

# *Town of Franklin*

## *Ordinance on the Town Historian*

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Be it ordained by the legislative body of the Town of Franklin:

### **SECTION I: PURPOSE**

- 1) Pursuant to Section 7-148(c)(5)(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, a Town Historian shall be appointed to promote a knowledge, appreciation, and dissemination of Town history.

### **SECTION II: QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1) The Town Historian shall be a legal resident and elector of the Town
- 2) The Town Historian shall be qualified by a knowledge of Town history as well as general state and American history, by a knowledge of historical research, and by good writing and speaking skills.

### **SECTION III: TERM OF OFFICE & METHOD OF APPOINTMENT**

- 1) The Town Historian shall be appointed to a term of four years by the Board of Selectmen. The same person may be reappointed for additional terms.
- 2) A vacancy in the position of Town Historian shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

### **SECTION IV: DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 1) The Town Historian shall promote an awareness of and an appreciation for the Town's history by the following methods: through research, writing, and public speaking; through publications, projects, exhibits, displays, celebrations; and commemorations; through the maintenance of plaques, markers, and monuments; and through the preparation of classroom aids, guides, workshops, and training.
- 2) The Town Historian shall advise the Town government on historical issues and subjects, including: historical objects, structures, sites, districts, preservation, and National Register properties.
- 3) The Town Historian shall serve as a liaison among the Town's museums, libraries, and historical associations, and with similar outside groups, to encourage historical coordination, cooperation, and resource-sharing, as well as maintaining a reference library of historical information and serving as a central referral point for informational inquiries.

### **SECTION V: EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 1) This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and after notice as provided by law.

*Adopted by vote of Town Meeting legally warned and held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2000.*

*PUBLISHED DATE: March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000*

*EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2000*