

May 5, 2026

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Board was called to order at 6:04 PM. Present were Donnie Smith, Garret Sitts, Heather Ross, Teddie Storey, Dwight Bruno, Jamie Archibald, Paul Warner and Gregg Pitula. Also present were Laura Leale, Craig Brock, Brian Brock and Amber Gray.

The minutes were read from the April 7 meeting. Heather made the motion to approve minutes as read. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Garret reported for KECC. They met with Jonah Shaw and talked about property line fence and discussed community garden.

Jamie reported the highway crew completed their mandatory safety training. They got the grader and have started using it. They are trying to patch holes, doing ditches, sweeping roads and replacing some pipes. No updates on either the stainless-steel box or the parts truck. The truck that we had on Auctions International didn't sell. Will try again later.

He's still researching salt shed ideas.

Heather had nothing from rec committee.

Gregg said he is still getting building permits, doing inspections, closing old permits. Municipal searches are still down. Has had a few complaints that he has taken care of.

Jamie opened the bids for fuel and diesel. These bids will be good through September 1.

Mirabito : Diesel .3233 + rack Heating .55 + rack Kero .3233

Fixed : Diesel \$ 5.357 Heating \$ 5.45 Kero 6.0457

Reinhart Oil No fixed price

Heating and diesel .30 + rack

Teddie made the motion to reject all heating fuel and kero bids. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Garret made the motion to accept Reinhardt fluctuating price for diesel at .30 + rack. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Brian Ayres and Mike Ames spoke of the school budget and programs that the school offers.

Resolutions to schedule public hearings for extending terms of office for Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk from 2 to 4 years. Heather made the motion to approve public hearings on June 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM in Treadwell. Garret seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board would like to propose to establish a one year moratorium on data centers to give town board and planning boards more time to study them before they come before the boards. Dwight made the motion to talk to our attorney about moving forward with this. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Jamie brought up the contract for security and back up. We possibly may want to change our provider. We will look at pricing in executive session.

Also the insurance for KECC playground needs to be addressed.

Jamie brought a picture of signs that would be good to put at all entrances to the Town of Franklin. The money would come from the code enforcement budget. Will discuss more later.

There was a question of whether the Town Law from 2025 was ever corrected at the state website. Everyone has tried to get it fixed but the state is not cooperating.

Vouchers 2026-169 - 2026-200 were presented for payment.

Heather made the motion to go into executive session for contractual issues at 7:58 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board returned from executive at 8:55 PM. With nothing further to come before the board, Garret made the motion to adjourn. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk

