

## Joseph Markarian, Jr.

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### **Bio: Joe Markarian**

Joe Markarian is presently serves as a Municipal Finance Specialists at the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments. Since 2014, he has presented seminars for selectmen, finance and capital improvement committee members, treasurers, collectors and accountants on wide-ranging municipal finance topics. He has worked with almost 20 Franklin County towns on finance-related projects associated with the State Community Compact Program.

Prior to joining FRCOG, Joe was a member of the State Division of Local Services Technical Assistance Section for 15 years and its director for half that time. In that role, he completed financial management reviews for cities and towns, including a number of regionalization reports.

Joe is an attorney with wide ranging knowledge of state and municipal government. Earlier in his career, he served as advisor to a governor, as a staff director and legal counsel in a legislative leadership office and as political consultant to local and state-wide campaigns. In the Town of Swampscott, where he lives, Joe chaired the high school building committee and police station building committee. He served on the town's finance and capital improvement committees and is was Town Moderator for six years.

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## Personal Information

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## Education

SuffolkUniversityLawSchool, Boston, MA - Juris Doctor

Active Member of the Bar, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

University of Maine, Orono, ME - Bachelor of Arts

AshlandHigh School, Ashland, MA

## Government Experience

Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Municipal Finance Specialist. 2014 - present.

Division of Local Services/Massachusetts Department of Revenue.Director, Technical Assistance Section. 1999 - 2014.

Minority Leadership Office, Massachusetts House of Representatives. Staff director and legal counsel. 1979 - 1981.

Office of Governor Francis W. Sargent. Community/Public Relations. 1971-1975.

## Municipal Service – Town of Swampscott

Town Moderator. 2010-2016.

High School Building Committee. Chair. 2003 – 2009.

Police Station Building Committee. Chair. 2009 – 2010.

Capital Improvement Committee. 2007 – 2009.

Finance Committee.2001 – 2007.

Swampscott Open Space Committee. 2005 – 2007.

Swampscott Advisory Committee on SchoolBuilding and Renovation. 1997-1999.