

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-132-23**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT
EASEMENT ON THE FARM PROPERTY OF ANDREW M. BELLONE JR. AND
THOMAS L. BELLONE, KNOWN AS BLOCK 6805, LOTS 4.01 AND 6**

WHEREAS, to date more than \$1,200,000.00 in State funding has been approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust and subsequently appropriated by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for the purchase of development easements in the Township of Franklin through its Municipal Farmland Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, the Township Committee approved Resolution 156-2022, where it acknowledged and endorsed the Farmland Preservation application of Andrew M. Bellone Jr. and Thomas L. Bellone (hereafter “the Property”); known as Block 6805, Lots 4.01 and 6; which is contained in Franklin Township’s Planning Incentive Grant list of targeted farms;

WHEREAS, based on a final survey total of 51.206 acres, the SADC certified a value of \$394,286.20 for the development easement on the Property, and agreed to fund 61.69% of the acquisition costs, with the remainder to be split between Gloucester County and the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the SADC has provided a cost-share breakdown for the development easement on the Property as follows:

	Total	Per/acre
SADC:	\$ 243,228.50	(\$ 4,750.00/acre)
Franklin Township:	\$ 75,528.85	(\$ 1,475.00/acre)
<u>Gloucester County:</u>	<u>\$ 75,528.85</u>	<u>(\$ 1,475.00/acre)</u>
Total Easement Purchase:	\$394,286.20	(\$7,700.00/acre); and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that the funds are available in Budget Line Item: Municipal Open Space Trust T-18-56-850-801

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that:

- (1) The purchase of a development easement on the farm property of Andrew M. Bellone Jr. and Thomas L. Bellone, known as Block 6805, Lots 4.01 and 6, is hereby approved; and
- (2) The Township of Franklin agrees to commit its required cost-share funding in the amount of \$75,528.85 for the purchase of the development easement on the farm property of Andrew M. Bellone Jr. and Thomas L. Bellone, known as Block 6805, Lots 4.01 and 6, to be paid through its Municipal Open Space Trust Fund.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Gloucester County Office of Land Preservation and the State Agriculture Development Committee as requested and required.

Adopted: June 13, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
T. Doyle						
M. Marsh						
J. Keen						
H. Flaim						
J. Bruno						

Attest:

Township of Franklin

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

John Bruno, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk