviewed they have had positive feedback from the attendees. She said thanks to Mr. Chaffee as they have signed a lease for 157 Cottage Street. Ms. Gallagher said being in the downtown area they are able to contribute to the downtown economic vitality as they bring in visitors of up to one hour away. She said the access is fantastic. Ms. Hagen showed renderings done by Kuth Ranieri of what the outside of the Agway building will look like. She noted there are many accessible features of the space. Both co-founders reviewed some of the planned spaces within the building. They noted there will be programming and exhibits as well as opportunities for high school student volunteers and college student internships. They want to create an environment for kids to love learning. They noted this will be an inclusive and welcoming space. They noted grants, partnerships, collaborations, and support they have received to help get off the ground. They said that contributions to the museum will impact generations of children. ► Town Council members asked questions and made comments. ► In response, Ms. Hagen discussed the imaginative play zone within the museum will be based on Franklin. She explained they are starting with a gated area that is the Town Common including the gazebo and roadway for a little downtown area. She reviewed other planned spaces. Ms. Gallagher explained the proposed hours of operation. It was confirmed they will not be selling food. Mr. Chaffee said they are working on the parking. Ms. Hagen explained that it has been more of a collaboration with the schools on needs within the schools and gaps they can fill with programming. There can be 191 people in the building at a time. Ms. Gallagher explained there will be a window to view the trains going by. Ms. Hagen noted that they look at grant opportunities. She thanked Mr. Chaffee for his support and his passion for the town. ► Chair Mercer thanked the presenters.

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION (*continued*):

- b. *Resolution 24-63: Gift Acceptance: Senior Center (\$100) (Motion to Approve Resolution 24-63 - Majority Vote).*** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 24-63: Gift Acceptance: Senior Center (\$100) by Hamblen. SECOND by Dellorco. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen thanked Mr. Bob Kaufman for the donations. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**
- c. *Resolution 24-64: Town Council Approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (\$8,304) (Motion to Approve Resolution 24-64 - Majority Vote).*** ► Councilor Jones read the resolution. ► **MOTION to Approve Resolution 24-64: Town Council Approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (\$8,304) by Dellorco. SECOND by Hamblen. Discussion:** ► Mr. Hellen reviewed that this resolution will authorize him to apply for ARPA funding through Norfolk County to fund one final project with the remaining fund balance of \$8,304. This funding will be revenue replacement to reimburse the Town for road maintenance that was performed in various areas of town. He reviewed that in June 2024 the Town Council approved Resolution 24-48 which authorized him to apply for \$8,304 in ARPA funding to partner with the Franklin Neighbor Brigade in support of residents experiencing or close to experiencing homelessness. However, the Neighbor Brigade has unfortunately decided to close its doors, and we now have an opportunity to apply to fund another

project in this amount. The County has explicitly recommended a “revenue replacement” project to offset a project/invoice that has already been expended. ► **VOTE: Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: ► *Friendly 40B Policy Update.* ► Mr. Hellen thanked the police and fire departments for the great job they did at St. Mary’s last week. He thanked the neighboring towns for the mutual aid and noted there were a few calls going on at the same time. He explained that the call volume is increasing greatly. He noted Tracey MacLeod worked for the town for 30 years and just retired this week; he thanked her for her service and congratulated her.

► Mr. Hellen discussed the policy adjustment document in the meeting packet regarding the Friendly 40B policy dated October 11, 2024, and titled Friendly Chapter 40B Projects – Local Initiative Program (LIP). He pointed out the section in red is the updated section which he read aloud:

Until further notice, the Town policy will be to accept Friendly 40B applications that provide for home ownership and not rentals. The Town is requiring “Friendly 40B” projects not include any housing that are large scale rental apartments exceeding 20 units. The Town will only consider Friendly 40B projects that offer home ownership, including, but not limited to, single-family subdivision developments, duplex or triplex housing developments, and condominium style and cottage style developments or small scale family rental projects (20 units or under). The Town recognizes that project proponents may choose to apply through state MassHousing agency for rental projects above the 20 unit threshold.

He discussed that there are two large-scale rental projects that have not been built yet, and there are a lot of citizens very upset and concerned about this. He said they have heard comments from the public that home ownership is really the preferred housing type that residents are looking for. He said this does not prohibit a large-scale rental apartment complex from going through the state-approved process. There is nothing we can do to prevent that. He noted that Franklin is already over their 10 percent. He noted the ADU bylaw mandated by the state by right that will come into effect in February. He said at least until Stobbart’s and 121 are built, we are going to take a pause on just 40B projects. ► Councilor Hamblen said that when Stobbart’s process went through, there was nothing on the list that the applicant had to let the abutters know. So, then they had to go out and ask the abutters. She asked if it was put in the process. ► Mr. Hellen said he is happy to do that, and they will write that in. He explained that this process is not required by law. He explained the process by the boards and noted that they did get feedback on these developments. He said in the case of Stobbart’s, they did address most of the residents’ concerns. He said he will put the abutter notification item on the list. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger thanked the town administrator for listening and adding this language in. ► Councilor Chandler said with this paragraph, we listened to the people. He said the emphasis on home ownership is perfect. ► Councilor Dellorco said he is glad they listened. ► Mr. Joel D’Errico, 72 Deer View Way, discussed that Councilor Jones brought up what the impact would be from three-bedroom units on the Friendly 40B, and it was brought up that it would be approximately 50 students that could be in the project across the street. He said he has no ill-will to the owner of the property, but there is another way for the property to be developed to receive revenue. It costs \$17,658 per year to educate a student in Franklin. If you multiply that by 50 students and factor in what is going to happen on Grove Street, we are in the hole on these projects. The tax bill on the units at the end of Dean Avenue is about \$850,000 for what Franklin receives in tax revenue. But, with the math on 50 students, we are not making any money. If you rescinded your vote and told them to come in with 55 and older, you would get pure revenue, home ownership, two-story buildings instead of four-story buildings, and you would please the people at Cook’s Farm Estates. He said they were the people who spoke. He said to think about the override in relation to this. ► Mr. Max Morrongiello, 127 Central Park Terrace, said he had three points about the Friendly 40B policy. He is concerned about the process being implemented. He said he thinks it should come up to the Town Council to approve this because they are the legislative branch and supposed to be doing policy. He said second, people from outside of town who want to come in to Franklin should be listened to, and their voices should be heard,

and he is worried that those stakeholders were not solicited in developing this policy in terms of people who might want to rent as buying a house is not for everyone. He said we should take a comprehensive look at Friendly 40Bs rather than just putting this in. ► Chair Mercer said this was not a discussion item. ► Mr. Mark Minnichelli said he knows Councilor Frongillo had strong feelings about the verbiage in this, and he is not here tonight to express that. He said to Mr. Hellen that he appreciates what he is trying to do, but it is similar to the discussion about the mandatory parking minimum. He said he thinks the market should be allowed to determine what is the right split between rental and homeownership units. He is concerned about the verbiage.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Capital Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- b. **Economic Development Subcommittee.** ► None
- c. **Budget Subcommittee.** ► None.
- d. **Master Plan Update Committee.** ► Councilor Jones said they met on October 23. The good news is the draft goals and objectives and implementation portion has gone through department review and is in the process of being formulated into a draft format which is going to be published and made available to the public next week for about a month for public input.
- e. **Police Station Building Committee.** ► Chair Mercer said they met earlier tonight with the OPM. He said we have some architect interviews in two weeks. There is more to come. They are just getting the process started. He will keep everyone updated as things process.
- f. **GATRA Advisory Board.** ► None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ► Councilor Cormier-Leger said he agrees with Mr. Falvey that we need to think about some sort of literature explaining to the voters about the override in depth. He would like that in a future agenda. ► Councilor Pellegrini said we tried to do this for the last override. She said she and Nancy got in touch with the Secretary of State's office, and we could not put out a brochure about the override. ► Mr. Cerel said it is a local option statute. You have to accept the statute first and that authorizes it. ► Chair Mercer said there would have to be a piece of legislation passed before we could put out the document. ► Mr. Hellen explained that information has to be put out carefully. We can do the local option statute, but it is really just announcing a special election; it is not like the booklet that the state puts out. ► Councilor Sheridan asked to put this new statute on the agenda. ► Councilor Hamblen said she agrees with putting the new statute on the agenda. ► Councilor Jones requested a follow-up on the facilities presentation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

► Councilor Sheridan thanked the fire and police departments; he thanked the clergy for the nice ceremony. ► Councilor Hamblen thanked the town clerk and staff for making it so easy to vote early. She invited Ms. Roberta Trahan and Ms. Jane Callaway-Tripp to get together with her to talk about what they can do to help heal the community. ► Councilor Cormier-Leger echoed that early voting was easy. He thanked the police and fire departments and other responding towns. He thanked the fire department for the memorial service. He congratulated the cast and crew of the Franklin School of Performing Arts for a great run of School of Rock. He gave condolences to the Taberner family and the Frigulietti family for their recent losses. ► Councilor Chandler said his comments are mostly about the citizens' comments. He said Ms. Danello is doing a great job. To Mr. Falvey, he said there was not a \$7 million number. He said the issue with the chairperson of the Cultural Council is that he wishes he would just come out with his side of the story so maybe things could get put to bed. ► Councilor Pellegrini said she dittoed everything that has been said. She said she will reiterate about the church that it is a horrible thing that happened and hopes they catch the person(s) involved. She said many people showed up to the mass in the field. She said this weekend they will have masses downstairs in St. Mary's. She said if you saw anything to come forward and call the police department and let them know. ► Councilor Jones congratulated the firefighters for their prompt response to an arsonist's attempt to put fire to St. Mary's Church. He noted

the way the community came together. He discussed that he does not think the division is as wide as people are portraying it as; people need to come together and realize that there are always going to be some difficulties. He said they need to come together and work together to come to a solution that works for everybody. He said he is happy to help create unity. He said these are difficult times, but we can get through this. He thanked the police and fire officers who came in tonight. He thanked Ms. Hagen and Ms. Gallagher. He said they have his support. He noted that Town Council members do this for free.

► Councilor Dellorco said he goes along with all the previous comments. He thanked Senator Markey for coming out to the SAFE Coalition. Hopefully, he can help us get some funding. He said that on December 1, Marcellas Dial Jr., a cornerback for the New England Patriots, will be wearing the SAFE Coalition logo on his cleats. He said Mr. Dial reached out to the SAFE Coalition. Mr. Dellorco said he appreciates that.

► Chair Mercer thanked all the police and fire personnel who were here this evening. He thanked Ms. Hagen and Ms. Gallagher for their presentation. He said it is good to have the room full and get input from everyone. He said the residents of Franklin are so lucky to have such outstanding fire and police departments. He thanked them for their rapid response and handling of the fire at St. Mary's. He said the departments are the backbone of the community. He thanked them for always being there when we need them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ► None.

ADJOURN: ► **MOTION** to Adjourn by Dellorco. **SECOND** by Jones. **No Discussion.** ► **VOTE:** Yes-8, No-0, Absent-1.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: Annual Tax Rate Hearing for FY25

The attached information is related to the annual Tax Rate Hearing. The Hearing is required by Massachusetts law for the Town Council to set the FY25 Tax Rate (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).

Attached is a packet of information from the Assessors office on the tax rate hearing. Please note the proposed tax rate is dropping from \$11.79 in FY24 to \$11.62 in FY25. Additionally, the residential single family property assessment has increased 4.5% from \$650,400 to \$679,400.

Please read the materials from the Board of Assessors carefully as there is a good amount of data that is of interest to the community. They have also provided the materials we are required to file with the state, as well as some historical information.

This memo and packet will serve as the backup for the five tax classification resolutions included under Legislation for Action on the 11/20/24 Town Council Meeting Agenda (Items #s 9a-9e, Resolution #s 24-67, 68, 69, 70 & 71), all of which need to be voted on annually by state law.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MASSACHUSETTS**FY 2025 PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING**

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 2024
TO: Town Council
FROM: Board of Assessors
Kevin W. Doyle, Director of Assessing
RE: FY 2025 Tax Rate Hearing

Please find attached our information related to the annual Tax Rate Hearing. The hearing is required by Law and is intended primarily for the Town Council to determine whether the FY 25 Tax Rate (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) will be a single/uniform or a dual/split tax rate.

A single tax rate means that all property classes (residential, commercial, industrial and personal) are taxed at the same tax rate. A dual tax rate means the commercial-industrial-personal tax rate is increased while the residential rate is decreased. In other words, some of the residential tax burden is shifted towards commercial, industrial and personal properties.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A DUAL TAX RATE DOES NOT PRODUCE MORE TAX REVENUE, IT SIMPLY SHIFTS THE BURDEN.

Currently the single tax rate for FY 24 is \$11.79 and the proposed tax rate for FY 25 rate is \$11.62. The average single family assessment value increased from \$650,400 to \$679,400 or \$29,000 (4.5%). For the average single family assessed at \$679,400, the tax bill will increase by \$226 a year. Individual homes will increase or decrease depending on numerous other factors.

Approximately 81% of property tax valuation and thus tax revenue is from residential taxes and 19% from commercial, industrial and personal property (CIP) taxes. If the council voted for a dual tax rate then then the shift from Residential to CIP would be on a 4 to 1 basis. For example if the Residential tax rate was lowered by \$1 per thousand dollars valuation, the CIP tax rate would need to increase by \$4 to offset the reduction in taxes collected by Residential properties.

Franklin has always had a single rate; we're happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Special Note: We send out quarterly tax bills. The first two (July and October) are preliminary largely based on last fiscal year's bills. The final two tax bills in January and April are based on the Actual Tax Rate and Final Assessment of each property. Accordingly the four quarterly bills are usually different. The first two are generally lower while the last two are higher.

Simple Example – Your last year's tax bill was \$7,000 and this year it goes up \$400 for a total of \$7,400. Your first two bills would be \$1,750 each for a total of \$3,500. The last two tax bills are the final actual total less the first two preliminary tax amounts (\$7,400 minus \$3,500 = \$3,900) divided into the two (January and April) final installments (\$1,950 each).

Many folks multiply their third quarterly \$1,950 amount times four and think their new bill is \$7,800 for the year. They need to look at the total annual tax as indicated on the actual 3rd Quarter Tax Bill, not just at one quarterly bill. Remember that valuations typically change annually in accordance with the use of the State required data. The Total Tax Levy typically increases by 2 ½ % (Proposition 2 ½), by New Growth Revenue (improvements and new properties added to the tax base), and by adjustments in the Debt Exclusion amount to be raised for payments on long-term capital projects (new municipal buildings, i.e. public safety, schools).

FY 2025 PROPERTY CLASS TOTALS								
USE	VALUE PORTION OF TOTAL	PROPERTY TYPE	ACCT/ PARCEL COUNT	CLASS 1 Residential Assessed Value	CLASS 2 Open Space Assessed Value	CLASS 3 Commercial Assessed Value	CLASS 4 Industrial Assessed Value	CLASS 5 Personal Property Assessed Value
SINGLE FAMILY	62.741%	101	7,767	5,277,279,400				
RESIDENTIAL CONDO	9.548%	102	1,917	803,101,400				
2 RES BLDGS / ONE LOT	0.516%	Misc 103,109	59	43,362,900				
TWO FAMILY	1.609%	104	229	135,297,000				
THREE FAMILY	0.512%	105	67	43,098,200				
APARTMENTS	5.089%	111-125	66	428,066,900				
RESIDENTIAL LAND	0.384%	130-132, 106	410	32,269,800				
OTHERWISE NOT CLASSIFIED	0.000%	200-231	0		0			
COMMERCIAL	6.097%	300-393	211			512,820,800		
INDUSTRIAL	9.347%	400-452	195				786,197,800	
CLASSIFIED FOREST	0.000%	CH 61 Land	1		0	1,997		
CLASSIFIED AGRICULTURAL	0.002%	CH 61A Land	28		0	147,154		
CLASSIFIED RECREATIONAL	0.019%	CH 61B Land	29		0	1,580,866		
RES/COM/IND MIXED USE	1.045%	012-043	70	52,998,705	0	34,846,740	62,380	
PERSONAL PROP - INDIVIDUAL	0.974%	501	316					81,936,360
PERSONAL PROP - CORPORATION	0.510%	502	381					42,928,230
PERSONAL PROP - MFG CORP	0.000%	503	0					0
PERSONAL PROP - TRANSMISSION	1.274%	504,550-552	9					107,192,930
PERSONAL PROP - TELEPHONE	0.216%	505	6					18,162,200
PERSONAL PROP - PIPELINES	0.093%	506	1					7,815,900
PERSONAL PROP - WIRELESS	0.025%	508	3					2,094,250
	100.000%	TOTALS	11,765	6,815,474,305	0	549,397,557	786,260,180	260,129,870
				REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE				8,411,261,912
EXEMPT PARCEL COUNT & VALUE			839				EXEMPT VALUE	572,171,100

FY2025 CLASS	CLASS VALUE	KEY GROUPS	KEY GROUP VALUE	GROUP % OF CLASS
COMMERCIAL	549,397,557	MALL & OFFICE BLDG.	76,979,700	14.01%
INDUSTRIAL	786,260,180	CONSTITUTION & FORGE	499,985,900	63.59%
SUB-TOTAL	1,335,657,737	SUB-TOTAL	576,965,600	43.20%
PERSONAL PROP.	260,129,870	PERSONAL PROP.	260,129,870	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	1,595,787,607	GRAND TOTAL	837,095,470	52.46%
				of total CIP

SHIFTING THE TAX RATE
 Fiscal Year 2025

I. CALCULATION OF THE MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR - 150% Shift (formerly shown on the LA-7)

The Minimum Residential Factor is used to make sure the shift of the tax burden complies with the law (M.G.L. c. 58, § 1A). Residential and Open Space taxpayers must pay at least 65% of their full and fair cash value share of the levy. Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property taxpayers cannot pay more than 150% of their full and fair cash value share of the levy. If the calculated Minimum Residential Factor is less than 65%, a community cannot make the maximum shift and must use a Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property factor less than 150%.

A Class	B Full and Fair Cash Valuation	C Percentage Share	D Combined Res/OS, CIP
1. Residential	6,815,474,305	81.0280%	81.0280%
2. Open Space	0	0.0000%	
3. Commercial	549,397,557	6.5317%	18.9720%
4. Industrial	786,260,180	9.3477%	
5. Personal Property	260,129,870	3.0926%	
TOTALS	8,411,261,912	100.0000%	

The "Percentage Share" is based on the "Full and Fair Cash Valuation" of each class, which is affected by the level of assessment for each class. The level of assessment can range between 90% and 110%. This alone can cause a shift if the level of assessment for Residential and Open Space is different than the level of assessment for Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property.

Maximum Share of Levy for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property: $150\% \times 18.9720\%$ (Lines 3C + 4C + 5C) = 28.4580% (Max % Share)

This calculation shows the maximum % share of the levy allowed for the full and fair cash value of the combined Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property classes (150% of the combined shares.) NOTE: Shift impact is reduced as the Max % Share decreases.

Minimum Share of Levy for Residential and Open Space: $100\% - 28.4580\%$ (Max % Share) = 71.5420% (Min % Share)

This calculation shows the minimum % share of the levy allowed for the full and fair cash value of the combined Residential and Open Space Property classes. This is computed by subtracting the Maximum Share for Industrial/Commercial/Personal Property from 100%.

Minimum Residential Factor (MRF): 71.5420% (Min % Share) / 81.0280% (Lines 1C + 2C) = 88.2929% (Minimum Residential Factor)

This calculates the Minimum Residential Factor: divide the minimum % share for Residential and Open Space by the actual % share for Residential and Open Space.

MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR: 88.2929% Chapter 58, Section 1A mandates a minimum residential factor of not less than 65 percent

When the Minimum Residential Factor is multiplied by % share of the Residential and Open space full and fair cash value, it reduces the Residential and Open Space share to its Minimum % Share of the Levy as calculated above.

SHIFTING THE TAX RATE
Fiscal Year 2025

II. CALCULATION OF THE LOWEST POSSIBLE RESIDENTIAL FACTOR - 175% Shift (Chapter 200)

Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1988 amended M.G.L. c. 58, § 1A to allow cities and towns to give Residential property taxpayers greater tax relief by adopting a shift of the property tax burden from Residential taxpayers to the Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property taxpayers, provided certain parameters are not exceeded. Chapter 200 allows a shift of up to 75% (also known as a 175% shift) and lowers the percentage that Residential and Open Space taxpayers must raise to 50%. By expanding the shift, the tax levy on Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property taxpayers increases and the tax Levy on Residential and Open Space taxpayers decreases.

The first Section (Steps 1, 2 & 3) determines whether Residential taxpayers would raise a greater percentage of the property tax levy this fiscal year than they raised last fiscal year, if the town voted the existing law's maximum shift of 150% onto Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property taxpayers.

1. Last year's chosen RESIDENTIAL percentage* (Residential only, does not include Open Space) 81.0145%

This is last year's chosen residential percentage (RES%), not including Open Space, from form LA-5 (under the "SHIFT PERCENTS" section). (Note: The residential share in the fiscal year prior to a community's first property value certification may be used if the assessors can document that it was lower than the prior year's LA5 RES%.)

2. This year's Minimum Residential Factor using a 150% shift to CIP (from LA-7). 88.2929%

This is the "Minimum Residential Factor (MRF)" calculation in Section I above.

3. Minimum residential share (R) in current year using 150% Shift to CIP. 71.5420%

This is the "Minimum Share of Levy for Residential" calculation in Section I above.

If #1 is greater than #3, STOP!

You may shift only up to 150% to Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property, and line #2 remains your Minimum Residential Factor. You must stop here, because continuing would cause the Residential taxpayers to pay more this year than they did last year.

If #3 is greater than #1, go on., continue the shift calculations. Steps 7, 8 and 9 determine whether or not Residential & Open Space taxpayers would raise a smaller percentage of the property tax levy this fiscal year than they have ever raised since the community's first certification of values, assuming the town voted a 175% shift onto Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property taxpayers as allowed by Chapter 200.

4. Calculate a Residential Factor using a 175% shift to CIP. _____

This Residential Factor is the result of repeating the calculations in Steps 1 through 3 above using a shift of 175% instead of 150%. Residential and Open Space taxpayers must raise a minimum of 50%

5. Multiply this new Residential Factor by this year's residential percentage. _____

This calculation multiplies the factor in step 4 above by the combined Residential/Open Space % Share from the grid at the top.

6. What is the Lowest Historical Residential Percentage since the first certification. _____

This is the "Historic Low %" shown on the LA-5 Options & Certification form.

If #5 is greater than #6, STOP!

You may shift up to 175% to the Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property taxpayers and step 4 is the Lowest Residential Factor.

If #6 is greater than #5, go on.

This section determines the maximum shift allowed by law, and the lowest residential factor allowable to achieve the maximum shift. These calculations will not appear if the 175% shift is not allowed according to the calculations above (if #5 is greater than #6).

7A. Take the lowest historical residential percentage (6 above). _____

The residential share in the year before (first certification) may be used if assessors document it was lower.

7B. Divide 7A by the current combined residential/open space percentage share (Residential & Open Space % from the grid above). _____

7C. The result is the lowest residential factor allowable (it may not be less than 50%). _____

LA13 Tax Base Levy Growth

Retain documentation for 5 years in case of DOR audit - Fiscal Year 2025

Property Class	(A) All Prior Year Abatement No.	(B) All Prior Year Abatement Values	(C) New Growth Valuation	(D) PY Tax Rate	(E) Tax Levy Growth
RESIDENTIAL					
SINGLE FAMILY (101)	3	105,300	14,233,300		
CONDOMINIUM (102)	1	20,900	1,726,300		
TWO & THREE FAMILY (104 & 105)	1	5,300	274,600		
MULTI - FAMILY (111-125)	1	1,179,400	8,112,300		
VACANT LAND (130-132 & 106)	0	0	289,100		
ALL OTHERS (103, 109, 012-018)	1	11,700	528,000		
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	7	1,322,600	25,163,600	11.79	296,679
OPEN SPACE	0	0	0		
OPEN SPACE - CHAPTER 61, 61A, 61B	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPEN SPACE	0	0	0	0.00	0
COMMERCIAL	1	713,900	8,080,800		
COMMERCIAL - CHAPTER 61, 61A, 61B	0	0	0		
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	1	713,900	8,080,800	11.79	95,273
INDUSTRIAL	1	593,900	10,761,300	11.79	126,876
PERSONAL PROPERTY	3	8,270	55,323,900	11.79	652,269
TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL	12	2,638,670	99,329,600		1,171,097

Community Comments:

Signatures

Board of Assessors

KEVIN William DOYLE, Dir. of Assessing , Franklin , kdoyle@franklinma.gov 508-520-4920 | 10/30/2024 2:28 PM
 Comment: SIGNED BY AUTHORIZATION OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Levy Limit
 Fiscal Year 2025

FOR BUDGET PLANNING PURPOSES

I. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2024 LEVY LIMIT

A. FY 2023 Levy Limit	87,255,509	
A1. Amended FY 2023 Growth	25,292	
B. ADD (IA + IA1)*2.5%	2,182,020	
C. ADD FY 2024 New Growth	1,111,827	
C1. ADD FY 2024 New Growth Adjustment	0	
D. ADD FY 2024 Override	0	
E. FY 2024 Subtotal	<u>90,574,648</u>	
F. FY 2024 Levy Ceiling	199,760,374	I. <u>90,574,648</u>
		FY 2024 Levy Limit

II. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2025 LEVY LIMIT

A. FY 2024 Levy Limit from I	90,574,648	
A1. Amended FY 2024 Growth	0	
B. ADD (IIA + IIA1)*2.5%	2,264,366	
C. ADD FY 2025 New Growth	1,171,097	
C1. ADD FY 2025 New Growth Adjustment	0	
D. ADD FY 2025 Override	0	
E. ADD FY 2025 Subtotal	<u>94,010,111</u>	
F. FY 2025 Levy Ceiling	210,281,548	II. <u>94,010,111</u>
		FY 2025 Levy Limit

III. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2025 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY

A. FY 2025 Levy Limit from II.	94,010,111
B. FY 2025 Debt Exclusion(s)	3,795,173
C. FY 2025 Capital Expenditure Exclusion(s)	0
D. FY 2025 Stabilization Fund Override	0
E. FY 2025 Other Adjustment :	0
F. FY 2025 Water/Sewer	0
G. FY 2025 Maximum Allowable Levy	<u>97,805,284</u>

Signatures

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CLASSIFICATION TAX ALLOCATION
Fiscal Year 2025

TAX RATE OPTIONS

Resid Factor Selected: 1.000000
Open Space Discount % 0.0000

LA5 Certification

Public Hearing Held on: Date Time at Adopted on Date

ENTER EXEMPTION OPTIONS

If adopting a residential or senior means tested exemption, the Exemption Calculation Worksheet must be uploaded to submit the LA - 5.

RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION OPTIONS

Res Exemption%(max35) 0.0000 (You must notify the DLS Databank if the percent has changed - Databank@dor.state.ma.us)
Total Res Parcel Count 0
No. Eligible Res Parcels 0.000000
Total Res Value Exempted 0

SENIOR MEANS TESTED EXEMPTION OPTIONS

No. Eligible Res Parcels 0 (You must notify the DLS Databank if the percent has changed - Databank@dor.state.ma.us)
Total Res Value Exempted 0

COMBINED IMPACT OF SENIOR MEANS TESTED AND RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTIONS

Net Value of 101 Parcels After Combined Exemptions 0

SMALL COMMERCIAL EXEMPTION

Com Exemp % (max 10%) 0.0000 (You must notify the DLS Databank if the percent has changed - Databank@dor.state.ma.us)
No. Eligible Com Parcels 0
Total Value of Eligible Parcel 0
Tax Rate Override: Water Sewer Debt Shift No

Signatures

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Documents

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CLASSIFICATION OPTIONS

CLASS	VALUE	%	
Residential	6,815,474,305	81.0280	R & O %
Open Space	0	0.0000	81.0280
Commercial	549,397,557	6.5317	
Industrial	786,260,180	9.3477	C I P %
Personal Property	260,129,870	3.0926	18.9720
Total	8,411,261,912	100.0000	

ENTER A LEVY

Levy	97,738,863
Single TaxRate	11.62

ENTER CIP SHIFT RANGE

Shift Range	1.00	1.50
Shift Increment %		5.00
Max Shift Allowed		1.50

Share Percentages

CIP Shift	Res Factor	Res SP	Comm SP	Ind SP	PP SP	Total SP	Res Tax Rate	CIP Tax Rate
1.0000	1.0000	81.0280	6.5317	9.3477	3.0926	100.0000	11.62	11.62
1.0500	0.9883	80.0794	6.8583	9.8151	3.2472	100.0000	11.48	12.20
1.1000	0.9766	79.1308	7.1849	10.2825	3.4019	100.0000	11.35	12.78
1.1500	0.9649	78.1822	7.5115	10.7499	3.5565	100.0000	11.21	13.36
1.2000	0.9532	77.2336	7.8380	11.2172	3.7111	100.0000	11.08	13.94
1.2500	0.9415	76.2850	8.1646	11.6846	3.8658	100.0000	10.94	14.53
1.3000	0.9298	75.3364	8.4912	12.1520	4.0204	100.0000	10.80	15.11
1.3500	0.9181	74.3878	8.8178	12.6194	4.1750	100.0000	10.67	15.69
1.4000	0.9063	73.4392	9.1444	13.0868	4.3296	100.0000	10.53	16.27
1.4500	0.8946	72.4906	9.4710	13.5542	4.4843	100.0000	10.40	16.85
1.5000	0.8829	71.5420	9.7976	14.0216	4.6389	100.0000	10.26	17.43

Massachusetts Department of Revenue								
Division of Local Services								
Municipal Databank/Local Aid Section								
FY1988 - FY2025 Average Single Family Tax Bill								
Municipality	DOR Code	FY	Assessed Value Residential Single Family	Parcels	Average Value	Tax Rate	Single Family Tax Bill	Increase over Prior FY
FRANKLIN	101	1988	586,331,400	4,476	130,995	11.63	1,523	n/a
	101	1989	613,114,500	4,589	133,605	12.38	1,654	131
	101	1990	826,464,400	4,716	175,247	9.85	1,726	72
	101	1991	868,748,600	4,877	178,132	10.11	1,801	75
	101	1992	834,542,000	5,066	164,734	11.28	1,858	57
	101	1993	830,674,100	5,252	158,163	12.34	1,952	94
	101	1994	885,344,000	5,511	160,650	12.81	2,058	106
	101	1995	949,396,000	5,832	162,791	13.44	2,188	130
	101	1996	1,084,874,600	6,182	175,489	13.71	2,406	218
	101	1997	1,175,677,500	6,550	179,493	14.21	2,551	145
	101	1998	1,302,916,600	6,812	191,268	13.80	2,639	88
	101	1999	1,368,422,600	7,017	195,015	13.92	2,715	76
	101	2000	1,544,340,100	7,128	216,658	13.11	2,840	125
	101	2001	1,672,147,900	7,202	232,178	12.82	2,977	137
	101	2002	1,985,936,800	7,276	272,943	11.57	3,158	181
	101	2003	2,209,146,500	7,352	300,482	11.07	3,326	168
	101	2004	2,257,931,800	7,392	305,456	11.04	3,372	46
	101	2005	2,849,600,500	7,435	383,268	9.17	3,515	143
	101	2006	3,091,558,600	7,453	414,807	9.02	3,742	227
	101	2007	3,274,830,500	7,493	437,052	8.86	3,872	130
	101	2008	3,091,250,900	7,512	411,508	10.23	4,210	338
	101	2009	2,906,337,200	7,553	384,792	11.17	4,298	88
	101	2010	2,793,914,300	7,577	368,736	12.03	4,436	138
	101	2011	2,744,081,800	7,599	361,111	12.95	4,676	240
	101	2012	2,682,632,300	7,607	352,653	13.73	4,842	166
	101	2013	2,651,054,200	7,618	347,999	14.34	4,990	148
	101	2014	2,784,880,900	7,651	363,989	14.45	5,260	270
	101	2015	2,918,642,300	7,656	381,223	14.84	5,657	397
	101	2016	3,052,355,300	7,664	398,272	14.50	5,775	118
	101	2017	3,166,111,000	7,688	411,825	14.58	6,004	229
	101	2018	3,248,659,900	7,702	421,794	14.65	6,179	175
	101	2019	3,424,692,100	7,722	443,498	14.66	6,502	323
	101	2020	3,564,773,500	7,743	460,387	14.51	6,680	178
	101	2021	3,665,821,100	7,745	473,315	14.65	6,934	254
	101	2022	3,930,834,400	7,756	506,812	14.05	7,121	187
	101	2023	4,609,680,600	7,763	593,801	12.58	7,470	349
	101	2024	5,048,879,400	7,763	650,377	11.79	7,668	198
	101	2025	5,277,279,400	7,767	679,449	11.62	7,895	227
							Annual Average =	172

FY	MEAN SF VALUE	SINGLE RATE	SINGLE RATE TAX	CHG FR PRIOR YR
2006	414,800	9.02	3,741	n/a
2007	437,100	8.86	3,873	131
2008	411,500	10.23	4,210	337
2009	384,800	11.17	4,298	89
2010	368,800	12.03	4,437	138
2011	361,100	12.95	4,676	240
2012	352,700	13.73	4,843	166
2013	348,000	14.34	4,990	148
2014	364,000	14.45	5,260	269
2015	381,200	14.84	5,657	397
2016	398,300	14.50	5,775	118
2017	411,800	14.58	6,004	229
2018	421,800	14.65	6,179	175
2019	443,500	14.66	6,502	322
2020	460,400	14.51	6,680	179
2021	473,300	14.65	6,934	253
2022	506,800	14.05	7,121	187
2023	593,800	12.58	7,470	349
2024	650,400	11.79	7,668	198
2025	679,400	11.62	7,895	226
	MEAN = AVERAGE			

FY	MEDIAN SF VALUE	SINGLE RATE	SINGLE TAX	CHG FR PRIOR YR
2006	385,000	9.02	3,473	n/a
2007	411,000	8.86	3,641	169
2008	383,000	10.23	3,918	277
2009	354,000	11.17	3,954	36
2010	343,000	12.03	4,126	172
2011	328,500	12.95	4,254	128
2012	321,300	13.73	4,411	157
2013	316,000	14.34	4,531	120
2014	331,700	14.45	4,793	262
2015	353,900	14.84	5,252	459
2016	367,100	14.50	5,323	71
2017	373,800	14.58	5,450	127
2018	389,500	14.65	5,706	256
2019	410,800	14.66	6,022	316
2020	427,700	14.51	6,206	184
2021	441,300	14.65	6,465	259
2022	470,800	14.05	6,615	150
2023	563,100	12.58	7,084	469
2024	613,100	11.79	7,228	145
2025	648,100	11.62	7,531	302
	MEDIAN = MIDDLE			

PROPERTY CLASS	FY 24 CLASS LEVY AT 11.79	FY 25 CLASS LEVY AT 11.62	% CHANGE FY 2024 TO FY 2025
RESIDENTIAL	76,321,323.88	79,195,811.42	3.766%
COMMERCIAL	6,170,275.38	6,383,999.61	3.464%
INDUSTRIAL	8,657,245.78	9,136,343.29	5.534%
PERSONAL	3,058,147.39	3,022,709.00	-1.159%
GRAND TOTALS	94,206,992.43	97,738,863.32	3.749%

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS - FISCAL YEAR 2024
TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

VALUATION

Taxable Real Property	7,731,033,845.00
Taxable Personal Property	259,381,120.00

TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUATION 7,990,414,965.00

AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED

Total Real and Personal Property Tax Levy	94,206,992.43
Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources	74,851,483.28

TOTAL AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED/RECEIPTS - ALL SOURCES 169,058,475.71

TAX RATE - \$11.79 PER \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION

TAX LEVY

Real Property Levy	91,148,889.03
Personal Property Levy	3,058,103.40

TOTAL LEVY - ALL TAXABLE CLASSES 94,206,992.43

REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS	\$ EXEMPTION TOTALS	\$ MA REIMBURSEMENT
Clause 17D Widow (48)	18,864.00	350.00
Clause 22 Veterans (136)	108,800.00	30,600.00
Clause 22F Veterans (1)	7,727.17	7,552.17
Clause 22D Veterans (12)	69,887.20	69,887.20
Clause 22E Veterans (46)	37,450.00	37,450.00
Clause 37A Blind (12)	12,000.00	1,050.00
Clause 41C Elderly (22)	22,000.00	11,044.00
Clause 41A Deferred taxes (3)	11,745.56	0.00
Clause 42 Widow (police) (1)	9,084.20	0.00
Exemptions Totals (281)	297,558.13	157,933.37
Veteran & Senior Work Prog. (106)	130,562.52	0.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 INTERIM YEAR ASSESSMENTS UPDATE

For local cities and towns in Massachusetts, most revenue is raised through local “ad valorem” taxation, that is taxation on local real and personal (primarily business assets) property “according to value”. Since valuation is the basis for taxation, about 45 years ago court decisions and legislation resulted in state mandates to assure “Full and Fair Taxation” with every community revaluing all property every 3 years. Previously, while assessors recognized the importance of updating property records and values, there was often a perceived or real local government concern that once revalued, the city or town may appear to the state to be wealthier relative to its need to receive state aid. Thus, the state made it clear that this was a new mandate for uniformity statewide, thus state aid at least as value is concerned should be fairer. During this same time, Proposition 2 ½ was passed to place controls on the level and future growth of overall local property tax revenue.

Massachusetts residents got used to every 3rd year being a Revaluation Year. The expectation was that there would be a significant increase in the number of assessing agents, mostly data collectors, during the time leading up to revaluation. There was concern that with a revaluation, there was a greater chance that both valuations and tax bills would increase quite a bit. However, right from the start the intention was to create a system to equalize values to achieve uniform full and fair cash values. For properties that appreciated at a higher rate than others, there would be greater tax increases over time, which was to be expected, since these taxes were to be levied on property “according to value”. Valuation schedules have to be tested on specific market or sales data and adjusted accordingly to reflect the changes that have taken place since the last revaluation. While to revalue property doesn’t necessarily require recollecting all property data every 3 years, a periodic recollection every 5 to 10 years is state mandated and necessary to achieve appropriate property valuations.

Now a Revaluation takes place every 5th year, why does my tax bill usually have a different value every year? Over the past 4 decades, there have been both market increases and decreases, and these of course don’t wait to happen for your next Revaluation. Thus, assessors began to make value adjustments more frequently as needed, until finally in the last 2 decades it was recognized and mandated by the state that valuations needed to be tested annually and adjusted if and as needed. For the property owners and for the assessors, this really means that every year is essentially a revaluation year. Annual updates provide greater assurance that valuations are being equalized townwide each year and generally lessen the chance for greater tax bill sticker-shock. However, even if the market is flat, property changes such as improvements are included in property record annual updates and thus may result in a property value change. Also, most cities and towns will be sure to levy the 2 ½ % annually allowable overall limit increase, thus for owner planning purposes, a tax increase of a 2 ½ % minimum should be anticipated annually for every property.

The assessors recommend you familiarize yourself with the records and data they maintain on your property. Please inquire if you believe the data may be inaccurate. Errors on your property record can often best be reviewed and corrected proactively before the start of the next fiscal year’s actual tax.

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 24-76: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Department

The Veterans' Services Department has received another extremely generous donation from the Franklin Elks Riders in the amount of \$2,000. This donation will be applied towards the Veterans' Gift Fund, to be used at the Department's discretion in support of local Veterans and their families.

The Elks Riders are great supporters of the Veterans' Services Department who donate regularly.

We extend our sincere appreciation for their ongoing and exceptional generosity!!!!

Donation Summary:

- VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT - GIFT FUND**
 - Franklin Elks Riders - \$2,000

Thank you to all who support our local Veterans!



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-67**

Tax Classification - Residential Factor

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Property Tax Classification was held and closed on November 20, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Residential Factor will be set at [1.000000].

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-68**

Tax Classification - Open Space Exemption

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Property Tax Classification was held and closed on November 20, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that there [~~be~~] [not be] an exemption for open space.

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
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**Glenn Jones, Clerk
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**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-69**

Tax Classification - Small Business Exemption

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Property Tax Classification was held and closed on November 20, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that there [~~be~~] [not be] an exemption for small businesses.

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
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**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-70**

Tax Classification - Residential Property Exemption

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Property Tax Classification was held and closed on November 20, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that there [~~be~~] [not be] an exemption for residential properties.

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

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**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-71**

Tax Classification - Senior Means Tested Exemption

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Property Tax Classification was held and closed on November 20, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that there [be] [not be] an exemption for senior means tested.

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

A True Record Attest:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 24-72: Veterans Property Tax Exemption

We are asking the Town Council to approve Resolution 24-72 which, if approved, will allow the Town to adopt Clause 22I of the HERO Act, which would provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Veterans Exemptions.

On August 8, 2024 the HERO Act (An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing our Servicemembers and Veterans) was signed by Governor Healey. After reviewing the provisions of the Act, the Board of Assessors voted on November 14th to recommend that the Town Council vote to adopt Clause 22I, to provide a COLA for Veterans Exemptions, to become effective in FY26.

Further information is available in the Letter of Recommendation from the Board of Assessors which is included in the packet for the November 20th Town Council meeting agenda.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



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November 14, 2024

Veterans Exemptions Provision Letter of Recommendation

The Board of Assessors has reviewed the provisions of the HERO Act as regards municipal finance. Director of Assessing Kevin W. Doyle met with Director of Veterans' Services Shannon Nisbett and Deputy Finance Director Evan LaCasse to discuss how the HERO Act may benefit Franklin veterans. They agreed that the Motor Vehicle Exemption for veterans with either a VA 100% disability or VA deemed unemployable due to their service-connected disability was now Law, and thus doesn't require any action locally. This provision is fully reimbursable by the Commonwealth. Further, while Clause 22J provides an additional real estate exemption for various current Veterans Exemptions, Franklin had already used another mechanism to achieve this. However, if adopted Clause 22I would provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the Veterans Exemptions in the same way that it's been available annually in other exemptions. The COLA is determined and provided annually by the MA DOR based on the consumer price index (CPI).

In reviewing the HERO Act, the Board of Assessors concurs with the Town staff conclusions and recommends that the Town of Franklin through its Town Council votes to adopt Clause 22I, the COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) for Veterans Exemptions effective beginning FY 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher K. Feeley, Chairman

Daniel Ballinger, Clerk

Cheryl Hanly, Member





**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-72**

LOCAL ACCEPTANCE OF G.L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 22I

WHEREAS, Chapter 178 of the Legislative Acts of 2024, the HERO Act, amended G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5 to add a new clause, 22I to provide for an annual cost of living increase to certain property tax abatements / exemptions; and

WHEREAS, Clause 22I is a local acceptance statute;

NOW THEREFORE, The Franklin Town Council, acting on behalf of the Town of Franklin, hereby votes to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, as added by Chapter 178 of the Legislative Acts of 2024.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provision of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS _____

A True Record Attest:

YES _____ **NO** _____

ABSTAIN _____

**Nancy Danello
Town Clerk**

ABSENT _____

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 24-73: Senior Tax Abatements

We are asking the Town Council to approve Resolution 24-73 which, if approved, will allow the Town to adopt four Senior Exemption adjustment options as provided in MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C as amended by Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002. These four exemptions relate to Minimum Age Requirements, Gross Receipts Limit, Whole Estate Limit and Whole Estate Exclusion.

At their November 14th meeting, the Board of Assessors voted to recommend that the Town Council vote to adopt these four adjustment options, to become effective in FY26. Further information is available in the Letter of Recommendation from the Board of Assessors which is included in the packet for the November 20th Town Council meeting agenda.

These are the maximum available abatements that are allowed under the law without a special act. The Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) will be filing legislation, similar to what Governor Healey filed last year in the Municipal Empowerment Act, for additional senior property tax relief.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



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November 14, 2024

Clause 41C Senior Exemption Adjustments Letter of Recommendation

The Board of Assessors has reviewed the Senior Exemption options for MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C as amended by Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002.

The Board of Assessors recommends that the Town of Franklin through its Town Council votes the following adjustment options for Clause 41C effective beginning FY 2026.

Minimum Age – reduce required age from seventy (70) to sixty-five (65).

Gross Receipts Limit – increase the base single income from \$19,421 to \$20,000, and the base married income from \$22,409 to \$30,000. Subsequently, these will be subject to the COLA.


Whole Estate Limit – while the single asset limit has increased to \$41,828 by application of the COLA slightly above the newer allowed base option of \$40,000, our recommendation is to increase only the married asset limit from \$44,815 to \$55,000. Both will be subject to the DOR determined COLA.

Whole Estate Exclusion – increase the number of living units from 2 to 3 in addition to the applicant's owner-occupied (domicile) unit; change is from up to a three family to a four family. Note that the net receipts from rental units are a part of the Gross Receipts addressed above.

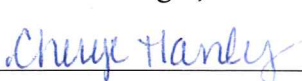
Respectfully submitted,



Christopher K. Feeley, Chairman



Daniel Ballinger, Clerk



Cheryl Hanly, Member





**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-73**

**LOCAL ACCEPTANCE OF G.L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 41C
AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 184, SECTION 51 OF THE ACTS OF 2002**

WHEREAS, GL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C as amended by Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002 authorizes a municipality to vote to adopt Senior Exemption adjustment options as follows:

- Minimum Age
- Gross Receipts Limit
- Whole Estate Limit
- Whole Estate Exclusion

WHEREAS, The Franklin Board of Assessors reviewed the provisions of Clause 41C and on November 14, 2024 voted to recommend adjustments to the Franklin Town Council;

NOW THEREFORE, The Franklin Town Council, acting on behalf of the Town of Franklin, hereby votes to accept the provisions of GL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C as amended by Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002, as follows:

- Minimum Age - Reduce required age from seventy (70) to sixty-five (65).
- Gross Receipts Limit - Increase the base single income from \$19,421 to \$20,000, and the base married income from \$22,409 to \$30,000.
- Whole Estate Limit - Increase the married asset limit from \$44,805 to \$55,000.
- Whole Estate Exclusion - Increase the number of living units from two (2) to three (3) in addition to the applicant's owner-occupied (domicile) unit.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provision of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter,.

DATED: _____, 2024

A True Record Attest:

**Nancy Danello
Town Clerk**

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS _____

YES _____ **NO** _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 24-74: Authorization of Purchase of Land from CSX for Rail Trail Extension and Appropriation of Funding

At the November 20th Town Council meeting we will be asking the Town Council to approve resolution 24-74. If approved, this resolution will authorize the Town to purchase land from CSX for a rail trail extension, as well as authorize the appropriation of funding for said purchase.

Documents are still being finalized, but the Purchase & Sale Agreement and the Proposed Resolution will both be made available to the public and the Town Council by or before the November 20th meeting.

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: Zoning Bylaw Amendments 24-917 & 24-918 - Accessory Dwelling Units

We are asking the Town Council to refer Zoning Bylaw Amendments 24-917 and 24-918 to the Planning Board. Both Zoning Bylaw Amendments relate to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and are being proposed to bring the Town of Franklin into compliance with the Affordable Homes Act signed into law by Governor Healey on August 6, 2024.

We have included a memo from Town Planner Amy Love and the 2 proposed resolutions in the packet for the November 20, 2024 Town Council Meeting Agenda.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.

FRANKLIN PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: JAMIE HELLEN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: AMY LOVE, TOWN PLANNER;
RE: ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS 24-917 AND 24-918
CC: MARK G. CEREL, TOWN ATTORNEY; BRYAN W. TABERNER, AICP, DIRECTOR
GUS BROWN, ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2024

As you know, an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), also commonly referred to as an “in-law apartment”, is a secondary dwelling unit on the same lot as a larger primary dwelling unit. There are a variety of types of ADUs, including converted portions of existing homes, additions to new or existing homes, new stand-alone accessory structures, or converted portions of existing stand-alone accessory structures.

Developing ADUs incrementally increases housing density in a way that is appropriate for existing neighborhoods. They are also a particularly good housing typology to meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities who seek independence but still need support from family or other caregivers, but also for young adults without the income needed for a market rate housing unit. And ADUs can help homeowners to stay in their homes because they are able to generate additional income by renting out an ADU.

Franklin currently allows ADUs in the General Residential V (GRV), Commercial II Zoning Districts, in all of the single-family residential districts, Downtown Commercial (DC), and Commercial I (CI) Zoning Districts by Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) special permit.

On August 6, 2024, Governor Healy signed the Affordable Homes Act into Law (Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024). Section 7 of the affordable Homes Act, under Section 1A of Chapter 40A of the General Laws amends the definition “Accessory Dwelling Unit”. The difference with Town of Franklin’s current by-law and the amended definition is the requirement by Town that the owner of record shall live on the property. Attached is the proposed amended by-law to comply with Section 7 of the Affordable Act.

Section 8 of the Affordable Homes Act, under Section 3 of said Chapter 40A of the General Laws amends to allow ADUs up to 900 square feet to be built by right in single-family zoning districts. Town of Franklin’s by-law currently require a Special Permit in the single family zoning districts. The second attachment reflects the proposed amendment to comply with Section 8 of the Affordable Homes Act.

The two proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments are attached. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information. We look forward to discussing the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments with Town Council.



SPONSOR: *Town Administration*

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 24-917:
CHANGES TO §185-3. DEFINITIONS**

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT DEFINITION

**A ZONING BY-LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 185 SECTION 3
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

Chapter 185 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is hereby amended at section §185-3 Definitions by ~~deleting~~ the following text:

§185-3. Definitions

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU): A self-contained Dwelling Unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking, and sanitary facilities, incorporated within a lawful principal single-family or two-family dwelling or within a detached building accessory to and on the same lot and in the same ownership as a lawful principal single-family or two-family dwelling use. ~~The owner of record shall live on the property.~~ The ADU shall maintain two means of egress, either directly from the outside, or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the principal dwelling, sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code. The ADU shall be no smaller than what is allowed by State Building Code Regulations, no larger than 900 sq/ft or 50% of the principal unit, whichever is less, and shall contain no more than two (2) bedrooms. All public utilities shall be shared with the primary residence.

The foregoing Zoning By-law Amendment shall take effect in accordance with the Franklin Home Rule Charter and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 5.

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



SPONSOR: *Town Administration*

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 24-918**

**A ZONING BY-LAW TO AMEND THE FRANKLIN TOWN CODE AT
CHAPTER 185, ATTACHMENT 8, USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE PART VII:
ACCESSORY USES**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

Chapter 185 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is hereby amended by the following **additions** and **deletions** to §185, Attachment 8, Use Regulation Schedule Part VII, Accessory Uses:

185 Attachment 8
USE REGULATION SCHEDULE
PART VII

Symbols in the Use Regulations Schedule shall mean the following:

Y = A permitted use. N = An excluded or prohibited use.

BA = A use authorized under special permit from the Board of Appeals.

PB = A use authorized under special permit from the Planning Board.

P/SP = Permitted as of right. A special permit from the Board of Appeals is required if the proposed project results in an increase in estimated water consumption of more than 15,000 gallons per day.

Accessory Uses	District														
	RRI RVI	RRII RVII	SFRIII	SFRIV	GRV	NC	RB	CI	CII	DC	B	I	LI	O	MBI
A1 Boarding	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
A2 Contractor's yard	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
a. Landscape materials storage and distribution	N	N	N	N	N	Y ³	Y ³	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
A3 Home occupation (See § 185-39B.)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
A4 Manufacture, assembly, packing of goods sold on premises	N	N	N	N	N	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	Y ¹	Y ¹	Y	Y	N	Y ¹	Y
A5 Off-street parking (See § 185-39C.)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A6 Professional office, studio (See § 185-39A.)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
A7 Restaurant, bar	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A8 Retail sale of nonagricultural products manufactured, warehoused or manufactured, warehoused or distributed on or from premises	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ²	N	Y ²	Y
A9 Scientific use in compliance with § 185-37	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	N	BA	BA	BA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A10 Signs (See § 185-20.)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A11 Single-family dwelling for personnel required for safe operation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
A12 Other customary accessory uses	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A13 Other retail sales, services	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N ⁴	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A13.1 Animal grooming	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	N	Y	BA	Y	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA
A14 Operation of not more than 5 automatic amusement devices	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
A15 Warehouse/distribution facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
A16 Wholesale office, salesroom															
a. With storage	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
b. Without storage	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ²	Y	Y
A17 Catering	N	N	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A18 Function hall	N	N	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A19 Ground-mounted Solar Energy System ⁵															
a. Small-scale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Medium-scale ⁶	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	PB	N	PB	N	PB	Y	N	PB	PB
A20 Agricultural with Poultry, parcel under 5 acres ⁷	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	Y ⁵	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
A21 Accessory Dwelling Residential Unit ⁵	<u>BA Y⁸</u>	<u>BA Y⁸</u>	<u>BA Y⁸</u>	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	N	N	N	N	N

NOTES:

1. But N if occupying more than 50% of the floor area occupied by the principal use and not more than five persons employed on the premises in the DC District and CI District and not more than 10 persons in the CII District and O District.
2. Provided that no more than 25% of the total floor space is used for display or retailing.
3. Such uses shall be restricted to seasonal operations only.
4. Accessory retail sales within a Country Store, as defined in §185-3, shall not exceed 50% of the establishment's floor area open to the public.
5. See §185-19, "Accessory buildings and structures".
6. Planning Board Site Plan Review is required of all Medium-scale Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems.
7. Any related structure shall be to the rear of the property's primary building, and at least 25 feet from side and rear property lines.
- 8. A second Accessory Dwelling Unit on the same parcel will require a Special Permit from ZBA.**

Franklin DPCD
Revised Nov.13, 2024

The foregoing Zoning By-law amendment shall take effect in accordance with the Franklin Home Rule Charter and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 5.

DATED: _____, 2023

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: ____ **ABSENT:** ____

RECUSED: _____

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: Zoning Bylaw Amendments 24-919 & 24-920 - Signs

We are asking the Town Council to refer Zoning Bylaw Amendments 24-919 and 24-920 to the Planning Board. Both Zoning Bylaw Amendments relate to signs. These two bylaw changes are intertwined and only affect West Central Street zoning Districts of Commercial II, Business and Office. These areas are not affecting residential neighborhoods.

We have included a memo from Town Planner Amy Love and the 2 proposed resolutions in the packet for the November 20, 2024 Town Council Meeting Agenda.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.

FRANKLIN PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

355 EAST CENTRAL STREET, ROOM 120

FRANKLIN, MA 02038-1352

TELEPHONE: 508-520-4907

FAX: 508-520-4906

MEMORANDUM

TO: JAMIE HELLEN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: AMY LOVE, TOWN PLANNER;
RE: ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS 24-917 AND 24-918
CC: MARK G. CEREL, TOWN ATTORNEY; BRYAN W. TABERNER, AICP, DIRECTOR
GUS BROWN, ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2024

The Town of Franklin currently regulates signs in Section 185-20 of the Town Code. Signs are also required to be permitted through the Design Review Commission, with regulations in 185 Attachment 10 of the Town Code. Since the sign by-law was put into place, there has been more advances in signage.

Proposed in the attachments are two (2) suggested amendments to the Sign by-law. The following describes the changes:

Section 185-20 (C)(3) – Illumination. Adding LED and LCD boards in the Commercial II, Business and Office zoning Districts by Special Permit Planning Board. The Special Permit requirement will allow the Planning Board to review the sign and ensure there are not traffic hazard based the location of the sign and no spillage onto abutting properties.

Section 185-20 (E) – Prohibited Signs – This amendment is to allow Section 185-20 (C)(3) to be noted in the by-law.

The two proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments are attached. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. We look forward to discussing the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments with the Town Council.



SPONSOR: *Town Administration*

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 24-919
CHANGES TO §185-20. SIGNS**

**A ZONING BY-LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 185 SECTION 20
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

Chapter 185 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is hereby amended at section §185-20 (C)(3) Illumination by **adding** the following text:

§185-20 (C)(3). Illumination

- (a) Signs may illuminated provided that there shall be no glare cast onto adjacent residential properties or in a manner to disrupt the movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (b) Signs may be internally illuminated in all sign districts other than the DCD and RD, provided that the background is dark in color and the letters are light in color, or there is an opaque shield between the light sources and the sign panel that only allows the lettering area to be illuminated. Canopies or awnings may also be internally illuminated. There shall be no glare or direct light reaching any adjacent residential properties or in a manner to disrupt the movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic from an internally illuminated sign, canopy or awning.
- (c) **LED and LCD message boards are allowed in the Commercial II, Business and Office Zoning Districts, with a Special Permit from the Planning Board, upon findings that no traffic safety hazard will be created either by the location of the structure or its operation and that there will be no light spillage onto public roadway or any abutting property. The general special permit criteria set out in Section 185-45 E(3) shall not apply. The Planning Board may impose such terms and conditions as it deems necessary to protect public safety.**

The foregoing Zoning By-law Amendment shall take effect in accordance with the Franklin Home Rule Charter and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 5.

DATED: _____, 2024

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YES: _____ **NO:** _____

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RECUSED: _____

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Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
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SPONSOR: *Town Administration*

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 24-920
CHANGES TO §185-20. SIGNS**

**A ZONING BY-LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 185 SECTION 20
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

Chapter 185 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is hereby amended at section §185-20 (E)(2) Illumination by **adding** the following text:

§185-20 (E)(2). Prohibited Signs

1. Any signs having a part that moves or flashes, or signs of the traveling light or animated type, and all beacons and flashing devices, whether a part of, attached to or separate from a sign, are prohibited.
2. **Except as provided in Section 185-20 (C)(3)(c)**, No liquid crystal display or light emitting diode signs are permitted within the Town of Franklin other than gas station signs displaying one price and no more than 16 square feet in size.
3. Roof signs, billboard signs, inflatable signs or banners are prohibited.
4. No flags shall be allowed with the exception of those permitted in Subsection F(3).

The foregoing Zoning By-law Amendment shall take effect in accordance with the Franklin Home Rule Charter and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 5.

DATED: _____, 2024

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: Resolution 24-75: 2025 Schedule of Town Council Meetings

At the November 20th Town Council meeting we will ask the Council to approve the 2025 Town Council meeting schedule. This schedule outlines the proposed Town Council meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year. While very rare, this does not prohibit the Council from posting additional meetings as necessary within the Open Meeting Law statutory requirements of 48 hours public notice.

Dates are still being finalized; however, the schedule and resolution will be made available to the public and the Town Council by or before the November 20th meeting. We will also include a schedule of monthly office hours for the Town Council and Town Administration at the Senior Center.

Once all dates have been settled, we will post them on the Town Calendar. All dates are subject to change throughout the year based on the policy information we have at the time.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-76**

Acceptance of Gift - Veterans' Services Department

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Services Department has received a generous donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used at the discretion of the Department for programs and services, as follows:

Donation Summary:

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- 1. Veterans' Gift Fund - \$2,000
 - Donated by the Elks Riders

Donation Total: \$2,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town Council of the Town of Franklin on behalf of the Veterans' Services Department gratefully accepts this generous donation to be used at the discretion of the Department, as described above.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

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Memorandum

November 15, 2024

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Amy Frigulietti, Deputy Town Administrator

Re: **Resolution 24-77: Gift Acceptance - Veterans' Services Dept, Senior Center**

The Veterans' Services Dept. and the Senior Center have received generous donations in the total amount of \$2,289.

The donations totaling \$2,125 for the Veterans' Services Department will be applied toward the Franklin Municipal Veterans' Assistance Fund to be used at the Department's discretion in support of local Veterans and their families.

The donations to the Senior Center will be used at the discretion of the Senior Center to provide services and programs to senior citizens in the Franklin community.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who donated. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Donation Summary:

- **Franklin Municipal Veterans' Assistance Fund - \$2,125**
 - Joann and Kenneth Ogilvie \$ 500
 - Dick and Judy Hynes \$ 400
 - James Connor \$ 100
 - Richard Neely \$ 100
 - Richard and Tracey Larowe \$ 100
 - David and Mary Jane Sciortino \$ 100
 - Stephan Semerjian \$ 100
 - Gerald and Deborah Vonrueden \$ 100
 - Jeannette Hart \$ 100
 - James and Joanne Moss \$ 50
 - Rose Turco \$ 50
 - Elaine Anderson and Paul McFarland \$ 50
 - Judy and Nelson Osborn \$ 50
 - Christopher Cordeiro \$ 50
 - Pat and Lori Doyle \$ 50
 - Nicholas and Mary D'Aluisio \$ 50
 - Gary and Camille Beaudrea \$ 30
 - Donna Coronliti \$ 30

- Richard and Sharyn Johnson \$ 25
 - Robert and Barbara Schaaf \$ 25
 - Kristine Prybyla \$ 25
 - Jennifer and Brian Noble \$ 20
 - Doris Duggan \$ 10
 - James and Barbara Harrington \$ 10
- \$2,125

- **Senior Center - \$164**

- Various Donors \$139
 - Barbara MacLackern \$ 10
 - Ingrid Smith \$ 15
- \$164

DONATION TOTAL: \$2,289



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 24-78**

**Acceptance of Gifts – Veterans’ Services Department &
Senior Center**

WHEREAS, The Veterans’ Services Department and the Senior Center have received generous donations in the total amount of \$2,289 to be used at the discretion of each Department as follows:

Donation Summary:

VETERANS’ SERVICES DEPARTMENT - \$2,125

- Donation to be used at the discretion of the Veterans Services Department through the Franklin Municipal Veterans' Assistance Fund in support of local veterans and their families.

SENIOR CENTER - \$164

- Donations to be applied at the discretion of the Senior Center, through the Council on Aging Gift Fund, to provide services and programs to senior citizens in the Franklin community.

The list of all donors is included in the 11/20/2024 Town Council meeting agenda packet.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town Council of the Town of Franklin on behalf of the Veterans’ Services Department and Senior Center gratefully accepts these generous donations to be used at the discretion of each Department for the purposes noted above.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2024

VOTED: _____

UNANIMOUS: _____

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____ **ABSENT:** _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello, CMC
Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
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