

ORDINANCE

for the

ESTABLISHMENT

of the

FRANKLIN

PLANNING BOARD

Established	March 17, 1969
Adopted	August 30, 1972
Amended	March 26, 1983
Amended	March 24, 1984
Amended	March 23, 1985
Amended	March 22, 1986
Amended	March 24, 1990
Amended	March 24, 2005

Certified By:

TOWN MEETING MARCH 17, 1969

(Excerpts)

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 4951 through 4956 of Title 30 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended and authorize and direct Board of Selectmen to establish a planning board in accordance with the provisions of said sections.

(Budget Committee recommends \$100.)

Voted "YES, \$100."

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUGUST 30, 1972

(Excerpts)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to confirm the Town Planning Board appointed by the Selectmen as follows; Maynard Conners, Richard Dyer, Haywood Noyes, Andrew Pung, Lloyd Fernald, Theodore Joy, and David Williams.

"Amended 'For the Board to serve until Town Meeting, next annual.' Voted "YES"

Article 6: Shall an ordinance entitled 'Establishment of the Franklin Planning Board,' be enacted as follows;

Voted 'YES" with amendments; amended March 26, 1983; amended March 24, 1984; amended March 23, 1985; amended March 22, 1986; and amended March 24, 1990.

## ORDINANCE for the ESTABLISHMENT of the FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD

### 1. Establishment.

Pursuant to Art. VIII, pt. 2, Section 1 of the Maine Constitution and 30-A, M.R.S.A. § 3001, the Town of Franklin hereby establishes the Franklin Planning Board.

### 2. Appointment

- A. Board members shall be appointed by the municipal officers and sworn by the clerk or other person authorized to administer oaths.
- B. The Board shall consist of 7 members.
- C. The term of each member shall be 5 years, except the initial appointments, which shall be; One (1) appointed 5 years; Two (2) elected 4 years; Two(2) appointed 3 years; One (1) appointed for 2 years; One (1) appointed for 1 year.
- D. When there is a permanent vacancy, the Municipal Officers shall, within 60 days of its occurrence, appoint a person to serve for the unexpired term. A vacancy shall occur upon the resignation or death of any member, or when a member ceases to be a legal resident of the town, or when a member fails to attend four (4) consecutive regular meetings, or fails to attend at least 75% of all meetings during the preceding twelve (12) month period. When a vacancy occurs, the chairperson of the board shall immediately so advise the municipal officers in writing. The board may recommend to the municipal officers that the attendance provision be waived for cause, in which case no vacancy will then exist until the Municipal Officers disapprove the recommendation. The Municipal Officers may remove members of the Planning Board by unanimous vote, for cause, after notice and hearing.
- E. Municipal Officers, Code Enforcement Officer, and Licensed Plumbing Inspector may not serve as members.
- F. All members of the Board must be legal residents of the town.

### 3. Organization and Rules

- A. The Board shall elect a chairman and a secretary from among its members and create and fill such other offices as it may determine. The term of all offices shall be one (1) year with eligibility for re-election,
- B. Any question of whether a member shall be disqualified from voting on a particular matter shall be decided by a majority vote of the members except the member who is being challenged.

- C. The Chairman shall call meetings as necessary to conduct the business of the Board.
- D. No meeting of the Board shall be held without a quorum consisting of four (4) members.
- E. The Board shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and the secretary shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, correspondence, findings and determinations. All records shall be deemed public and may be inspected at reasonable times.

4. Duties; Powers

- A. The Board shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as are provided by Town Ordinance and the laws of the State of Maine.
- B. The Board may obtain goods and services necessary to its proper function within the limits of appropriations made for the purpose.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**  
Of the  
**TOWN of FRANKLIN, ME.**  
ADOPTED in 1974  
By the  
**FRANKLIN**  
**PLANNING BOARD**

## TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE

### PREAMBLE

THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS A STATEMENT OF THE DESIREABLE POTENTIAL OF THE TOWN AND A GUIDE TO TOWN OFFICIALS AND ALL OTHERS WHOSE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES MAY DEVELOP OR LIMIT THAT POTENTIAL.

IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS PLAN TO BE CONCEPTUAL. DETAILS SHALL BE PROVIDED THROUGH ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE THEREOF AND SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS PLAN,

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ALL POLICIES OR ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN PRETAINING THERETO MAY BE AMENDED OR REPEALED BY THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING AT A TOWN MEETING.

### HISTORY

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE TOWN IS THAT OF PULPWOOD, CHRISTMAS TREES, LUMBER AND GRANITE. RESIDENT POPULATION APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED A MAXIMUM BETWEEN 1906 AND 1910 AND HAVE SINCE BEEN REPLACED BY EVER INCREASING NUMBERS OF SUMMER RESIDENTS. THE LATE 1960s SAW A RENEWED INTEREST IN ALL YEAR LIVING IN THE TOWN.

### RESOURCES

THE QUIET BEAUTY AND PEACEFULL WAY OF LIFE ARE OUR MAJOR ATTRACTIONS.

THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL UNDEVELOPED LANDS INCLUDING MARSHES, HEATHS WET—LANDS AND FORESTS. OUR MAIN WATER SUPPLY IS AN EXCELLENT TOWN WATER SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTED BY DRILLED WELLS, SOILS ARE OF MAROINIAL SUITABILITY FOR SIJ2SURFACE WASTE DISPOSAL. WE HAVE A GOOD SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE AVAILABLE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING DUMP THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION HAS ORDERED CLOSED BY JULY 1, 1975.

BLUEBERRIES, PULPWOOD, LUMBER, CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS ARE THE PRINCIPAL NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE AREA. WE ALSO HAVE A BLUEBERRY FREEZING—PACKING PLANT. BLUEBERRY HARVESTING, MAINTANCE, CLAMMING AND GENERAL LABOROS ARE THE MAIN SOURCES OF EMPLOYMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS. PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES

ARE AVAILABLE, EATING PLACES AND SHOPPING FACILITIES ARE LIMITED, WITH MOST OF THESE TYPES OF SERVICES REQUIRING TRAVEL TO ELLSWORTH. THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INTO OR OUT OF FRANKLIN. THE TOWN HAS A VERY FINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

TO ENCOURAGE ALL YEAR LIVING IN TOWN AS WELL AS OUR SUMMER RESIDENCE AND VISITORS. TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF OCCUPATIONS COMPATIBLE WITH OUR WAY OF LIFE INCLUDING NECESSARY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. TO HAVE LIMITED LICENSING REGULATIONS WHICH WILL PERMIT PERFORMANCE OF SUCH SERVICES AS ROUTINE PLUMBING, HEATING, AND ELECTRICAL WORK.

TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN AND IMPROVE OUR TOWN GOVERNMENT. TO CONTROL POPULATION DENSITY AND TO RESERVE SOME OPEN AND SEMI—DEVELOPED AREA OF THE TOWN. TO INSURE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT ALONG THE SHORES AND THROUGH THE UNDEVELOPED LANDS.

TO PROVIDE LOCATIONS WHERE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES OF A NATURE PRACTICAL AND SUITED TO THE TOWN MAY BE CONDUCTED ON LANDS BEST SUITED WITH A MINIMUM OF CONTROLS. TO PROVIDE AREAS FOR MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND COMPATIBLE COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC USES. TO AVOID UNDESIRABLE CROWDING OF PEOPLE BUILDINGS AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES. TO PROMOTE A COMMUNITY WHICH WILL BY ITS NATURE BE FREE OF CRIMINAL CRIME RELATED ACTIVITIES.

TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE WATER SUPPLY. TO FACILITATE PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND FURTHER THE MAINTENANCE OR SAFE AND HEALTHFUL CONDITIONS.

TO PROTECT AREAS WHERE DEVELOPMENT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT SHORELANDS, WETLANDS, SWAMPS, MARSHES AND WILDLIFE HABITAT. TO PROVIDE EDUCATION WHICH INCLUDES AN APPRECIATION OF THE WAY OF LIFE AND A KNOWLEDGE OF THE SKILLS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT IT.

### ADMINISTRATION

THE TOWN SHALL IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES, ORDINANCES AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS TO THE END THAT ALL LEGAL ACTIVITY CONSISTENT WITH THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHALL BE PERMITTED AND ALL ACTIVITY NOT SO CONSISTANT SHALL BE PROHIBITED.