

Municipal Official Workshop Series for 2018

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COST: Workshops are provided by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, free of cost. Refreshments are served.

LOCATION: All workshops will be held in the Allen Meeting Room of the John W. Olver Transit Center, 12 Olive Street, Greenfield, unless otherwise noted.

- 1** **SELECTBOARD 101: THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY & HOW OF BEING A SELECT-BOARD MEMBER**

Presenters: Bob Dean, former Chair, Buckland Select Board; Joe Judd, former Chair, Shelburne Select Board

Thursday, Sept. 13
6:00 -- 8:00 PM

- 2** **GROWING HEMP IN MA: OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS AND OTHERS**

The new Massachusetts Hemp Program regulations and what farmers and Agricultural Commissions need to know.
Presenters: Taryn LaScola, MDAR Hemp Program, Heather Darby, University of Vermont Ag Extension

Tuesday, Sept. 18
6:00 -- 8:00 PM

- 3** **MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE SUCCESSION PLANNING**

Data from the Municipal Workforce Skills Gap Report and discussion of next steps to fill empty roles in Town Halls.
Presenters: Sean Cronin, Deputy Commissioner, MA Division of Local Services
Linda Dunlavy, FRCOG Executive Director

Thursday, Oct. 4
6:00 -- 8:00 PM

- 4** **MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES**

Best practices, pitfalls, and policies for Finance Committee members, Select Boards, and others.
Presenter: Joe Markarian, FRCOG Municipal Financial Management Specialist

Thursday, Nov. 8
6:00 -- 8:00 PM

- 5** **SUSTAINING OUR LIBRARIES: COLLABORATING FOR A VIBRANT FUTURE**

An interactive workshop for library stakeholders including staff, trustees, local officials and representatives of other community based institutions and businesses. As this is a longer session, supper will be served as of 5:30.
Presenter: Abby Straus, President, Maverick & Boutique Consulting

Tuesday, Nov. 20
6:00 -- 8:30 PM
Workshop held at GCC

- 6** **THE STATE OF PREPAREDNESS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY**

What do we know about the vulnerabilities of our region, what work has been done and what needs to happen?
Come help us chart the future of emergency preparedness efforts in the region!
Presenters: FRCOG Emergency Preparedness Program Staff

Thursday, Dec. 6
6:00 --8:00 PM
Snow Date: 12/13