

Town of Franklin Public Hearing: Local Law 2
June 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM
Town Hall, 7 Cold Brook Road
Draft Minutes

Board Members Present: Supervisor Dorothy Brown, Council member Richard Brandt, Council member Leo Demong, Council member Anne Marie Nightingale-Duprey, Council member Susan Alexander

Others Present: Town Clerk Amy McCormick, Highway Superintendent Jacques DeMars, Attorney for the Town Joel Peller, Alison King, Paul Capone, George Stowers, Bradley Merrill, Tim Santos, Keith Silliman, Franklin County Legislator Joe Shoemaker, Tim Sheard, Tamara Peary, Dan Plumley, Debra Spellman, Rozanne G., Nancy Fierer, Barbara Sheard, Anne Stowers, Richard Jarvis, Robert Fierer, Deborah Drisdell, Ellen Beberman, David (?), Phyllis Sinclair, Stuart Lucks, Susan Brantley, Andy Nyblade, Scott Gillies, Scott Muller, Lora Couture, Nancy Bernstein, Patricia Lee, Cynthia Martino, Jonathan Gorgas, Rick Grossman, Brain Anderson, Todd Millen, Mark Miller, Barbara C.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Brown called the hearing to order at 5:37 and the Town Clerk called the roll, noting a quorum was present.

Proposed Local Law 2 of 2026: DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM

Supervisor Brown noted the purpose of this public hearing is for comments concerning a proposed local law ESTABLISHING A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM PROHIBITING APPLICATIONS, APPROVALS AND CONSTRUCTION FOR CERTAIN LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents spoke in support of a moratorium for reasons such as, but not limited to:

- Similar reasons for supporting a BESS moratorium
- Seeing a need for more regulation of development than is currently in place
- A need to protect our resources
- we are not able to rely solely on the APA
- adversity toward large scale development

Several residents spoke in opposition of a moratorium for reasons such as, but not limited to:

- a moratorium would be a burden to the Town Board as proposed
- excessive costs for studies and professionals to aid in writing a comprehensive plan
- potential legal issues which would be costly to the Town
- these facilities are safe and have not been shown to be a burden to fire departments
- the APA is already more stringent than any zoning laws the Town would implement
- Concern for property owners who have plans to build single family residences but haven't yet begun
- Vague wording in the proposed law
- Zoning and rules could be viewed as encroachment on rights of landowners

Legislator Shoemaker advised the County's position on this is to follow the lead of the Towns.

ADJOURNMENT

All those wishing to comment have been heard, there being no further public comments, Supervisor Brown adjourned the hearing at 6:21 pm. (Supervisor Brown, Council Member Brandt m/s/p) All aye.

Amy McCormick, Town Clerk