July 7, 2026

The public hearing for a Town Law to enact a temporary moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining operations and Data Processing Centers within the town. Several people spoke in favor of the moratorium, outlining what could happen if they were allowed.

After everyone spoke that wished to, the public hearing was closed at 7:15.

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 7:15 PM by Don Smith Supervisor. Present were Don Smith, Teddie Storey, Heather Ross, Paul Warner, Jamie Archibald and Gregg Pitula.

Also present were Betsy Ott, Gary Ott, Barbara Wilber, Terry Wilber, Mariane Kiraly, Amber Gray, Leanne Nabinger, Kim Hyzer, Ethan Hotchkin, Nino Triarsi, Mike Miller, Stephanie Savaria, Jason Savaria, Brian Brock, Sharon Bodenschatz.

The minutes were read from the June 2, 2026 meeting. Heather made the motion to accept minutes as read. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

No KECC report.

Jamie reported for the highway department that the stainless-steel box has arrived and as soon as they have time, they will install it.

They have been working the dirt roads, applying calcium and mowing roadsides. June 10 & 11 they finished up a paving project on Ceresna Road.

No report for Rec committee.

Code Enforcement reported a busy month doing several new permits, a few municipal searches. Also renewing old permits.

Teddie reported for the planning board that they had 2 meetings since the town board meeting last month.

In June they had a boundary line adjustment for Blueberry Farm.

They also asked for an extension of hours of operation. That is outside of the planning board purview so they denied it and referred him to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

There was also discussion of flag lots on Merrickville Road. They will be doing maps and come back before the board.

In July Jonah Shaw has received Dept of Health and Ag & Mkt permits and will start food processing soon.

Resolution for Local Law for Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations and Data Processing Centers was presented. Teddie made the motion to approve the Resolution. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Mariane Kiraly spoke about the increase in traffic on Bennett Hollow. She presented a petition with 31 signatures to the board to reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH. Jamie said that he will work on getting it reduced but the problem will be enforcing it.

Kim Hyzer and other residents on St Hwy 357 were complaining about a neighbor that they have. He was harassing them last year also. He seems to be escalating so that now they are worried about their safety. He plays loud music, stares at them if they are outside, watches them on his cameras and also shoots his guns.

Gregg suggested that the neighbors should get together and document everything and contact the police so that it will be on file if needed further.

Vouchers 2026-239 – 2026-290 were presented for payment.

With nothing further to come before the board, Heather made the motion to adjourn and Teddie seconded the motion at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk