

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Franklin Township Planning Board Special meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., has been relocated from the Council Chambers at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, N.J. to a **virtual meeting format**. The meeting will now be conducted utilizing virtual/remote telecommunications equipment in conformance with the directives of the State of New Jersey. Franklin Township is operating under a declaration of state and local emergency due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and it has been determined that the public's attendance at public meetings of the Franklin Township Planning Board would pose a risk to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The subject of the hearing will be the review and recommendation by the Planning Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-31(a), pertaining to the application of the Franklin Township Public Library and the Township of Franklin for the construction of a new library building on property located at Clover Pl. and next to the Franklin Park School, further known as block 37.02, lot 12.01. The building will be one story; 5583 sq. ft.; with a parking area for 36 parking spaces with other improvements as set forth in the application and plans. The property is located in the R-20 zone and permits a library use.

In order for a member of the public to participate in the meeting remotely, on August 18th at 7:30pm, the following options are available:

Via Virtual Meeting via WebEx:

<https://franklintwpnj.webex.com/franklintwpnj/onstage/g.php?MTID=efc2e83371ca06ecf10548f54996dae52>

or

Via call in from your phone:

+1-408-418-9388

Access code: 179 638 7726

Copies of the application materials, including any maps, plans and documents relating to the application will be available at least ten (10) days prior to the August 18th, 2021 Planning Board meeting at the following web address:

<https://www.franklintwpnj.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/18711/2232>

If you do not have computer access or are otherwise unable to access the application and supporting documents online, please contact the Board Secretary (see contact information below) to make other arrangements to inspect the same.

It is required that anyone who anticipates undertaking cross-examination, introducing evidence and/or making public comment on any application advise the Board Secretary by email or phone in advance of the virtual meeting date. Please supply your name, address and the telephone number at which you may be reached on the night of the meeting in the event that you do not have the ability to access the meeting remotely by computer. The purpose of this notification is to ensure that any additional documents to be identified or referenced at the virtual meeting can be available for review by all participants and members of the public. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit or block the ability of any member of the public to make inquiries; or offer comment or opinion on any application based upon the testimony and exhibits proffered by an applicant at the virtual meeting.

Formal action will be taken at the virtual meeting.

The contact information for the Board Secretary is as follows: Christine Woodbury, Board Secretary, Franklin Township, phone: 732-873-2500 x6215; and email Christine.Woodbury@franklinnj.gov. In the event that the Board Secretary is not available to immediately answer the telephone, please leave a message and also call back during regular business hours.

Date: July 29, 2021

Franklin Township Public Library and
Township of Franklin
Applicants