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## Town of Franklin Board Meetings

### Public Hearing Minutes - February 16, 2022 10:30PM

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Dorothy Brown  
Council Member Gail Huston  
Council Member Leo Demong

#### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Council Member Rachelle Waters  
Council Member Dick Jarvis

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Melissa Furnia, Friends of the North Country  
Crystal Narducci, Friends of the North Country  
Derrick Martineau, Franklin Code Enforcement Officer  
Lauren LeFebvre, Franklin Town Clerk

#### CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Brown called the Public Hearing to order at 10:30am. The Town Clerk called the roll, noting a quorum present. Supervisor Brown gave the floor to Melissa Furnia to discuss the purpose of the Public Hearing.

#### FRIENDS OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

FONC Executive Director, Melissa Furnia, addressed the board and stated FONC has been made aware of a possible conflict of interest involving a recipient of rehab services. A family member of grant recipient FR-19-07 is related to an employee of the Town of Franklin and another family member of FR-19-07 became employed by Friends of the North Country some months AFTER projects were awarded. Discussion was held among the board and according to the Town of Franklin Ethics Policy, there is no conflict of interest as the ToF employee has no interest, control or decision making role in the 2019 CDBG program. The board reminded those present that, in the accordance with the Town's decision to receive information and updates on projects using only project numbers, no names are

contained in board documents. With regard to the employee of Friends of the North Country, the board acknowledged the disclosure by FONC to the Town of Franklin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Town Clerk reported no written comments were received and no one present signed in to comment.

**RESOLUTION #12 NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE**

On a motion by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Council Member Demong, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Franklin Town Board does hereby declare there is no conflict of interest with regard to recipient FR-19-07 of 418HR345-19 NYS Office of Community Renewal 2019 Housing Rehabilitation Grant rehab services and a Town of Franklin employee, as the employee has no financial interest or contractual decision making power AND the Board does hereby acknowledge and accept the disclosure by Friends of the North Country that a relative of FR-19-07 is employed by FONC.

Those Voting Aye:

- Supervisor Dorothy Brown
- Council Member Gail Huston
- Councilman Leo Demong

Those Voting Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no comments by the public, Supervisor Brown adjourned the Public Hearing at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

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