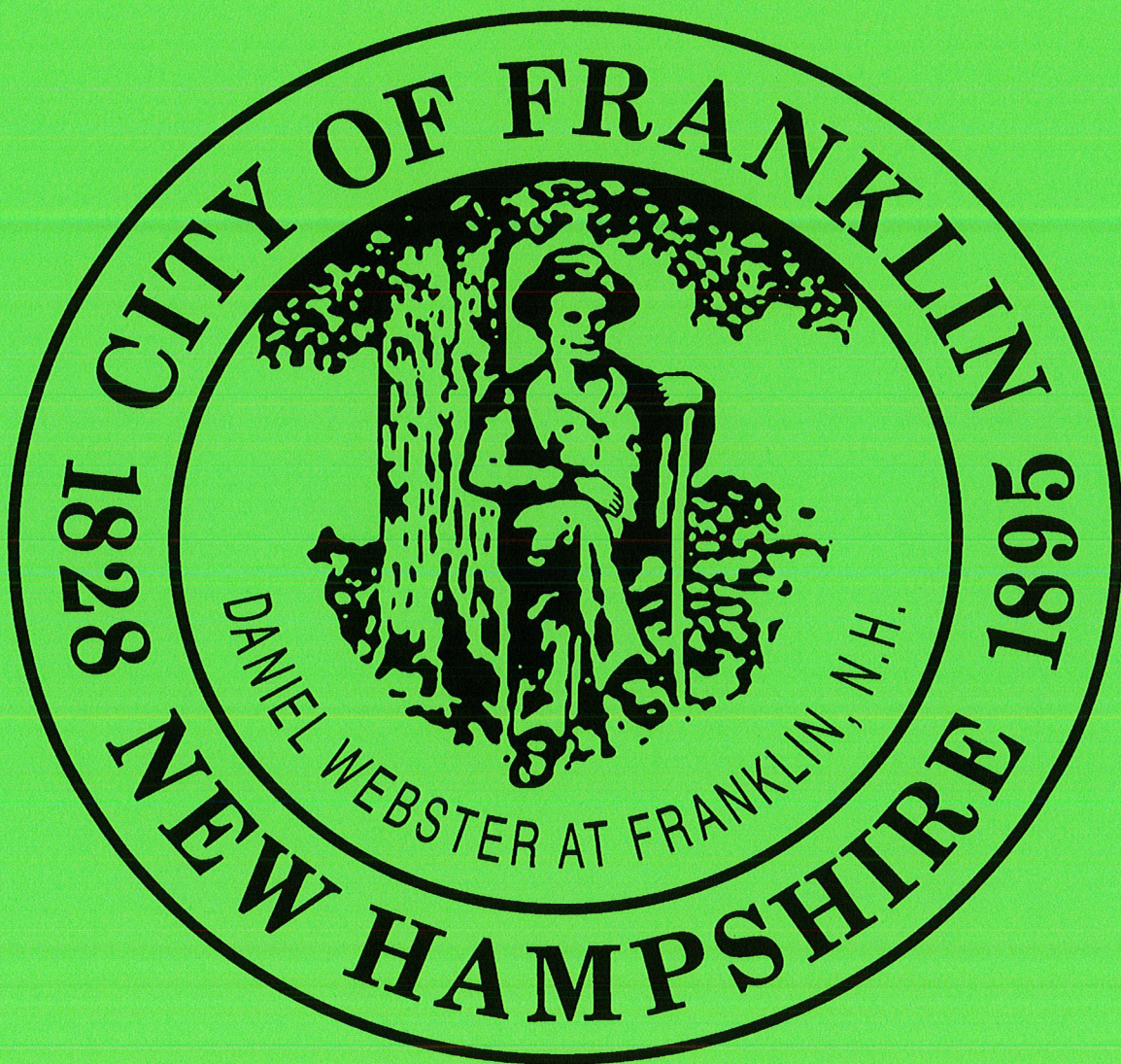


CITY OF FRANKLIN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 4th, 2024
6:00 P.M.





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Monday, March 4th, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
Franklin Lodge of Elks

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SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR VETERANS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MAYOR'S UPDATE

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City Council to consider approving the Franklin Outing Club to obtain a liquor license for the Veteran's Memorial Ski Area property.

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Council to consider lease agreement with Brent Fife for the agricultural use of City Land.

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Council to consider setting a public hearing on Ordinance #08-24 regarding the Disorderly Patron Behavior policy.

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Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #16-24 appropriating \$245,356.17 to the Franklin Paul A. Smith School and \$295,358.26 to the Franklin Middle School for the fiscal year 2024 budget and subsequent years to the grant ending date of September 30, 2025.

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Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #17-24 accepting an electronic sign donation valued at \$35,186 to the Franklin School District for the Franklin High School.

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Other Business

1. Mayor & Council Appointments
2. Committee Reports
3. Late Items

Adjournment

The City Council of the City of Franklin reserves the right to enter into non-public session when necessary, according to the provisions of RSA 91-A.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM I



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of March 4th, 2024

Subject: Approval of Minutes

Motion: "I move that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the February 5th, 2024 City Council meeting, the nonpublic minutes from the February 5th, 2024 City Council meeting, the February 26th, 2024 City Council Workshop meeting, and the nonpublic minutes of the February 26th, 2024 City Council Workshop meeting."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.



City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, February 5, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. Franklin Lodge of Elks

Council in attendance: Mayor Desiree McLaughlin, Councilor Susan Hallett-Cook, Councilor Leigh Webb, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Ted Starkweather, Councilor Ed Prive, Councilor Valerie Blake, Councilor Vince Ribas, Councilor Olivia Zink and Councilor Timothy Johnston

Absent: None

Others in attendance: City Manager Judie Milner, City Department Heads, and members of the public.

Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and the Salute to the Flag commenced.

Councilor Prive asked for a moment of silence for the following veterans that passed away last month; Andrew John Surrence (US Navy, served on the USS Saipan), Sgt. Robert M. Theriault (US Army 1969-1975 Vietnam, cause of death: Agent Orange), and Maynard Elton (3 years US Army, Mechanic, served in Germany). He also mentioned the three veterans that lost their lives in the Middle East recently.

Mayor McLaughlin stated that she would be moving agenda item #6 before comments from the public.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider public trail permission agreement with Lakes Region Snowmobile Club.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council grant the Lakes Region Snowmobile Club permission to provide public snowmobile access to multiple City owned street/road crossings 5 years from landowner approval. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if there was any discussion.

Jason Grevior spoke on behalf of the Lakes Region Snowmobile Club and stated that they have been crossing these roads for years and haven't had any issues and the club tries to improve the trails regularly. No new roads have been added to the list.

The council had a small discussion and agreed to continue to allow public snowmobile access to multiple city owned road crossings.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Legislative Update:

Representative Jason Gerhard did not have any specific updates for the council and stated that he prefers people come to him with questions.

Comments from the Public:

Mayor McLaughlin stated that persons wishing to address the council may speak for a maximum of three minutes, give or take. No more than thirty minutes will be devoted to public commentary. Reminder that public comment is welcome and will be taken under advisement by the Manager & Council. Ongoing requests for status should be addressed to the city manager or her designee during regular business hours. The council is a public body required to conduct the business before it on the agenda that has been vetted through the City's professional staff.

Public comments opened at 6:13 p.m.

Many residents approached the council with comments and they are outlined below:

- Tim Morrill, VP of Mill City Park, read a letter from the president of MCP and that letter is attached to the end of the minutes.
- Judith Ackerson, Ward 3, read from a letter that she wrote and this letter can be found at the end of the minutes.
- Sam Jacobson, Ward 2, stated that he moved to Franklin and bought a house because of the White-Water Park. It is a great resource and hopes that the city continues to support it. He urged the council to support agenda item #4.
- Scott Clarenbach, Ward 3, stated that on agenda item #7 regarding a bid limited to city employees only is a problem and should be extended to the public as well.
- LeAnne Fifield, Ward 2, stated that she is in support of agenda item #4 and #5. She also recommended a workshop on how grants move through the city.
- Mike Lombardo, Ward 3, thanked MSD for patching all of the potholes recently.
- Kaitlyn Shaw, Ward 1, let the council know that she was still waiting on answers from the council on questions that she sent on January 8th and is hoping to hear back on those questions. She stated that she is also in support of agenda item #4.
- Thomas Boyce, Ward 2, read from a packet that he handed out to the council, which is attached to the end of the minutes.
- Mike Lombardo, Ward 3, mentioned that he did not believe that resident, Thomas Boyce, has any qualifications for being appointed to the Planning Board.
- Kathy Rago, Ward 3, stated that she is on the Planning Board and does not have specific qualifications either. Therefore, this is not always a factor.
- Christy Mank, Ward 2, stated that she is in favor of agenda item #4 and #5.
- Sam Jacobson, Ward 2, made a comment about the packet that was given to the council by resident, Thomas Boyce, and did not think it was fair that the public was not able to view this as well.
- Jule Finley, Ward 1, stated that she had a conversation with the mayor off of Facebook because of the number of inaccuracies on social media and she was unable to keep up with it. Due to not being on social media anymore, she let the council know that she is happy to speak with anyone in person.

- Sam Godbois stated that there are better issues to be discussing than Facebook. She would prefer that everyone discuss real problems in the city.
- Al Warner, Ward 3, expressed appreciation from the council, past and present. He stated that if a constituent writes a considerate email, the councilors will respond. He encouraged the community to reach out to their councilors.
- Councilor Hallett-Cook let everyone know that her city email is not working at the moment and she is working with IT on the issue.

Letters/emails were read into record by Councilor Blake, Councilor Zink, and Mayor McLaughlin. These letters are attached to the end of the minutes.

Public comments closed at 7:13 p.m.

City Council Acknowledgement:

Councilor Zink thanked all of the elected officials and the City Clerk's office for a wonderful election.

Councilor Webb thanked MSD Director Hanscom for getting the traffic lights on Central Street fixed.

Councilor Dzujna acknowledged David Sabo, Andrew Perkins, Jason Jenkins and Anthony Roberts from the fire department who worked on a gentleman that was in cardiac arrest in early January. The survivor came back to the firehouse with his family to thank them.

Mayor McLaughlin called for a 10-minute break at 7:17 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor McLaughlin stated that she has been very busy with answering many questions and she has been meeting with the city manager weekly as well. There was a city council workshop meeting where the councilors were able to have a meet and greet with the department heads, which was very informative. It has been a very full month and she stated that she looks forward to continuing her service as mayor.

She asked the public to use email or the mail to reach out to her and the councilors for suggestions or comments.

Agenda Item I.

Approval of Minutes.

Council to consider the minutes of the January 8th, 2024 City Council meeting and the January 29th, 2024 City Council Workshop meeting.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the January 8th, 2024 City Council meeting and the January 29th, 2024 City Council Workshop meeting. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Ribas stated that page 4 of the January 8th meeting minutes there were corrections to the ordinance. He would like the revisions to be shown in the minutes.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve the amendment to the minutes of the January 8th, 2024 City Council meeting to include the corrections to the ordinance voted on that is shown on page 4 of the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Webb.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Mayor McLaughlin called a vote on the original motion to approve the minutes of both meetings as amended.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

City Manager's Update

- Contingent Grant Line Activity – \$100.71 for the sex offender compliance grant, and \$75 from an anonymous donor for the recreation scholarship program.
- Trust fund for school funding – \$277.22
- Committee Meetings – February:
 - Legislative Committee – 2/15 @ 6pm in the library
 - City Finance Committee – 2/21 @ 6pm in the library
 - Joint Finance Committee – 2/22 @ 5:30pm in the library
- Council Workshop – February:
 - This is scheduled for 2/26 @ 6pm at the Lodge of Elks and this will be on Assessing 101.
- Upcoming Council Educational Workshops:
 - Looking for topics for educating the council and the public. So far, the has had requests for Budget 101, TIF 101, Grants 101, and Capital Improvements 101. Please email the her any other suggestions for workshop meeting topics.
- City SPIRIT – Save the Date & Facilitator Recruitment:
 - April 6th from 9am – 3pm at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. Looking for people to help facilitate with group discussions at this event.
- City Hall Update – The 2nd draft of the architects' drawing was received and are available for inspection at City Hall. The 3rd draft should be received in another week or so.
- Shout Out – Firefighter Mike Dery for receiving his EMS certification.

- Recognition – To a shift that was recognized by the Concord Hospital for an amazing cardiac arrest save in January. This shift consisted of David Sabo, Andrew Perkins, Anthony Roberts, and Captain Jason Jenkins from the fire department.
- Welcome – To the PD: Nikolas Ballentine, Mariah Gage, Christopher Samiya, and Taylee Wolfe.
- Clarification – There has been some confusion between the City Calendar and the Community Calendar on the website. There are login users from different nonprofits in the community that do update the calendar. Sometimes mistakes entered are not always caught before going out.
- Stanley Mill Update – The RFP was released for the qualified engineering professional to manage the entire cleanup project, including the demolition. This is due on March 14th at 4pm.
- City Offices Closed – Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Misconception clarification from 1/8/24 – From 2013-2024 the public comments were located in the new business section of the inaugural. So, this was not changed this year.
- Merrimack County Community Power is rolling out a program to all residents of Merrimack County to purchase power from Solar Array, instead of from Eversource. More information will be coming.
- Bus Route – The Concord Laconia Connector is new and is a free bus route with two stops in Franklin. One is on Memorial Street and the other is in the Industrial Park. The bus route/stops can be found at City Hall or on their website at www.concordareatransit.com.
- Franchise Agreement Updates:
 - Breezeline – Need consensus on requiring them to have a regional office.
 - Comcast – They already have a regional office in Gilford.
 - There was no objection with pushing Breezeline to require a regional office as well.
- Senator Innis – Put in a late bill to rename the state portion of Route 127 as Chief Bradley Haas Memorial Highway/Road. That is going through the legislature. He is trying to get the signage funded by the state, but it may go back to the community to fund that.
- The community college tuition reimbursement system for 1st responders is for Firefighters, EMS, Police Officers and Corrections.
- Grants-
 - Received IT grants – MFA tokens; cybersecurity training; .gov migration.
 - Submitted Franklin Woods CDBG application on 1/29/24.
- House Bill 1479 – There is a public hearing on that at the House Legislative Administration Committee this Wednesday, 2/7, at 11am. Without objection she is going to send the letter that the council signed at the last meeting again to that house committee. Councilor Johnston asked to have his name removed. Milner stated she would send the letter out with that one name removed.

Agenda Item III.

School Board Update

Superintendent LeGallo was not present to give an update this month.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution 13-24 authorizing the City Manager to apply for CDFA Tax Credits up to \$625,000 to match federal funds for feature 2 of the whitewater park.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing for 6pm on Monday February 26, 2024 regarding Resolution 13-24 authorizing the City Manager to file an application not to exceed \$625,000 with Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program for the purposes of partially funding white water feature #2 and to sign all the necessary paperwork thereof. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if there was any discussion.

Milner stated that the City previously received tax credits of \$500,000 to support the construction of the White-Water Park feature (#3), currently under construction. This application for nonfederal tax credits will net the match needed for the \$500,000 federal Land & Water Conservation Fund grant applied for in December 2023 for funding feature #2 upstream from the newly constructed feature #3 adjacent to Trestle View Park.

As a reminder, the permitted White-Water Park consists of 3 separate features in the water, as well as a slalom course between the 2 upriver features of which feature #3 is constructed to date.

The city has already received pledges from businesses to purchase tax credits under this application process. As a reminder, the city will be required to sell the tax credits after award.

If the City is approved for the tax credits, the council will have opportunity to appropriate the funding. The timeline could line up with the FY2025 budget process for appropriation.

There was a lengthy discussion about this resolution. Some of the councilors stated that they would prefer to see proof of pledges and a full application filled out and brought to the workshop meeting. Milner did let the council know that this would not be a very efficient use of employee time before the application for the grant is approved by the council.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Mayor McLaughlin read the resolution to the public:

RESOLUTION #13-24

A Resolution Relating to an application to Community Development Finance Authority's Tax Credit Program.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin authorized the city manager, at its regularly scheduled city council meeting on December 4, 2023, to apply for a grant in the amount of \$500,000 through Land & Water Conservation Fund for the purposed of partially funding feature #2 of the white-water park, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$500,000, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes that the Tax Credit Program administered by the Community Development Finance Authority is an effective tool that helped fund the construction of the white-water park feature #3, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to utilize the Tax Credit Program administered by the Community Development Finance Authority again to match Land & Water Funding and partially fund the construction of white-water park feature #2 upstream of the newly constructed feature #3, **Now**;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, February 26, 2024, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 13-24, authorizing the City Manager to apply for up to \$625,000 in Tax Credits under the Tax Credit Program administered by the Community Development Finance Authority and sign and take action on all relevant documents pertaining to the application for tax credits.*

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant through the US Department of Agriculture for a Food Coop feasibility study.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a Rural Business Development Grant to the USDA Rural Development Office for funds to support a feasibility study for a food co-op within the City of Franklin. A letter indicating this authorization and support by the Mayor and Council will be sent with the application. Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if there was any discussion.

Milner explained that the city received grants, under this program, from the USDA Rural Development office in 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2020. All of the grant funds awarded were focused on general economic and downtown redevelopment projects. For the first two years, the grant supported the work of Niel Cannon, the Downtown Business Coordinator; in 2018, the funds supported the White-Water Park and Mill City Park; in 2020 the funds supported how to best utilize the Opportunity Zone designation in Franklin.

The city is looking to submit another application under this USDA program. This application would fund a consultant to produce a feasibility study on whether or not the region could support a food co-op located within Franklin.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider disposition of city property in the police department.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council authorize the Franklin Police Department to sell, via a bid process open to anyone, for the best possible price, a 2002 John Deere Gator. Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if there was any discussion.

The City of Franklin participates in the Military (1033) Surplus Program. The program consists of Controlled Property and Non-Controlled Property at no cost to the City of Franklin Police Department.

Controlled Property consists of military items that are provided via a conditional transfer or “loan” basis where the title remains with the government. This includes items such as small arms/personal weapons, demilitarized vehicles and aircraft and night vision equipment. This property always remains in the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) because it still belongs to and is accountable to the Department of Defense. When a law enforcement agency no longer wants the controlled property, it must be returned to the Department of Defense for proper disposition.

Non-Controlled Property consists of common items Department of Defense would sell to the general public, such as office equipment, first aid kits/supplies, hand tools, sleeping bags, computers and digital cameras. The “Gator” in this CAR falls under Non-Controlled Property. After one-year, non-controlled property becomes the property of the law enforcement agency. It is no longer subject to the annual inventory requirements and is removed from the LESO database. This general property should be maintained and ultimately disposed of in accordance with provisions in state/territory and local laws that govern public property.

The vast majority of property issued to law enforcement agencies each year is non-controlled. In 2019 for example, 92 percent of property issued was non-controlled. Normally, small arms weapons make up about 5 percent and less than 1 percent of property issued is tactical vehicles.

The “Gator” attached has been owned by the Franklin Police Department since 2019 and has not run for the past 2 years. If approved, the Franklin Police Department will oversee the sale of this Non-Controlled Property. Any proceeds from Military Surplus Program will be deposited back into the City of Franklin General Fund Police Department Miscellaneous Revenue budget per the agreement of the program.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VIII.

Council to discuss city council meeting schedule policy.

Mayor McLaughlin stated that Milner had included the meeting schedule, the charter and code, since there was a bit of back and forth on the creation of the packet.

Milner stated that the City Council meeting schedule with closing dates is what city staff uses for getting information to her office for the agenda and then the packets on the Wednesday before the council meeting. In the code it states that the mayor will approve the content of the agenda and also the order of business for the meeting. She had a discussion with the mayor about not approving the agenda until receiving the packet items so she wanted to run this by the council to see if they wanted to change the policy that was put in place on May 5th, 2008.

The policy that can be changed by the city council is the meeting schedule. With the City Charter, the council has to ask the public to change that and for the City Code/Chapter 50, an ordinance would need to be done by a public hearing.

The council is referring the policy for review to the Legislative Committee along with the Social Media policy and the Master Plan.

Agenda Item IX.

Other Business:

1. Mayor & Council Appointments:

Mayor McLaughlin appointed Thomas Boyce to the Planning Board Committee, seat PB4, term of service to January 2027.

Mayor McLaughlin appointed Donald Gagnon to the Planning Board Committee, seat PB6, term of service to January 2027.

Mayor McLaughlin appointed Denis Duquette to the Planning Board Committee, seat PB7, term of service to January 2027.

Mayor McLaughlin appointed Stephen Donahue to the Conservation Commission, seat CC7, term of service to September 2026.

Mayor McLaughlin appointed Scott Godbois to the Conservation Commission, seat CC6, term of service to September 2024.

Motion - Councilor Johnston moved that the Franklin City Council appoint Robert Warner to the Supervisors of the Checklist, Ward III, seat SCW32, term of service to October 2, 2024. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Motion - Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council accept the

resignation from David Liberatore from the LRPC Commission as an Alternate, effective immediately, with regret. Seconded by Councilor Zink.

All in favor. Motion PASSED

2. Committee Reports:

Councilor Webb stated that the Legislative Committee would be meeting on February 15th @ 6pm at the Franklin Library. The agenda items will be approving the minutes from the October 11th, 2023 meeting, Customer Aggression Policy Review, review Ordinance 04-24 on Groundwater Protection, review Ordinance 05-24 regarding parking revisions, review Ordinance 07-24 regarding Flood Zones, follow-up on commercial solar, and scheduling a meeting for Charter Review.

Motion - Councilor Johnston moved that the City Manager direct staff to proceed with filling out the application for the CDFA tax credits, but not submit the application, so that it can be brought to the February 26th, 2024 meeting for City Council review before the final vote regarding Resolution 13-24. Seconded by Councilor Prive.

Councilor Blake asked if he was asking to have city staff spend their time on completing an application that may never be submitted and he said that was correct. There was a discussion about this not being an efficient use of staff time.

6 opposed; 3 in favor. Motion FAILED.

A blank application will be provided at the public hearing at the February 26, 2024 City Council workshop meeting.

Councilor Ribas stated that he will be using the same form for the City Manager's review, as done in April. He will be sending it to the council to review. It is an annual process typically done in April.

3. Late Items:

There were no late items.

4. Nonpublic Session Needed:

Milner stated that they were ready to enter into a nonpublic session.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council enter into nonpublic according to RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse

to those of the general community. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Entered into nonpublic at 9:08 p.m.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved to leave nonpublic session and return to public session.
Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Public Session reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Motion — Councilor Zink moved to seal the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Zink and seconded by Councilor Ribas.
All in favor. Motion PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Jones
Executive Secretary

February 5, 2024
City Council
Franklin, NH 03235



Dear Mayor and City Council,

This morning, two Board Members of Mill City Park sat down with the Mayor to introduce ourselves, discuss our organization, our successes and challenges, and our upcoming year and events.

We thank the Mayor for her time and appreciate our positive conversation about the park; how she enjoys it frequently with her dog and how she recognizes the positive benefits the park and movement have already had for the Franklin community.

As always, we are open to truthful and honest dialog, and we look forward to further collaborating to move Franklin forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Laucks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeremy Laucks
Board President,
Mill City Park at Franklin Falls

To: Madame Mayor
From: Judith Ackerson
Re: Public Comment
Date: February 5, 2024

Good evening, Madame Mayor. I have some concerns about recent bills that have been proposed in the NH House of Representatives. There are several but I will focus on just two for tonight, **regardless of whether these bills have progressed in the Legislature. I would like to know if you are personally tracking these bills.**

HB1652 is a local school voucher bill. It proposes that instead of covering the state cost of education under the current program, each municipality would have to add their share of cost per pupil to the student's scholarship fund administered outside our district. This amount would be equal to twice the per pupil adequate education grant under RSA 198:40-a. These vouchers would apply to students who are not or have never been enrolled in Franklin school. This bill will throw our budgets into disarray and significantly raise property taxes.

HB 1691 requires that schools emphasize teaching only reading, math, science and social studies. All other subjects would become optional, such as: technology (a must to survive in today's world), languages, arts and music which teaches multiple skills and motivates students to keep up academically, and physical education and sports, so vital to our youth's health. Property poor towns would have to eliminate these important subjects or greatly increase taxes to keep these programs, thus widening the education gap in NH.

Madame Mayor, do you see these as pressing matters for our community and, if so, what are your plans to address these concerns? Do you have regular discussions with our state representatives, Messrs. Testerman, Gerhard and Mason, to raise concerns about issues that directly impact this community? My observation is that they have not introduced any bills that advocate in any way for Franklin's public schools. How do you plan to address this?

What are your plans to have open lines of communication with our school board and staff to learn what the effects of these bills, and others, will have on the health and future of our youth?

I would appreciate a written response to the above concerns well prior to our next City Council meeting, scheduled for March 4th. Thank you for your attention and consideration of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Ackerson, 3 Morning Glory Drive (Ward 3), email: ackjack45@gmail.com Tel. 603-369-0574

**CONCERNING
PUBLIC
COMMENTS BY
CERTAIN CITY
LEADERS.**

The City Manager, members of the Economic Development Team, and some sitting council members complain that there is a lot of "misinformation" posted on social media lately. And the city manager and some council members seem to want a social media policy. Yet it seems that some of the same individuals have no problem when a member of the Economic Development Team, Marty Parichand, shares a post on social media that that misrepresents himself to be the "owner" of Mill City Park at Franklin Falls. Councilor Blake herself was a board member of MCP and knows full well that Marty does not own MCP, however based on the attached screenshot, she seems to have no issues with this social media misrepresentation.



Outdoor New England - ONE
Dec 6, 2023 · 🌐

Headed to York on Saturday to hang with Grain Surfboards and talk Mill City Park at Franklin Falls and Franklin Falls NH community!

Hope to see you there! ❤️ 🇺🇸



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Dec 5, 2023 · 🌐

Join us this Saturday for a conversation with @mahhhty

As the owner of @outdoornewengland and @millcityparkatfranklinfalls, Marty has a wealth of knowledge on all things small business, outdoor recreation, and community.

Tap the link in our bio to learn more about Marty and his projects as well as event deets!

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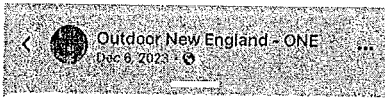
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A conversation on outdoor businesses and their impact on local communities.

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There is also concern that board members of Mill City Park, a non profit organization registered through the Charitable Trusts Unit, have also misrepresented the reason for their grant denials (on social media), telling the public that grants were denied because Franklin is no longer economically disadvantaged and because of the public and private partnership as seen below. Mr. Fournier also publicly stated that the bond was an effort for their nonprofit to finish the work they haven't been able to complete. The City Manager, board members of MCP, including Councilor Blake, been all have been asked to provide proof of Mr. Fournier's public statements about grant denials on several occasions. Not one person is willing to do so. There should be no reason the City Manager doesn't provide proof of his statements, unless what the public was told was an intentional misrepresentation on social media by a member of this nonprofit, that is overseen by a member of the Economic Development Team. Perhaps is time for the Right to Know Ombudsman to be notified of these concerns so an answer can be provided to the community.



Stacey Marsland

Andrew Fournier as a board member of MCP, I think it's time that the Board tells citizens WHY grants were denied in 2022. Can you please provide a copy of those denials for the public to see?

3w Like Reply



Andrew Fournier

Stacey Marsland grants were denied because Franklin is no longer economically disadvantaged to qualify. And since it is a public/private partnership we didn't get them. Also, Mill City Park is a non-profit, we share the same name as the park and land, which are all owned by the city of Franklin.



Andrew Fournier

We applied for many grants and one of the denials was for the reason I stated above. I am a board member of a non profit and not a city of Franklin official or public employee. I have tried to explain some of the details of this park and project. No matter what I say or provide you obviously won't change your minds, it seems like it's only provide the next gotcha. So I will excuse myself from this now.

3w Like Reply

Jonathan's post

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Andrew Fournier

Jonathan Bowers ok, you didn't explicitly say it, but it is implied ad nauseum. So, if we're really going to do this, here goes: we (the non-profit mill city park) are not behind on ANY BILLS and we have never missed a payment. Our primary funding was through economic grants, grassroots donations, support from local businesses like FSB and much to our surprise, Franklin (despite your best efforts to sell doom and gloom) is

and gloom) is actually doing well enough economically that they no longer qualify for some of these programs. So we went into this project thinking we'd get all the funding needed through EDA grants and others. That's no longer the case. We found out about this about a year ago. We have continued to explore and exhaust all of our funding options. The bond is an effort to finish the work we started and keep building this park.

As you stated, Marty is part of a TEAM of people that have far more economic data and insight than most. It's not some secret cabal with off shore accounts. These are people with deep ties to Franklin working for its betterment.

Sometimes things change, forecasts don't always pan out, pandemics happen the economixd of an entire city improve and we adapt, hence the bond.

What we plan to do if

Jonathan's post

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the bond.

What we plan to do if the bond fails: we plan to keep doing grassroots fundraising. We plan to get camping going and continue the work to improve the beautiful walking trails and resources that are FREE to anyone, resident or visitor. We plan to continue to exist and continue to work on the park because it's something we believe in.

I have spent countless hours working along side

I have spent countless hours working along side Marty, board members and people from the community on this park (cant say ive ever seen you there). Ive donated equipment time, my time and resources to working on it. We've held fun events free of charge and continue to plan more.

Iw Like Reply

Board members of the Opera House (another nonprofit organization now asking for taxpayer dollars) have also made public statements on social media about the reasons for grant denials for the waterpark, yet they, too, seem unwilling to provide proof of their statements. The same board members tell Franklin residents to move. It was also discovered that board members of the Opera House were misrepresenting the safety of this building on their enrollment forms for the summer 2023 program which they shared on their own webpage.

REGISTRATION -- FACT programs are for children entering Grades 1 through 8.

You can also register and pay online —
<http://www.franklinoperahouse.org/F-A-C-T.php>

- ☐ I wish to enroll my child in the
2023 FACT Performance Camp (\$150)

Camp meets Monday through Friday, July 24 to Aug. 4
from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Franklin Opera House.

Performances are August 4 & 5 at 7:00 pm.

Child's name: _____

Child's birth date: _____

Parent/Guardian(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact phone: _____

Medical information Please describe any medical issues that

we should be aware of: _____

**Release of Liability
for Class Participation**

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Franklin Opera House (hereinafter referred to as Theatre), its Employees, Agents, Officers, Board Members, Volunteers or any other person against loss or expense, including attorney fees, due to any bodily injury, personal injury or property damage which may result from any and all activities while participating in classes or any other activity sponsored by or conducted by Theatre, or while visiting any facilities owned by, leased by, or controlled by Theatre.

Theatre guarantees that all equipment and facilities are in good repair and are appropriate for the purposes to which they will be put, and personnel are appropriately trained and screened.

It is understood and agreed that this Release of All Liabilities shall remain in force for not more than one year from the date of this Release.

_____ I am a parent/guardian acting on behalf of a child under 18 years of age.


Date _____

Signature _____

pay by check OR you can pay with credit or debit card by calling our office at (603) 934-1901

Please return this completed form with check payable to
"Franklin Opera House, Inc" by mail to:
Franklin Opera House, Inc., PO Box 172, Franklin, NH 03235

Judith Ackerson

 Everyone
has a choice. Sell and
move out if you want!

Judith Ackerson

Dear Marty, the whitewater park has been a major economic driving engine for downtown revitalization of businesses: Waterhorse, Kettlehead, Vulgar, Chinburg investment in apartments, e Bikes, Downtownn Crepes, just to name a few. Chinburg would not have invested here but for the progress of the

water park. I understand that thee reason you need \$2.5 M to finish the project is that granting organizations have told you that they have already contributed as much as they are willing until they see the City of Franklin put some skin in the game. I am

Over the last year, it has also been verified on numerous occasions that the City Manager's office is providing false information about meetings on the city website. This has happened many times, to the point that people are starting to question if this is being done intentionally to have less people show up at meetings where controversial topics are being discussed.

The City Manager's Office first told citizens that Candidates Forum was being held at the Franklin Opera House on September 25, 2023. This was inaccurate; the forum was being held at the Franklin Lodge of Elks on September 25th, NOT at the Opera House. It was then discovered that the City Manager's Office was then inaccurately telling residents that the candidates forum was being held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, which was after the election. The City Manager's Office was telling citizens that the October 10, 2023, City Council meeting was being held at the Franklin Lodge of Elks. The location noted was false; this meeting was being held at the Franklin High School. And most recently, the City Manager's office told the public that the Inaugural City Council meeting was being held at 11:49 in the morning on January 8, 2024, when in fact it was scheduled to start at 6:00 that evening. These are just some examples of misrepresentations... made by the City Manager's Office.



Candidates Forum

Event Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

The annual Choose Franklin Candidates Forum takes place the last Monday of September at 6 PM at Franklin City Hall / Franklin Opera House with school board and city council candidates invited to share who they are and why they are running.

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City Council Meeting

Location: Lodge of Elks

Event Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - 6:00pm

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- Candidates Forum 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- Zoning Board Meet 6:30pm

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Candidates Forum

Event Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm



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City Council Inaugural Meeting @ Lodge of Elks

Event Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 -
11:49am

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Emails obtained between the City Manager's Economic Development Team show a pattern or disrespectful behavior from almost all members. Neil Cannon calls Franklin residents' idiots, and also refers to members of a grant agencies dumb as sticks. In another email, Marty Parichand is thanking the City Manager and councilor Blake for a beautiful evening and fireworks. Can all three included in this email please explain the context of this to the public? The substance of this email is concerning and gives many in our community the perception that that some members of the Economic Development Team, including one who was asking for millions of taxpayer dollars his non-profit, think it's funny to start trouble in our community.

And Neil Cannon telling the City Manager that he can't wait to see her in her kilt? This is highly inappropriate, concerning, and raises concerns as to what kind of relationship this is, given that the City Manager is his supervisor. This should be explained. The City Council, now on record or being made aware of this behavior, should also be questioning and addressing this matter, along with the concerns being raised by the public about the content of these emails.

Chandler

Marty Parichand <marty@outdoornewengland.com>

Sent time: 12/05/2022 09:06:13 PM

To: City Manager <citymgr@franklinnh.org>, Valerie Drake <valdrake@franklinnh.org>

Attachments: [v] PaintedGraphic-1.jpg

Jodie & Valerie,

What is Councilor Chandler's email address?

Thank you for such a beautiful evening! I certainly enjoyed the fireworks. Sorry about starting them.

Marty

MARTY PARICHAND

Founder

176 Central Street | Franklin, NH 03215

shop: 603.671.7028

gear shop | OutdoorNewEngland.com

adventure | Fun4ONE.com

Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 2:47 PM

To: 'Jim Aberg' <jaberg@franklinnh.org>; City Manager <citymgr@franklinnh.org>; Seth Craghton

<scraghton@franklinnh.org>; Marty Parichand <marty@outdoornewengland.com>

Subject: Tonight

Importance: High

Copy

Looking forward to this evening (NOT!). Two things:

- 1 I would recommend that we not talk about hotel specifics.... "we are still talking". It is one of several investment opportunities being looked at in the downtown, all spurred - at least in part - by the WWP! However, if we get too detailed it will open up the developers to negative trash from the idiots, and if the deal subsequently falls through it will be "I told you so". The Council has been briefed on the details and they are the ones that count for now.
- 2 I talked to Jim and he is going to talk about the facts that:
 - We can no longer base our community's future on "hope" that some economic or political marvel will come to our fiscal rescue
 - Anheiser-Busch, Exit 21, and the proposed PSN/Eversource transformer station were all hoped-for economic "miracles" that never happened and were governed by decision-makers outside of our control. Decades of this has got to stop.
 - What's the lesson here? We need to govern our own future. We believe the WWP is key to that future. Yes, it is difficult to understand the impacts. It is not as simple as saying that "a new company is coming to town; it will create 150 new jobs and pay

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From: Niel Cannon <nielcannon16@gmail.com>
Sent time: 06/20/2023 12:13:30 PM
To: City Manager <citymgr@franklinnh.org>
Subject: Bond Calculator
Attachments: image001.jpg Bond Calculator.xlsx

Here you go!



I can't wait to see you in your new kilt!

It's also been noted that a member of the Economic Development Team (Marty Parichand) is allowed to have his personal "for profit" business (Outdoor New England) advertised on the City Website as a "community organization". It should be explained publicly why the City allows this "for profit" business use the City website to promote his business. Are all "for profit" businesses in the city granted this right?



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Community Organizations

Organization Name	Contact	Address (Franklin, NH 03235)	Phone	Web Link
Choose Franklin	Katelyn Nash	P.O. Box 304	603-934-8222	Website
Community Action Program CAP		2 Industrial Park Drive, Bldg. 2, Concord, NH 03301	603-225-3295	Website
		P.O. Box		

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Outdoor New England	Marty Parichand	376 Central St	603-671-7028	Website
Peabody Home	Marylee Gorham	24 Peabody Place	603-934-3718	Website
Red Oak Montessori School	Karen Darling	241 Sanborn St	603-934-1002	
Riverside		681 1st	603-	



Another big concern is how our City Manager and elected officials talk about and treat members of our community, on record in public. Yet, many of these same people complain about social media.

Current City Councilor Ted Starkweather is on record at a public meeting referring to residents as "oddballs".

Current City Councilor Valerie Blake is on record at a public meeting calling a Franklin Resident a "thug".

City Manager Miller is on record at a public meeting calling a Franklin resident "psychotic".

This leads me to the City Spirit program. There is concern that the city manager, some current councilors, and the past mayor Jo Brown involved with this program have not been fully honest with the DOJ representatives as to WHY many in our community are upset with the way some elected officials and members of the Economic Development Team have treated residents, including the audios that have surfaced, over the last year. Transparency is very important.

Thank you for your time and attention to the above matters.

Thomas Boyce.

My name is Sandra Vasko and I am a Franklin resident. I am writing in regard to recent activity in the city with respect to the federal Point In Time (PIT) count of homeless and subsequent social media dialogue about this same subject matter. There appears to be a need for further information and understanding on this count and the importance of Franklin's participation and representation in the State's overall submission.

As noted in HUD's recent 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report the national number of unhoused people has risen a stunning 12% in the last year with individuals over 55 and those 13-29 as the hardest hit. In addition, the report indicates that New Hampshire was one of the states with the largest percentage increase (52%) between 2022 and 2023¹. It appears cities, like Franklin, could see benefit from future federal plans and financial decisions regarding housing and treatment and support services. It would be helpful if we could have a future workshop regarding the national PIT count and the potential impact and outcome of Franklin's numbers on the State's overall picture. Franklin residents could profit hearing from local/city of Franklin contracted providers and state experts on homelessness, housing affordability and accessibility, treatment services and supports and the current financial picture in the state for this population. Not only would this increase overall awareness within the city but may answer questions for those in the community who are concerned about our city's "health". This information might also assist planners in formulating adequate responses and solutions for impacted Franklin residents.

As a concerned citizen and neighbor, I appreciate the opportunity to present this request and look forward to future presentations and discussions to encourage more positive debate on this apparent issue.

¹ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development.

The 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2023-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

Lisa Jones

From: Olivia Zink <councilorzink@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 7:10 PM
To: Lisa Jones
Subject: Fwd: Roads

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rosalie <rosalie8@myfairpoint.net>
Date: January 28, 2024 at 8:54:31 AM EST
To: ozink@franklinnh.org
Subject: Roads

I know it's not the time of the year for paving roads, but I think we need to get back on track and get all our city streets paved. Some of them are horrible to drive on. I would think that some of the bad holes could be patched, even though it's a temporary fix, until Spring when paving could be done. I have lived in Franklin since 1964. Bought our first home in 1987. Our second, in 1971. I have never seen the streets in Franklin deteriorate to the level they are now. Please bring my concerns to your next meeting.

Rosalie Philibert



**City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
Franklin Lodge of Elks**

Council in attendance: Mayor Desiree McLaughlin, Councilor Susan Hallett-Cook (by phone), Councilor Leigh Webb, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Ted Starkweather, Councilor Ed Prive, Councilor Valerie Blake, Councilor Vince Ribas, Councilor Olivia Zink (by phone) and Councilor Timothy Johnston

Absent: None

Others in attendance: City Manager Judie Milner, City Department Heads, and members of the public.

Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Webb.

City Manager Milner stated that Councilor Zink and Councilor Hallett-Cook were both home sick so they called in. All votes are to be a roll call for this meeting.

The mayor stated that they first needed to enter into a nonpublic session.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that there is a need for a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Entered into nonpublic at 6:04 p.m.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved to leave nonpublic session and return to public session.
Seconded by Councilor Webb.**

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Public Session reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Motion — Councilor Dzujna moved to seal the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 13-24 authorizing the City Manager to file an application not to exceed \$625,000 with Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program for the purposes of partially funding white water feature #2 and to sign all the necessary paperwork thereof.

Councilor Johnston called for a point of order and stated that he thinks that Councilor Blake should recuse herself from voting on Resolution 13-24 due to her being a board member on the Mill City Park board. He mentioned that he did not believe she has resigned and considers this to be against the code of conduct.

Councilor Blake stated that she refuses to recuse herself, as she resigned from the Mill City Park board in August of 2023. She added that she was very disturbed by the fact that he was attacking her about this and doesn't understand why he doesn't believe that she is no longer on the board, as it was made public. She also mentioned that there are other councilors that have sat on other boards and also voted in similar situations.

Motion – Councilor Johnston moved that the Franklin City Council vote on whether they believe Councilor Blake has broken the code of conduct of the city charter in her oath of office. Seconded by Councilor Prive.

The mayor asked if there was any discussion.

Jeremy Laucks, President of Mill City Park, was asked to state the status of Councilor Blake's membership. He stated that she had resigned from the board on August 22, 2023 and had been on the MCP board for 3 years. He sent her letter of resignation to the council in December of 2023.

The majority of the council discussed that this did not seem necessary. Being on the board at any time does not mean that she would get any financial benefit by voting in favor of MCP, which is what the charter refers to being a code of conduct issue.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>abstained</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>no</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>no</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>no</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>no</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>no</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>abstained</u>

5 opposed; 2 abstentions; 2 in favor. Motion FAILED

Public comments opened at 7:19 p.m.

Many residents approached the council with letters that they read to the council and the council also read all letters/emails that were received by them to be read into the record. These letters can all be found at the end of the minutes.

Public comments closed at 8:45 p.m.

Agenda Item I.

Council to consider Resolution 13-24 authorizing the City Manager to file an application not to exceed \$625,000 with Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program for the purposes of partially funding white water feature #2 and to sign all the necessary paperwork thereof.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution 13-24 authorizing the City Manager to file an application not to exceed \$625,000 with Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program for the purposes of partially funding white

water feature #2 and to sign all the necessary paperwork thereof. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if there was any discussion.

The council had a lengthy discussion on this matter and took into account the majority of letters received were in support of resolution 13-24.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>no</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>no</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

7 in favor; 2 opposed. Motion PASSED

RESOLUTION #13-24

A Resolution Relating to an application to Community Development Finance Authority's Tax Credit Program.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin authorized the city manager, at its regularly scheduled city council meeting on December 4, 2023, to apply for a grant in the amount of \$500,000 through Land & Water Conservation Fund for the purposed of partially funding feature #2 of the white-water park, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$500,000, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes that the Tax Credit Program administered by the Community Development Finance Authority is an effective tool that helped fund the construction of the white-water park feature #3, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City wishes to utilize the Tax Credit Program administered by the Community Development Finance Authority again to match Land & Water Funding and partially fund the construction of white-water park feature #2 upstream of the newly constructed feature #3, **Now;**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, February 26, 2024, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 13-24, authorizing the City Manager to apply for up to \$625,000 in Tax Credits under*

the Tax Credit Program administered by the Community Development Finance Authority and sign and take action on all relevant documents pertaining to the application for tax credits.

Agenda Item II.

Council to consider proposed easement and maintenance agreement regarding Holy Cross Road.

Motion – Councilor Webb moved that the Franklin City Council permit, upon final review by the City Attorney, the granting of easements to Easterseals NH, acceptance of easements from Easterseals NH, and acceptance of a road maintenance agreement from Easterseals NH.

Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if there was any discussion.

The council discussed the fact that the city has been working with Easterseals NH to create a "Veterans Center" at Holy Cross Rd. Since the city road (Holy Cross Rd) runs between the Easterseals lots, and Easterseals proposes to connect the lots via shared utilities, and other improvements, said utilities and improvements will run under/over/in the city's road. In exchange for allowing the use of the area under the public road, Easterseals has agreed to grant an easement to allow the public road to extend onto their private property so that a cul-de-sac turnaround can be built. Easterseals NH is also proposing to take over maintenance of Holy Cross Rd via a maintenance agreement.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Ribas and seconded by Councilor Blake.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Hallett-Cook	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Prive	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Johnston	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Jones
Executive Secretary

DRAFT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Kenneth Ackerson

Re: Resolution 13-24

Date: February 26, 2024 City Council Workshop Meeting

Thank you Madame Mayor, and good evening to the City Council. I am here to speak in support of Resolution 13-24, allowing the city to apply for CDFA tax credits to partially fund the whitewater feature #2.

If I recall correctly, the concept of Mill City Park/White Water Park was first introduced in 2014 when Ken Merrifield was our mayor and Elizabeth Dragon was City Manager. This concept was embraced and promoted by that administration, then Mayor Tony Giunta and Finance Directory, Judie Milner. Community support continued through Mayor Jo Brown. Every mayor and city manager has heard the accolades for our community and the great photo ops this has afforded them.

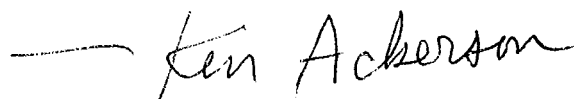
For the past 10 years or so enormous strides have been made to see this project come to fruition. It has a great deal of community support with a small but vocal group of opponents. Having made so much progress in seeing this project through, it would be a shame to not finish the journey. I believe it would also be a black eye for our community to abandon this project and an affront to those businesses and financial supporters who have already invested heavily in Mill City Park.

The people of Franklin are watching, communities around the state are watching and others from around the country are watching to see if we will finish what we have started.

Mill City Park, along with other efforts in improving our city, has brought new life to our community. New residents and new businesses have already had an impact on broadening our tax base and creating a sense of excitement and pride.

I believe you have all received supportive letters from local businesses that are ready to apply for the required tax credits. They are to be commended for their ongoing support of our community. Please do not disappoint them.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Ackerson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line extending to the left of the name.

February 24, 2024

I am Maureen D. Aube and reside in Ward 3 at 19 Mountain View Drive. My purpose in contacting you is two-fold.

The first is that **I am in favor of Resolution 13-24** that the Council will discuss and vote on at the City Council Workshop Meeting on February 26, 2024.

Franklin is at a crossroad. Do we wish to continue with the current revitalization progress of the city? Do we wish to halt it and then what? Your packet contains an abundance of information about Whitewater Park which you have no doubt read and given thoughtful consideration. Also, there are the emails and calls that you have received regarding the pros/cons for Resolution 13-24.

All is so very current and yet there is a history of Franklin's economic revitalization that stems back to 2014. This should not be forgotten. I have created a timeline from 2016 through 2020 **using only the** resources located on franklinnh.org, Franklin City website. These are as follows: The Franklin Newsletter, the former mayors' inaugural addresses, and other documents. I have included hyperlinks (hopefully they will work) for you to read further if you so desire.

My second reason is for you to peruse how our former mayors and City Manager Elizabeth Dragon perceived the ongoing economic development of Franklin which included Mill City Park and the Whitewater Park. I hope that this will enable you to make a more informed decision when you vote on Resolution 13-24.

Excerpt from Mayor Merrifield's State of the City Address on January 5, 2017

A brilliant transformation is taking place in our downtown, and will even accelerate this spring. The largest investment in the history of downtown Franklin has begun at Riverbend Mill, and I believe this will spark further growth and development. Todd Workman, PermaCity Life, Marty Parichand, Jo Brown, your city government, and a host of other community boosters are making downtown Franklin an even greater destination.

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif601/f/uploads/mayors_2017_state_of_the_city_address.pdf

At the completion of **Review of Economic Development Impact on Proposed "Mill City Park" and associated recreation activities** (followed by the name of City Manager Elizabeth Dragon) There is a brief overview of the events entitled **City and Business Leaders Collaborate on City's Economic Development**.

Behind the scenes the City and business leaders have been working diligently on Franklin's revitalization. City Manager Elizabeth Dragon meets bi-weekly with local developer and Executive Director of PermaCity life (PCL) Todd Workman; owner of Outdoor New England Marty Parichand; Planning Director Dick Lewis; Finance and Development Consultant Neil Cannon; and Executive Director of the City's Business and Industrial Development Corporation Jim Aberg. The meetings are held to discuss various City projects in process on and to discuss the stumbling blocks moving forward.

At a recent Council Special Workshop Meeting all were in attendance to discuss the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses to promote jobs and economic growth in Franklin. City Manager Dragon said, "This City is involved with projects that seemingly are not related to the City but are related to City development. Tourism is an effective development strategy and Franklin is unique as the river runs through downtown. If the City is successful bringing Whitewater Park and tourism to Franklin then PermaCitylife and other businesses will all be successful and need less assistance from the City."

Dragon joined Franklin Business & Industry Development Corporation's (FBIDC) board so the City is now actively involved with what has been happening with the FBIDC, as the City's economic development corporation. They have been able to leverage the City's assets with FBIDC making the City more impactful. Dragon said, "With Downtown Coordinator Neil Cannon coming on board and the efforts of Planning Director Lewis who put together the grant to make that possible we are able to further leverage City and FBIDC's assets and leverage the relationships we have with PCL and ONE to work on some projects. Some of the things that are being done are complex and require TIF plans, CDFA tax credits and other things that are available to them. It has made a difference, as we were awarded a tax credit of \$400K for business improvements in the downtown."

Workman said PCL brought in 10 businesses resulting in 48 jobs to Franklin in the first year. "These things happened because of the team work with the City. Franklin has a great toolbox and without it things won't come to Franklin. So much is happening in Franklin that NH Business Magazine last year rated Franklin as where things are happening."

Parichand spoke about the Whitewater Park and the economic development available from "marketing the City as a destination and capitalizing on capital and tourism resulting in employment opportunities." The City and business leaders will continue to meet regularly to work out obstacles and often complex issues for the future economic development of Franklin.

Franklin Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 2, page 4, February 2017

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/2017-02_franklin_newsletter.pdf

City Manager Elizbeth Dragon Farewell

Franklin Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 7, pages 1-2, August/September 2017

franklinnh/sites/g/files/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/augsep_2017_franklin_newsletter.pdf

New Partnership with Central Street Media (City Manager Elizabeth Dragon)

I have been winding down my final weeks, now days, as your City Manager working on a new project! I teamed up with Christopher Kontoes of Central Street Media centralstreetmedia.com (603-671-3339) to inform/educate and market many of the initiatives in the city through video. There are so many great things happening in the City that people often aren't aware of. Christopher has donated a great deal of his time and resources to this project to make it a reality.

I am excited to have some finish product up on our website. Please check out the front page of our website www.franklinnh.org and click on the three videos about economic re-development in the city. Soon there will also be videos about the whitewater park concept planned for downtown.

Spread the word--The City of Franklin is open for business!

Elizabeth Dragon

Franklin Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 7, page 5, August/September

2017[franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/augsep_2017_franklin_newsletter.pdf](http://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/augsep_2017_franklin_newsletter.pdf)

Mill City Park Receives \$250,00 From FSB: Donation Will support Project to Develop Whitewater Park in Franklin (Nov. 2017)

(Scott Clarenbach, Interim Mayor and Julie Milner, Acting City Manager)

Franklin Newsletter Volume 3, Issue 9, page 1, November 2017

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/nov_2017_franklin_newsletter.pdf

Excerpt from Mayor Giunta Speech: Rebirth of Franklin on January 8, 2018 (former mayor and city councilor)

Let's move forward to today. Wow, the City is "on fire"! And what it took were some champions to step forward, to take some risk have, and have a vision. It also took a collaborate effort on the part of the city to team with these great champions and work together to get projects moving. As a result, we had the largest downtown infrastructure investment in modern times with a CATCH Housing 12 million dollar investment in the former Riverbend Mill complex now aptly renamed the Franklin Light and Power complex. We've had a major investment by PermaCity Life breathing new life into our most visible downtown Central Street structures... and they've only just begun. Then we have Mill City Park and their plans moving forward to create a premiere whitewater kayaking destination. Then, for those of you who may not know, we had a premiere mill developer purchase the JP Stevens mill-the largest mill building in our downtown. This is more spectacular news for our downtown businesses as revitalization of the Stevens Mill will mean more people working, eating, entertaining, and buying products in our downtown. We are also building a 1MW solar project up on Industrial Park Drive. This project will provide clean renewable solar power to 100 homes.

And now, the most exciting part of the night... the future of our City. The Whitewater Park is coming and with it nearly 6.5 million dollars of economic activity. The Stevens Mill restoration will be spectacular and with it significant economic activity and business creation. Franklin Light and Power will bring nearly 50 families to our downtown. With all of this activity, downtown businesses will flourish resulting in continued upgrades and improvements to buildings along Central Street.

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/inaugural_2018.pdf

Excerpt from **Franklin Gearing Up for the Whitewater Park** by Julie Milner, City Manager

The Three Rivers City is poised for an economic revival through two major projects that will answer a longstanding need: attracting outsiders. PermaCity Life and Mill City Park have generated excitement and, more importantly, investment in the state's smallest city." The city a while ago recognized that we need to increase our tax base in some way, through economic development," said City Manager Judie Milner. "But our economic base can't support a business on its own. We need to have something that will bring people in and I believe we've got the right group of passionate people to make this vision our new reality." Franklin will be a new destination for many who might have just driven straight through in the past and we can't be more excited for our city's future.

Franklin Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 5, pages 1-3, May/June 2018

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/mayjune_2018_franklin_newsletter.pdf

Excerpt from **Two Franklin Projects Win CRDC Grants: Downtown Revitalization is goal of Mill City Park , PermaCity Life** by NHBR

The Capital Regional Development Council, recently awarded a total of \$10,000 to two separate initiatives aimed at reviving downtown Franklin. Through its Community Grant Program, CRDC awarded Mill City Park at Franklin Falls \$5,000 to help fund the development of a master plan for 9.32 acres of land surrounding the Winnepesaukee River that would the park, which is part of a larger development project in the city that involves creation of New England's first whitewater park. Initial plans for Mill City Park include a community garden, event space, picnic area, historic mill run trail, interconnection to the Winnepesaukee River Trail, mountain bike pump track system and an eco-village area.

Franklin Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 6, page 3, Summer 2018

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/summer_franklin_newsletter.pdf

Franklin Receives 400K in Grants and Matching Funds for the Mill City Park

(Mayor Giunta and City Manager Julie Milner)

Franklin Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 7, pages 1-2, Fall 2018

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/fall_2018_franklin_newsletter_0.pdf

Another Win for Franklin and Mill City Park (by Marty Parichand, Executive Director of Mill City Park)

(Mayor Giunta and City Manager Julie Milner)

Franklin Newsletter Volume 6, Issue 1, page 1, Winter 2020

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/winter_2020_franklin_newsletter.pdf

Excerpt from Mayor Giunta's Inaugural Speech January 2021

Let this be our moment to brush ourselves off of 2020 and looking forward to 2021. Let's remember, that even though 2020 gave us great challenges, we accomplished incredible things.

- We received permits to create our Whitewater Park. A huge accomplishment and first of its kind in all New England. This will change everything!
- Moving forward with Mill City Park to further compliment the Whitewater park.
- Peabody Home will have its largest expansion in its history.
- The JP Stevens Mill project received final approval and will mark the largest single investment in our downtown's history.
- We finally completed a very complex deal clearing the way for Cumberland Farms to build one of their largest stores in all New England.
- Investments in our Central Street properties continue.
- Major investments in properties throughout the City continue.
- Franklin properties are selling in 5 days and for above asking price.
- People are moving here from all across the country and when you can attract people from Massachusetts and Texas, well we must be doing something right!

https://www.franklinnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf601/f/uploads/inaugural_2021.pdf

The Honorable Resigns as of January 15, 2021

In the past three years we've achieved incredible success. The Whitewater Park, Mill City Park, Stevens Mill, Peabody Home, Cumberland Farms, Central Street expansion, a booming real estate market, and the list goes on. Franklin is poised The Honorable Mayor Giunta Resigns

to regain its prestigious status that it occupied not so many years ago. We've all played a significant part in this success and we should be proud of our achievements together.

<https://www.franklinnh.org/home/news/honorable-mayor-giunta-resigns>

Thus concludes the earlier history of the economic revitalization of Franklin that relates to the initiatives of PermaCity Life, Mill City Park, and Whitewater Park. As you will note during this span of time, there were other city officials who were instrumental in spearheading us to where we are currently -- to continue the forward progress with the passage of Resolution 13-24 or halt and then what? Know that I am in favor of Resolution 13-24.

Please do not lose sight of the progress that has occurred thus far. Seeing Franklin become a vibrant community is my dream come true.

Sincerely, Maureen D. Aube (Ward 3)

After the February 5th meeting, I emailed the 3 councilors who voted (in my opinion) to waste tax payer money by having the grant application we are discussing tonight completely filled out prior to the council's vote. Two of the councilors responded, Mr. Prive, even though I am not in your ward, you still represent all of Franklin, I would have appreciated a response. I did not agree with the 2 I did get, but I do appreciate that you responded. I encouraged you both to investigate how grants work within a municipality and to reach out to other communities to see how they fund economic development. I hope you both did your homework.

Let me see if I have this straight. We have applied for a Land & Water Conservation Grant for Mill City Park in the amount of \$500,000. Part of the terms of this grant is to have matching funds. We have a tool where we can apply for another grant to allow us to sell \$625,000 worth of tax credits which come from businesses throughout the state of NH. This money will be considered the match to the Land & Water grant. If my memory serves me correct this has been done before and there was no issue is selling those tax credits. The tax credits help Mill City Park as well as the businesses that purchase them!! These are available for "shovel ready" projects only. Sadly, the Opera House is not "shovel ready" yet. So why would we NOT use tax credits to match the Land and water Conservation Grant? If we don't use this tool what are our other options to match this grant? How will we raise the money?

Creating a larger business tax base in Franklin is how we ease the tax burden on homeowners. Can I repeat that? Creating a larger business tax base in Franklin is how we ease the tax burden on homeowners. How do you do this? We entice businesses to come to the city. We've had many new businesses move in, several of them are also homeowners and vested in Franklin. Why would we stifle this? Why would we move backwards?? What is your plan if we don't continue the economic development that has seen many improvements to this city? I want to hear YOUR Plan? How do you propose to pay for education, roads, the Soldiers Memorial Hall??? I've heard NOTHING... except for the Keyboard Warriors continued half-truths & twisted facts. Oh, and a call for a boycott of a local business where our mayor applauded them, or in her words I quote: "I leave you all alone for one day during a busy meeting day and you burned a city down in my defense. I returned home to rubble LOL. Very grateful for friends".

Dividing this community is not the answer! It is time to set a social media polity for all elected and appointed officials in this community!

But back to the subject, I am in favor of moving forward and continue the outdoor recreation movement of this community. I am in favor of utilizing the natural resources in this community to encourage the growth of our business sector to ease the tax burden on property owners and I am in favor of applying for this grant to match the Land & Water Grant for Mill City Park. *+ Resolution 1310*



MILL CITY PARK

AT FRANKLIN FALLS

February 26, 2024

Members of City Council;

One of the major criticisms I hear about this project is about funding. The argument is that Franklin shouldn't be spending its resources on a park when those resources are limited and the city faces some serious challenges- roads, schools, the fact that we can't even hold this meeting in City Hall. As polarized as the world is today, I think we can all find a small plot of common ground in agreeing Franklin does face serious challenges; but then we need to try to come up with solutions. When asked in a recent City Council workshop what needed to be done to prioritize road funding, the Director of Municipal services replied simply, "Increase the tax base." How do you do that? You could repeal the tax cap, or issue a bond. I think we all know how that would go over. Under the tax cap, the only other option to grow the tax base is to encourage investment in Franklin's buildings. Gains to valuation do to construction and renovation don't fall under the limits of the tax cap, and there are certainly a lot of beautiful old buildings that could use some investment.

Of course, that investment doesn't exist if there aren't tenants: both residents and businesses, and businesses don't exist if there aren't customers. To this end, the City has taken on a strategy of marketing Franklin as an outdoor recreation destination with Mill City Park as the centerpiece. Looking around the city, it seems this plan is working. We're seeing buildings being renovated and businesses moving in. Even though we've only realized a small portion of



MILL CITY PARK

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the vision for Mill City Park, we are seeing a return on the efforts made by the City and our organization. It's important to realize that the goal is long term growth; it's not a quick patch, it will take time, but if we continue these efforts, we'll keep Franklin moving upward and keep seeing more return on investment. It only makes sense to utilize a small amount of the City's resources to apply for a grant to keep moving forward. What message does it send to people looking to invest here if Franklin isn't even willing to make that small investment in itself by applying for a grant? What does it say to leave a project half finished?

Some people will also question if the river park is really driving the investment we've seen over the past few years. Perhaps it's a coincidence that it's happening in the same time period we've been working on this project. Perhaps it was also a coincidence that one of the restaurants that opened in recent years chose the weekend of Winni River Days for their grand opening. The Steven's mill project is being marketed as being in the heart of Franklin's "riverside downtown." The condos in the IOOF building were sold under the name "The Lofts at Mill City Park." Vulgar Brewing Company serves a "Mill City IPA." When you talk to the people investing and opening businesses here, they will tell you the movement happening around Mill City Park is a significant part of the reason they're choosing Franklin. Maybe it's also a coincidence that I have personally seen the same changes that are currently happening in Franklin happen in other river towns that have taken on these park projects over the past 20 years. I've seen them grow and flourish over time, and while it does take time, it gives me faith that Franklin has a very bright future..



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Jeremy Laucks

President of the Board

E Prive

From: LYNNE STEVENS <z3mama@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 17:49
To: City Manager; Mayor; Ted Starkweather; SH Cook; Olivia Zink; George Dzujna; Vince Ribas; Valerie Blake; T Johnston; Leigh Webb; E Prive
Subject: Tax dollars

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To whom it may concern,

We are residents and taxpayers of Franklin and we do not want our tax dollars to be used for the water park or the opera house. These two entities should be raising their own funds and those involved should be volunteering their time and efforts to do so. Tax dollars should be used for schools, improving our deplorable roads and bringing the city hall up to code.

Sincerely,

Gary & Lynne Stevens

Ward 3



February 20, 2024

Franklin City Council
316 Central St
Franklin, NH 03235

Dear Council Members and Mayor,

We are writing to express our support of this grant application for the CDFA submitted by the City of Franklin. We believe it is imperative to our success in Franklin and the continued forward progress of our city.

We have seen positive changes since Mill City Park completed the first feature. In fact, the vast majority of our tourism last summer revolved around the water feature and river, as the rain seemed to deter the larger group of visitors we would normally have seen during the summer months. Not a week goes by where we don't speak with someone about the park, whether they are visiting our city because of the river and water feature, or just inquiring about how much the city has already changed for the better. We also see locals becoming more connected to the river at Trestle View Park. We've seen locals reading, sunning themselves, hanging out with friends, and just generally enjoying a beautiful park by the river. We are so proud of the progress we've seen so far.

Once again we would like to reiterate that we literally chose to open our business in Franklin because of the revitalization efforts, including Mill City Park. We employ a dozen people, two of whom recently moved into the Stevens Mill building, which also exists here because of the revitalization efforts. We pay taxes through our business. Our family owns a home in Franklin, which we also pay taxes on. We volunteer, raise money for causes, and donate to support several local organizations. We are invested in this community. We may be relative newcomers, but this is our home and we truly believe we can all continue to work together to build on the momentum we have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Damon and Megan Lewis (ward 3)
Jason and Shelly Harrington
Vulgar Brewing Company

T: 603.333.1439 | E: hello@vulgarbrewing.com | A: 378 Central Street, Franklin, NH 03235

E Prive

From: J Johnston <musseyj75@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 18:35
To: Mayor; Councilor George Dzujna; Ted Starkweather; Leigh Webb; Olivia Zink; Valerie Blake; Vince Ribas; E Prive; SH Cook; T Johnston
Subject: CDFA tax credit app

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Hello, my name is Janet Johnston and I am a ward one resident and tax payer. My husband and I alone pay over \$400 per month to the city of Franklin, to contribute to the cost of keeping the city running. This includes money's for city employees pay and benefits at municipal services, the fire department, the police department, City hall, the recreation department, the library, transfer station, and the schools. I'm sorry for those I missed, as I know there are 22 separate departments. These employees are paid to work for the city residents and taxpayers. What is the work they are supposed to perform? Keeping our roads safe, responding in emergency situations, teaching our children, balancing our budget, picking up our trash, collecting additional taxes for motor vehicle, dog, and other registrations, building and yard sale permits, etc. Among many other responsibilities. We also seperately pay (a lot) for our water and sewer, but to my knowledge our municipal services and city hall employees perform a majority of the duties for the water and sewer department. Within Franklin there are two areas known as "TIF districts", where any tax dollars collected are kept out of the general taxpayer fund and are not contributing toward keeping the city running, instead those money's are to be used to grow those particular areas by helping to bring in more businesses. However, from what I have learned there are board members for the TIF districts that have not met since 2017, possibly 2019. There are supposed to be thorough annual reports, that have been requested multiple times by different taxpayers and a city councilor, but they have not been provided.

How are we supposed to support taxpayer's money being spent on the time and resources it takes for applying for grants and tax credits when we have no knowledge of or accountability for where the TIF stands?

I grew up in Franklin, and have multiple family members who live in or have lived in Franklin. When we bought our home here in 2010 it was because we wanted to raise our sons in a small, safe, affordable community. Our youngest son graduated in 2023 from FHS, and I can tell you with personal experience that over the last nine or so years, things have drastically changed in this city, and not for the better. We need to correct the course we're on, and get back to the basics of city employees working for the taxpayers, keeping the city safe and run with an honest, transparent government.

It appears there are many conflicts of interest within all these boards and committees, and residents are losing confidence in the decisions being made or attempting to be made.

I do not support more city employees time being spent doing any form of work for private businesses or charities, to research or apply for grants or tax credits.

I believe our city government and the TIF district needs a thorough, outside, forensic audit and/or investigation.

Thank you & have a good night,

Janet Johnston

Ward 1

E Prive

From: Scott Godbois <sgodbois74@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 10:16
To: T Johnston; Ted Starkweather; Valerie Blake; Vince Ribas; SH Cook; Olivia Zink; George Dzujna; E Prive; Leigh Webb; Mayor
Subject: Council workshop 2/24/2024

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Hello Mayor and councilors

Please read and submit into public comment

First I would like to express my concerns for the CDFA. I do understand that they are a part of any means to help a city/town to move forward by using non local tax money. Part of the process requires that the community should also overwhelming support any said projects, how is this achieved when the city manager send out an email saying that we need to get all pro-MCP to a meeting that was held in December to persuade you as a council to vote for the MOU for MCP?

If she did that then what's to say she will not do it again for this meeting on Monday night?

At the last council meeting the city manager balked at your request to see the final application for the CDFA her response was do we really want to go throw all that work to fill it out and then have the council vote against applying, that's a waste of taxpayers money and her staff's time, didn't she apply for CDFA for the OPERA HOUSE and got the grant just to turn it down? How is that not a waste of her staff's time and taxpayers money?

Franklin resident taxpayers have been called "idiots, Trolls", granting agencies have been called "dumb as sticks" "friggien bureaucrats" and our past mayor was called "useless" and should be scripted to follow the city manager leadership". All buy the city manager, Neil Cannon and Marty

The very same people who are asking for our tax money to fund a project that will only benefit a few and not many.

As a resident and taxpayer it is concerning that the city manager primary focus is on MCP and that White waterpark, as our roads are deteriorating, our school are failing, shoulder memorial and the proulx center are in much needed life safety repairs all of which are not new issues they have been known for years and still nothing was done to be proactive.

And yet the city manager and her self appointed ED team continue to prioritize a project that has a ROI for a select few business and not the taxpayers.

In conclusion as a taxpayer and resident I ask that the council to reconsider their position and vote against this submission and any future grants until all documents are current and up to date, and MCP provides a thorough breakdown of any and all funds that were granted and distributed since conception and to whom they were distributed to.

And is provided to all city councilors and the mayor to be view.

Thank you for your time and service
Scott and Samantha Godbois

I am away on vacation and cannot be present to read this myself, with my own emotions regarding the issue at hand. However I am grateful for the person reading it for me and the attention of those who are hearing my hearing words.

After the last City Council meeting I was disheartened at the clear and intended direction apparent with some elected officials. I can't fathom the desire to shut down the economic forward movement that this city has seen in the past few years. Clearly on social media it is a personal attack on those people and entities working tirelessly to move the city forward with the attraction and growth of business and downtown housing development. This personal attack is so blatant and obvious and most disturbing of all if fueled and fanned by inaccurate, incomplete, twisted half facts often perpetuated by our own Mayor. With blinders on a crusade is waged without consideration of the economic impact of the city. It's like cutting off your nose to spite your face. Setting aside personal animosity towards others and leaving personal agendas at the door is how we work together for the common good of ourselves as a community. Stop the negative narrative and division! We all want to have better roads, schools and public spaces. We can't have those things without paying for them and the growth of our outdoor recreational opportunities are already proving to be fruitful in achievement of our goals. Without the growth and development we've seen we would not have most of our downtown businesses, as almost all have said they would not be here but for the revitalization of Franklin as an outdoor recreational destination. I personally would not be here either, as I would not have invested myself in downtown housing if the appeal of the bike trails, city parks, Opera House, VMRA and Mill City Park and downtown growth they attract were not here. I wrote a letter to each of you after the last City council meeting asking specifically for each of you to provide me your opinion on what actual harm Mill City Park would have on the city of Franklin. Sadly our newly elected council members and one incumbent chose not to respond. For the ones that did, I'm grateful. However not one person was able to provide me with any context of actual harm that would be caused to Franklin by the existence of Mill City Park. Not even our Mayor.

I'm voicing my concern about the negative narrative and direction and I want to confirm as I've stated before that the path forward for this city is in fact FORWARD. The grant opportunities before us to fund and provide matching funds for ready projects is not an opportunity to be turned down. The only projects ready to go right now that would be eligible for these funds is Mill City Park and I urge the council to move forward with the applications. Growth in the downtown sector provides an opportunity for a higher downtown tax base and ease of the property tax burdens on residential properties elsewhere in the city. Once upon a time many in the town of Loudon were opposed to Mr Baer selling his dirt race track to be developed into a speedway. They took a leap and looked beyond and permitted the speedway and today those residential taxes are lower and more appealing. As a result property resale is higher than many neighboring communities having great benefits to those homeowners.

*For: Christy Goodhue
Ward II Taxpayer & Property Owner*



February 16, 2024

Judie Milner
City Manager
316 Central Street
Franklin, NH 03135

RE: CDFA Grant

Dear Ms. Milner:

On behalf of the entire team at Chinburg, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Franklin's application to the Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program for a \$625,000 grant for the purposes of partially funding feature #2 in the whitewater park. We have witnessed the positive economic impact of the completion of the first feature which is already attracting enthusiasts from all parts of New England. Our lease-up at Stevens Mill is in full swing and the Whitewater Park is a key amenity that our new residents look forward to.

Franklin is on the cusp of a renaissance and transformation into a mecca for outdoor recreation. The kayaking venue at Mill City Park is the capstone of this new economy and will continue to drive the growth and redevelopment of downtown Franklin. From the inception of the whitewater park, we have been an enthusiastic supporter of this project and will continue to be a champion for its completion.

We applaud the hard work and dedication of the City's leaders for their dedication and commitment to complete this transformative project and for investing in this crucial economic development opportunity. Chinburg can also be counted on as an investor in the CDFA credits should the city receive them.

Sincerely,

Eric J Chinburg

President of Chinburg Properties and Manager of Stevens Mill LLC

"February 23, 2024

Dear Councilors and Mayor McLaughlin:

I am writing to express my support for Resolution #13-24 to fund Mill City Park.

When my husband and I first thought about moving our family from out of state, I had a vision of the little New England town (or, in this case, city) that I hoped to discover. We had no idea yet that Franklin was such a place, but as we searched the state no other town quite fit. And when we briefly looked into buying in Franklin, what we heard wasn't great, so initially we didn't even come to visit. Fortunately, we did have a friend who knows a developer in this area and the state. This developer assured us that with all the investment and work going into Franklin, including the waterpark, it would be a great place for us to move.

After reading the Waterpark plans, I became certain we had to move to Franklin. The appeal of a free to all community mountain bike pump track, safe river play areas for children, parkour course, amphitheater for concerts and events, pavilion for parties, nature-scaped playground, a standing wave, and access to white water kayaking and rafting classes for my children was tremendous. I simply cannot wait for my children to have access to all these wholesome, health-giving, joyful activities. They've already loved kayaking and the standing wave. I, also, immediately knew this park would draw in other young families who care about their community, their schools, and their downtown, and that Franklin would then have the number of engaged people it needs to thrive and support a full and bustling business district.

I'm not the only one who sees this. I've personally talked to a number of business owners and families about why they started their business here in the last few years, making Franklin already such a wonderful place for my family to grow and thrive. Every single one that I have personally talked to cited the Waterpark as one of the principal reasons they invested in Franklin.

Franklin was already beautiful. It is indeed everything I dreamed before I had even come to Franklin. So much so, that out of the many, many towns and cities we visited, it was only this one that brought me to tears when we drove onto Central Street. The mountains in the background, a historic steeple crowning a unique and attractive cityscape, woods all around, three rivers, a beautiful lake, a ski area, the Winni trail, the Opera House, and walkable neighborhoods with gorgeous historic homes. This city is indeed one worth preserving, reviving, and growing. I feel truly blessed to be here. With the businesses already here and even bustling at times and the INCREDIBLE community fighting to grow and revive the community in a myriad of ways, Franklin is already my favorite place I've ever lived (competing with such places as Princeton, the Mediterranean coast, and Philadelphia). But, it is clear, the Waterpark is a vital and integral part of making it the place that it is even now for me and my family, for filling out the empty storefronts with businesses that bring value, and for bringing more engaged and involved people and families to help Franklin thrive. Please allow and support the Waterpark's work and growth to continue.

Please read this letter into the record at the meeting and include it in the meeting minutes.

Jennie Genus
Ward 3"

February 23, 2024

Dear Councilors and Mayor McLaughlin:

I am unable to attend the February 26th City Council meeting in person due to a previously scheduled engagement. However, I'd like to express my enthusiastic support for Resolution #13-24 authorizing the City Manager to file an application with the Community Development Authority Tax Credit Program to fund Mill City Park.

I strongly believe Mill City Park is a critical cornerstone project that is essential to Franklin's revitalization and growth. In the three years since I moved my law practice from Philadelphia to Franklin, I've watched as investment and interest in our city has skyrocketed; I've watched new businesses open; I've seen long-established businesses increase their customer base and sales; I've seen renewed excitement, purpose, and community involvement from residents old and new; and I've seen friends from New Hampshire who laughed at me for moving to Franklin three years ago beg me to keep my eyes open for new real estate listings so they can move here and get in on the action.

The overwhelming majority of those I've spoken to who are involved in this renewal and investment in Franklin have acknowledged publicly or privately that Mill City Park was and remains the driving force behind it all.

In other words, Mill City Park has proved to be a domino of sorts, unleashing an inevitable sequence of events that will continue to propel Franklin forward, if only we'll come together as a city and let it happen.

Me, my wife, and my six children are looking forward to the park's completion and hope the council will fully support this opportunity to continue moving forward.

Kindly read this letter into the record at the meeting and include it in the official minutes of the meeting.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Genus', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Genus
Ward 3

George Dzujna

From: kaitlyncampbellshaw@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 10:51 AM
To: George Dzujna; Ted Starkweather; T Johnston; Mayor
Subject: Comments for public hearing on resolution 13-24

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Hello,

As my distinguished councilors of ward 1, I formally request that one of you please read these comments into the record of the public hearing on resolution 13-24- to consider the use of the CDFA tax credits as match for federal grants for the continued development of Mill City Park.

"It is my understanding that in a tax cap city, there are two primary ways to increase revenue; 1. Decrease spending by cutting budgets. Or 2. Broaden the tax base.

From the bond discussions it is clear that some taxpayers do not want their taxes to be put towards non-profit efforts or towards supporting public-private partnerships. It was clear they also did not want to support maintenance of roads or public infrastructure since the bond was primarily for that (only 8% of that bond had anything to do with MCP).

Non-profits therefore raise money and with the support of the city apply to grants to try to bring people to the city to increase the tax base, thereby distributing the costs of running a city.

As taxfoundation.org explains, "A broad tax base reduces tax administration costs and allows more revenue to be raised at lower rates".

CDFA tax credits are **voluntary**. This means that no Franklin business or taxpayer will be required to pay into this program. Only those who wish to participate will pledge their taxes towards the program.

If you, as a councilor of ward 1 vote against resolution 13-24, my question for you is what is your plan to bring \$ to the city to fix our degraded infrastructure? Where is your plan written down and when do you plan to enact it?

Thanks so much for your time!

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Shaw (tax payer, ward 1)

George Dzujna

From: Eliza Conde <econde@metrocast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:18 PM
To: Ted Starkweather; George Dzujna; T Johnston; Olivia Zink; Vince Ribas; SH Cook; Councilman Webb; Valerie Blake; E Prive
Subject: Tax credit

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I am very much in favor of the city's applications for tax credits for both the Opera House and the 2nd water feature.

Thank you

Eliza Conde
385 Prospect Street

Sent from my iPhone

George Dzujna

From: Ray Yonaitis <the59ray@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:58 PM
To: Olivia Zink; Vince Ribas; SH Cook; Ted Starkweather; George Dzujna; T Johnston; Leigh Webb; Valerie Blake; E Prive; Mayor; City Manager
Subject: City Council Workshop Meeting Monday February 26 2024 6 pm

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Dear Mayor, City Councilors, and City Manager of Franklin,

Because of my physical limitations, I am unable to attend your City Council Workshop Meeting taking place this Monday February 26, 2024 at 6 p.m.

If there is a Public Participation period, I would appreciate this letter to be read by one of you into record. If not, please add this letter to the minutes of this workshop.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the upcoming Public Hearing on Resolution 13-24, which authorizes the City Manager to file an application not to exceed \$625,000.00 with the Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program funds for the purpose of partially funding white water feature #2.

My foremost concern is the consideration of using public tax dollars to fund a **private endeavor** while our city's infrastructure continues to deteriorate after years neglect.

Before delving into such initiatives, it is imperative that we prioritize addressing critical infrastructure such as the Soldiers Memorial Hall and our roads.

The current state of Soldiers Memorial Hall, formally utilized for city council meetings and community events, is concerning due to numerous code violations rendering it unsafe for use. It is essential to allocate resources towards bringing this building up to code to ensure its safe utilization again.

I question the decision to forego accessing the resources secured by our city employees through grant applications approved by the CDFA for the City Hall/Opera House work. It is crucial to assess the amount of city employee hours invested in securing these grants, only to let them expire, allowing our infrastructure to further deteriorate. Proactive measures could have prevented the current state of disrepair.

Furthermore, I seek clarification on the number of grants applied for and subsequently ignored over the past two, four, and six years.

In addition, I am concerned about the council's neglect of our roads and urge prioritization of road maintenance and repair.

Upon reviewing the materials for this hearing, I observed the use of outdated letters from businesses, which raises questions about the relevance of the information provided. I also seek access to studies supporting Resolution 13-24 and request the Public Hearing Minutes on this resolution, as they should be available before Resolution 13-24 is voted upon.

In conclusion, I urge the council to reconsider the allocation of any funds for Resolution 13-24 and prioritize addressing pressing infrastructure needs that directly impact our community's safety and well-being.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Raymond Yonaitis

Ward 2

George Dzujna

From: Kirk Weyant <kirk@3rwc.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 7:18 AM
To: George Dzujna
Subject: water park

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I fully support the water park

Kirk Weyant, Owner
PO Box 428, Franklin NH 03235
603-934-1995 | Mobile 603-440-9068
kirk@3rwc.com
kirk@turfinstaller.net



E Prive

From: tammy COLE <dannytammy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 15:20
To: E Prive
Subject: Next meeting

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Please read for me

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From: "tammy COLE" <dannytammy@yahoo.com>
To:
Sent: Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 2:45 PM
Subject:

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To: "tammy cole" <dannytammy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 1:55 PM
Subject:

Dear council And Representatives of the people, I find Myself out of my comfort zone that I have to complain and feeling that I'm Really not a complainer, but have to voice my concerns. I know that you all have an extremely difficult job. And Belive you all are doing the best you can at it. I commend you for your services. However, I have noticed the City's prioritys Seem to be influenced by a select few- I'm referring to the water park. Yes, it would have been great to have it completed. No cost to the taxpayer as it was supposed to be from the beginning. And I get things don't go as planned. However, it can't be taken out on the backs of the taxpayers, Perhaps The people Who will most benefit by this? Should be Covering more of the costs & time in effort. I Cearly Agree that it would have been had Everything gone as planned and not come off the backs of taxpayers. We need more transparency in this city, I feel there are many other needs that go ahead of this- Here we have a tax cap. But taxes for many have risen off the chart ! Everyone understands assessments went up due to the market value Going way up. However, what we can't understand is why the tax rate only dropped a little And not near enough to balance- so that some People's taxes increased 1500 to \$4000 more a year. That's just wrong

On Every level ! I've noticed this city seems to have a serious problem with maintenance For example, the opera house. It looks like the roof recently leaked. How long has the inside ceiling been like that? Why hasn't that building had Regular maintenance and upgrades ? and now it's going to cost over 5 million dollars to the taxpayer, and it's been shut down condemned really. The beautiful railroad trestle that we all love to look at - no maintenance. There for 50 years 60 years and now it needs complete tear down or millions of dollars put into it. Also on a lesser scale, look at the skate park for the kids not even Useable now. That's Really Sad, Yes, also the roads they are Also showing a great deal of lack of maintenance . This is something that Effects most all Of us ,There's Something wrong when I feel like I need to purchase a four wheel drive just to get home . Then there is the schools we know all across the country. The school system is having a great deal of problems. Many of them have become More about Agenda related or political? Sadly, the children suffer for this.

Good evening , I am Danielle Lamanuzzi, the owner of the Franklin Cafe. I am asking for this letter to be read tonight (2/26/2024) at this council meeting in support of applying for the additional funding needed for Mill City Park. I have been raised in the local area for almost 35 years. In my younger years , Franklin wasn't the place to go. It wasn't the place you took your family on vacation , or out to dinner , it wasn't the place to own a business and in turn it certainly didn't have the amount of thriving businesses that it does now. I our purchased the cafe in late fall of 2022 , and I was confident in doing so because I could see the potential and growth that is occurring here. If someone asked me 5-10 years ago if I would have bought a business in Franklin, my answer would have been no... Franklin is a completely different place now than it was 10+ years ago. It is becoming a destination that people are searching out , and looking to come to with their families . Many new people are even moving here. Each and every time there is an event in the downtown, my business is extremely busy . This could be any of the wonderful seasonal events , or any of the events taking place at the whitewater park.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM II



Subject: City Manager's Update

City Manager, Judie Milner, will provide a monthly update to the Mayor and City Council.

- Contingent Grant Line Activity –
- Trust fund for school funding –
- Committee Meetings – March:
- Council Workshop – March 11th
- Upcoming Council Educational Workshops
 - March 18
 - March 25
 - April 8
 - April 15
- City SPIRIT –

- City Hall Update
- Senator Innis – Chief Bradley Haas Memorial
- Grants-
- Rotary Club offer
- City workplace violence/de-escalation training
- FY2025 Budget process
- Rabies Clinic
- Lien Notice

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM III



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
March 4th, 2024 City Council Meeting

From: Timmy Morrill, Outing Club President

Subject: Liquor Permit at The Veterans Memorial Recreation Area

Recommended Motion:

Councilor moves: "I move that the Franklin City Council allows the Franklin Outing Club to file for a Liquor License through the State of NH Liquor Commission for the Veterans Memorial Recreation Area and authorize the City Manager to sign the applicable permit."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

Discussion:

The Veterans Memorial Recreational Area is seeking to obtain a liquor license through the State of NH Liquor Commission. To start, they intend to only serve beer and wine at their weekend events. If that goes well, they may consider serving on a more regular basis during their open hours abiding by NH Liquor Commission rules and regulations.

The current city ordinance states that the City Manager, Police and Fire Chief, and Parks and Recreation Director can authorize the special one-day permits which is currently what they have been pulling but that is costly and time-consuming to submit.

The Ski area is on City land, insured by the City, and operated by the Franklin Outing Club. For them to apply for a liquor license through the state, they would need approval since it is city-owned. They have drafted the attached policy and voted on it as a board. They are now seeking the city's approval so they can apply for the liquor permit.

Applicable City staff have discussed the authorization of the liquor license and agree that there have not been any issues with all the events the Franklin Outing Club has held with alcohol. City Staff agree that as long as the Outing Club continues to abide by the normal assembly permit regulations and their staff complies with all the State of NH Liquor Commission regulations, the city should allow the Franklin Outing Club to obtain said permit.

Attached:

Franklin Outing Club Alcohol Policies and Procedures

FRANKLIN OUTING CLUB

Operators of the Veterans Memorial Recreation Area

ALCOHOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Updated 07/07/2023

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We at the Franklin Outing Club, Inc. want all employees and volunteers to follow the policies outlined in this booklet. The goal of our establishment is to be successful by providing responsible, courteous, safe, and professional food and beverage service. We will serve customers in a responsible, friendly, and professional manner. We are committed to adhering to all liquor laws while assisting customers in their decision to drink responsibly. The intent of this policy is to allow the sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages during various operational events that are approved by the Board of Directors.

DESCRIPTION OF RECREATION AREA

The Veterans Memorial Recreation Area is managed by the Franklin Outing Club, Inc. The property is owned by the City of Franklin and managed by the City's Conservation Commission. The Recreation Area encompasses _____ acres and provides skiing, snowboarding, sledding, hiking, and mountain biking.

LIMIT OF SERVICE AREA

The sales, service and consumption area will be limited to the lodge and deck, and at times the immediate surroundings outside which will be fenced off. There will be posted signs informing the public that no alcoholic beverages are allowed outside the designated area.

SERVICE RESTRICTIONS

All alcohol consumption must be approved by the Board prior to service dates and communicated to our Insurance Company. No one will be permitted to possess or consume any alcoholic beverages within the licensed area that has not been sold by the licensee.

No one will be permitted to leave the licensed area with alcoholic beverages.

All persons of youthful appearance and questionable age will be carded by the service personnel pursuant to RSA 179:5 and RSA 179:8.

Each person over the legal drinking age of 21 years will be permitted to purchase one alcoholic beverage at one time.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse the sale of any alcoholic beverage to any individual in a group where the majority of persons are under the legal drinking age of 21 years.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse the sale of any alcoholic beverage to any individual in a group when one individual is deemed to be intoxicated or disorderly pursuant to RSA 179:50.

PERSONNEL

All personnel serving alcoholic beverages will be at least 21 years of age and meet all the requirements pursuant to RSA 179:23, IV and V.

All employees and volunteers serving alcoholic beverages at Franklin Outing Club and Veterans Memorial Recreation Area will be educated in the State of NH laws relative to the sale of liquor, beer, and wines. They will be instructed to report any violations to the Board of Directors or designee immediately.

All staff will be trained in responsible beverage service.

All staff will be provided with a copy of our house policies and trained on how to use them.

We will keep an incident log of problem situations.

We will regularly review the policy manual and the incident log with all staff.

All staff will be continually updated by the Board of Directors if there are any changes or updates to our Policies and Procedures (meetings, memos, etc.).

We will provide extra training for employees and volunteers who need practice in serving alcohol.

ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONS, AND PRICING

We will maintain an atmosphere that promotes socializing. We will provide things to do other than drinking.

Advertising materials and campaigns will not use alcohol as the main way to attract patrons.

We will not use promotions that encourage intoxication. There will be no drinking contests. We will not advertise, "Buy one drink, get one free, two for the price of one, or all you can drink." (These are against the law.)

We will not offer free alcohol or sell drinks below cost. (This is against the law.)

We will not lower alcohol prices to promote sales.

We will not promote a "Happy Hour" because this promotes excessive drinking.

We will not promote drink specials to certain groups of people. For example, "Ladies' Night." (This is against the law.)

FOOD AND DRINK SERVICE

We will promote food during operating hours when alcoholic beverages are being served.

The Board of Directors will support servers' decisions to stop or refuse service to any patron. If they do not, the server might not act so responsibly in the future.

We will discourage intoxication and not serve any person who looks or acts intoxicated, even if they are taking a taxi or have a "designated driver." This includes employees, volunteers and regular patrons who may "always act that way."

When a patron has been "cut off" in one person's station, that person will tell other employees and volunteers.

During shift changes the outgoing server will brief the oncoming server regarding the length of time a patron has been at the establishment, what they have been drinking and how many drinks they have had. This will help the oncoming server to avoid over serving the patron.

Responsible service techniques may reduce a server's tips. Therefore, we guarantee the tip to any server who stops service to a patron who displays signs of intoxication.

Drinking alcohol during your shift or at closing time is not allowed. Drinking on the job impairs your ability to perform your duties. You are more likely to make mistakes in judgment such as serving underage or obviously intoxicated patrons. Drinking on the job can cause other employees and volunteers to assume some of your duties without getting paid for the extra work. This can create bad morale. Also, it is harder for you to tell a patron they are "cut off" when you have been drinking along with that person. Lastly, drinking on the job is against the law.

We make sure that we know who is getting each drink. We will not bring a drink for anyone who is not present.

We will count drinks.

We will not sell more than one drink to a patron at one time.

We will not serve a second drink before the patron has finished the first one.

We will not push drinks.

We will slow down service if the patron is ordering or drinking rapidly.

At closing time, we will announce, "It's closing time. We will pick up all drinks in 30 minutes."

We will not announce "last call" because this encourages patrons to gulp drinks before driving.

We do not believe in "one more for the road."

There will be an Alcohol Serving Notebook to track anything unusual that happens in relation to alcohol consumption.

SAFE RIDES

If a patron is too impaired to drive safely, we will persuade the person not to drive, and arrange for a safe ride. If the patron refuses, employees and volunteers should advise a Board Member. The Board Member will call the Police with a description of the patron, description of the vehicle including the license plate number, and the direction of travel the vehicle took when leaving.

CROWD CONTROL AND SECURITY

We will allow free access to all State, County, and Local law enforcement officers (All of whom may be wearing uniforms or plainclothes.)

Overcrowding will not be allowed for several reasons. First, it makes us less able to watch our patrons. This can result in sales to minors and intoxicated patrons, fights, injury, and property damage. Second, patrons may not be able to exit the building during a fire or other crisis. Third, too many patrons can lead to more mistakes, poorer service, and smaller tips.

We will limit the number of our patrons to the Fire Department's legal limit. During busy times, door people will track the number of people coming in and out of the business.

We will have enough employees and volunteers on duty. This will help us watch beverage sales and patrons. We will advise the board of directors or designee when more staff is needed.

We will keep patrons from crowding around the sales area. We will make sure patrons are able to move freely in hallways, aisles, and common areas.

Patrons are guests in our business. We will not permit loud, unpleasant, or obnoxious behavior.

We will not tolerate fighting amongst patrons. Security or a Board Member will ask anyone who is fighting to leave. If needed, security or a Board Member will call the Police for help. We will permanently refuse to admit any chronic problem patron.

We will record any serious problem (such as fights, injuries, or vandalism) in our Alcohol Serving Notebook for future reference.

Security will monitor outside adjacent property to prevent loitering, drinking, illicit drug activity, etc.

We will maintain a close working relationship with law enforcement.

REDUCING YOUTH ACCESS TO ALCOHOL

It is everyone's job to ensure patrons who are buying or drinking alcohol are at least 21 years of age.

We will request proof of age (I.D.) from any patron who appears 30 years of age or younger. To help employees and volunteers do their job, managers will post the following sign in the business: "NOTICE: Our employees and volunteers request I.D. from any patron who appears to be under age 30. Thank you for your cooperation."

We have the right to, and will, refuse service to any patron who cannot produce proper I.D.

All servers and door personnel will be trained on a regular basis to ensure that they have the most up to date and relevant information concerning their responsibilities regarding the State's alcoholic beverage laws and regulations. We will know what are considered legally acceptable forms of identification for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

We may accept the following as proof of age:

- A motor vehicle driver's license issued by the State of New Hampshire, or a valid driver's license issued by another State, or Province of Canada, which bears the date of birth, name, address, and picture of the licensee.
- An identification card issued by the Director of Motor Vehicles under the provisions of RSA 260:21, or any picture identification card issued by another State which bears the date of birth, name, and address of the individual.
- An Armed Services identification card.
- A valid passport from a country with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations.

We will use a pre-printed age chart as a quick way to figure age. The age chart, which says, "To Buy or Consume Alcohol, You Must Have Been Born on or Before [date]," will be updated daily.

We will use separate types of glassware to tell alcoholic drinks from non-alcoholic drinks.

When an underage patron moves from one station to another, servers will tell each other.

If we must refuse service, we will tell a Board Member or designee.

PERSON-IN-CHARGE

At all times when alcohol is being sold on the premises there will be a Board Member in charge to deal with all alcohol related incidences. Whenever that person is not there the charge will be passed on to another individual. There will be a chain of command that will be posted at all times so you will always know who is in charge on your shift.

TIPS TO IDENTIFY FAKE IDS

1. Check the ID's- Four Acceptable Types
 - Drivers License from the United States or Providence of Canada
 - on-drivers License Issued by any State
 - Armed Services ID Card
 - U.S. Passport or Foreign Passport that is from a country that the U.S. is in good standing with
2. Check for an expired ID-NH Law prohibits acceptance of expired ID.
3. Check for a picture-all IDs presented must have a picture NO PICTURE-NO SALE
4. Is the ID in good condition-ID must be unaltered and undamaged.
5. Is there an Applicant Disclaimer-Fake IDs bought locally or over the Internet often have a disclaimer on the back.

6. First Legal Drink-Do the math-be sure the person is 21 or Older. Know what the youngest birth date can be for this particular day before you start working for the day.
7. Match the person to the picture.
8. If anything does not seem right to you, refuse to serve or consult with the person in charge.

TIPS FOR SPOTTING THE INTOXICATED CUSTOMER

Impairment of a person's mental and/or physical faculties as a result of drug or alcohol use.

Signs of impairment are:

APPEARANCE

- Bloodshot Watery Eyes
- Red Face
- Disheveled Appearance

BEHAVIOR

- Loud
- Rowdy
- Annoys Others
- Uses Foul Language

MANNERISMS

- Loss of Coordination
- Slurred Speech
- Sways When Standing
- Stumbles/Falls Into Things
- Difficulty Handling Coins or Finding Their Money

WHAT TO DO IN THESE CASES

1. Serve no more alcohol to this patron. Offer to serve the individual a non-alcoholic drink and encourage that person to have some food.
2. See if the patron has a responsible and sober driver who could take the individual home.
3. Call the Police to report any intoxicated customer who leaves and intends to drive. Follow out and copy License plate number and make of vehicle.
4. Record all information about the event in the Alcohol Serving Notebook.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM IV



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
March 4th, 2024 City Council Meeting

From: Krystal Alpers, Parks and Recreation Director

Subject: Vendor Fees

Recommended Motions:

Councilor moves: "I move that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for the Farmers Market at Marceau Park."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

Councilor moves: "I move that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for the Winni River Day event in Trestle View Park and Mill City Park."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

Councilor moves: "I move that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for Community Day in Odell Park."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

Discussion:

Farmers Market

The Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the Franklin Farmers Market again in Marceau Park. Historically, vendors have not been charged a fee for the space and we would like to continue the market without fees. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting formal permission from the Franklin City Council to waive the necessity of vendor permits for the market.

Winni Rivers Days

Mill City Park plans to host the annual Winnepesaukee River Day on June 14th and 15th, 2024 at Trestle View Park and Mill City Park in downtown Franklin. We are planning a day of activities for paddlers and non-paddlers alike: free live music, kayaking competitions, a rubber ducky race, vendor village, silent auction, kids' activities, etc. As we have in the past, we are requesting formal permission from the Franklin City Council to waive the necessity of vendor permits for this year's Winni River Day for the vendor village.

Community Day

Community Day 2024 will be held on May 11th, 2024 with events held in Odell Park. As we have in the past, we are requesting formal permission from the Franklin City Council to waive the necessity of vendor permits for this event. The day will include a parade (at 10 AM),

children's activities, food, crafts and various businesses and community service organizations as vendors.

Fiscal Impact:

The City will not receive the vending fees for the events which would be additional revenue brought into the city. We expect to have about 5-10 vendors at the Farmers Market and 20-30 vendors at the Winni Rivers Days and about 70-80 vendors at Community Day.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM V



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

March 4th, 2024 City Council Meeting

Subject: Approval of Annual Agricultural Real Estate Lease, Tax Map 123, Lot 403, with Mr. Brent Fife

Suggested Motion:

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council approves an Agricultural Real Estate Lease with Mr. Brent Fife for 34 acres of City owned property located off River Street, identified as Tax Map 123, Lot 403, and to authorize City Manager Milner to duly execute the lease on behalf of the City."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

Background:

The attached lease is the same (with the dates and acreage changed) as used in the last several years and has been approved by Attorney Fitzgerald.

Note: Acreage changed from 11 acres to 34 acres last year as a result of the termination of city lease agreements with solar company. 34 acres was previously farmed by Mr. Fife's father before the city entered into the solar agreements.

Attachment:

One Year Lease Agreement

AGRICULTURAL REAL ESTATE LEASE

City of Franklin
And
Brent Fife

LEASE AGREEMENT made this ____ day of March, 2024, by and between the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, a municipal corporation located in the County of Merrimack, hereinafter referred to as the Lessor, and Brent Fife of 925 South Main Street, Franklin, County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire, hereinafter referred to as the Lessee.

PREMISES: The parties agree that the Lessor shall lease to the Lessee a portion of a certain parcel of land located within the City of Franklin, and owned by the Lessor and located off River Street. The Lessor is leasing 34 acres specifically identified on the Franklin Tax Map as Parcel #123-403-00.

CONSIDERATION: Consideration for this rental shall be in conformance with RSA 72:23 and any amendments thereto. Annual payments shall be equivalent to \$25.00 per acre.

LEASE TERM: This lease shall be for a period of one year subject to cancellation as described herein. However, it is hereby understood and agreed by the parties that the Lessee shall have the use and enjoyment of the premises only from the period of May 1 through November 1 of 2024. For the remaining six months of any year, the property shall be subject to the use and occupancy of the Lessor.

PURPOSES: It is understood and agreed that the leased premises are to be used solely for agricultural purposes. Any other use of the premises shall be approved by the Lessor prior to such a use being established by the Lessee. The Lessee may not sublet any portion of the premises or assign his responsibilities or rights under this lease agreement to any other party without the written consent of the Lessor.

CANCELLATION: Either party may cancel this agreement upon 60 days notice to the other. However, in the event that the Lessor exercises its option to cancel this agreement during the months of May, June, July, August, September or October of any year, then the Lessor shall allow the Lessee the right to enter upon the leased premises, care for and harvest any crops which have been planted prior to receipt of notice of cancellation. Cancellation notice by any party shall be in writing, certified mail with return receipt requested.

LIABILITY: The Lessee agrees to hold the Lessor harmless for any injury, loss or occurrence to any party that arises or is in any way connected with the Lessee's use of the premises. Lessee shall, upon request of the City Manager, provide the City with proof of insurance in an adequate amount to protect the City's interest in this regard. Lessee shall not be required to have insurance coverage of higher face

amounts than that carried by Lessor. However, in the event of claims which exceed Lessee's coverage, any overage payment shall be borne by the Lessee.

MERGER: All agreements and representations made by the parties are contained herein and, unless specifically enumerated in this document shall not form a part of this agreement.

AMENDMENT: Any amendment to this agreement shall be in writing executed by the parties.

SEVERABILITY: Should any clause, sentence or paragraph of this document be found void, illegal or of no effect, the remainder of the document shall not be affected by such a finding and shall remain in full force and effect.

APPLICABLE LAW: The parties agree that this contract shall be construed under the laws of the State of New Hampshire. Should any future statutory amendments or court decisions revise the applicable law with regard to the lease of municipal property, such provisions shall be incorporated into this agreement to the highest degree possible.

Witness

Judie Milner, City Manager
City of Franklin, Duly Authorized

Witness

Brent Fife

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM VI



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

March 4th, 2024

From: Judie Milner, City Manager

Subject: Council to consider setting a public hearing on Ordinance 08-24 Disorderly Patron Behavior

Suggested Motions:

March 4, 2024

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council sets a public hearing for Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 6pm regarding Ordinance 08-24 Disorderly Patron Behavior."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

April 1, 2024

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council adopt ordinance 08-24 Disorderly Patron Behavior."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.

Background:

December 2023:

City Manager informed City Council that staff has reported that they are afraid to come to work. City Manager outlined to Council steps she was taking to address the situation. City Manager asked for Council's support in putting signage up in public buildings stating that aggressive behavior will not be tolerated and developing a policy on aggressive behavior that supports our employees. Council supported both concepts and directed City Manager to bring forward a policy to the January 2024 meeting and voted for the signage (12/14/23 City Council meeting minutes).

January 8, 2024:

City Council directed the customer aggression policy be taken up by the legislative committee with City Solicitor Fitzgerald in attendance (1/8/24 City Council meeting minutes).

February 15, 2024:

Legislative Committee met with City Solicitor Fitzgerald and City Manager. Others were in attendance. City Manager gave a few examples that demonstrated the difference between aggression and the employee's feelings being hurt to the committee. Discussion ensued that not all speech is subject to 1st Amendment Rights in several case law verdicts such as yelling "fire" in a crowded venue, etc. Attorney Fitzgerald asked the committee what their concerns and thoughts were on the subject and offered to craft a policy within one week for the committee. The committee agreed to meet on Friday, Feb 23, 2024 to discuss Attorney Fitzgerald's policy (audio recording from Feb 15, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting).

February 23, 2024:

Legislative Committee met to discuss draft policy from Attorney Fitzgerald. Grammatical changes were suggested, an additional RSA was added to the language, and the order of grievance procedure was changed. In addition, the committee accepted Attorney Fitzgerald's recommendation to codify. The committee voted unanimously to move the policy forward as an ordinance to the full city council at the March 4, 2024 meeting. The committee discussed their desire to hold the public hearing as quickly as possible, March 18 workshop was discussed. As you will see I recommended a motion to hold the public hearing in April at the regularly scheduled meeting. The thought process is that our educational sessions are scheduled to begin on the 18th and are designed to be brief. This educational session was already rescheduled from Feb and I fear that the public hearing may overtake the educational session. The council may of course choose any date to hold the public hearing after march 17th (to accommodate our 10-day public notice requirement). (audio recording from Feb 23, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting).

Attached:

Ordinance 08-24



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ORDINANCE #08-24

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four;

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin add Chapter 147, Disorderly Patron Behavior, to the Franklin Municipal Code as follows:

CHAPTER 147 DISORDERLY PATRON BEHAVIOR

§147- 1 – Purpose.

This chapter is adopted in accordance with RSA 31:39(n), RSA 47:17, RSA 631:4 and RSA 644:2, and all other relevant statutory authority. It is hereby declared a valid public purpose of the City of Franklin that in order to promote and protect the health and general welfare of the City of Franklin, its employees, invitees, licensees, agents, and any other patrons, a process needs to be in place to properly and adequately control and manage chronic and unlawful nuisance and disorderly activities that might occur within or on Municipal Property. It is the public policy of the City to utilize this chapter to control and manage disorderly activities, and to enforce this ordinance accordingly. While fines and enforcement actions may be necessary, this chapter is not adopted to create a mechanism to solely impose punitive punishments on potential violators; instead, the goal of this chapter is creating a dialogue with patrons of the City and engage them in a process of eliminating Disorderly Activities to the greatest degree possible.

§ 147-2 – Definitions.

Disorderly Activities

For purposes of this policy, the definition of Disorderly Activity includes but is not limited to behavior or conduct described by RSA 31:39(n), RSA 47:17, RSA 631:4 and RSA 644:2, or abuse, threat, assault, harassment, or otherwise vexatious or wasteful use of City resources or Municipal Property.

Municipal Property

Any building, structure, or other real property owned, occupied or operated by the City of Franklin.

Patron

A Person or Person(s) who avail themselves of the benefits or use of any Municipal Property owned and operated by the City of Franklin.

§147-3 – Procedure.

Ordinance 08-24

3.1 – In the event an employee or agent of the City of Franklin identifies Disorderly Activity exhibited by a Patron they may, in their discretion, ask that the patron discontinue their activity, contact police, and/or temporarily ban the patron from use of Municipal Property in an appropriate manner in proportion to the severity of the conduct alleged. Any alleged Disorderly Activity shall be documented and recorded by the employee or agent of the City as described by [policy for workers].

3.2 – Should a patron be banned from using a particular (or all) Municipal Property, the City Manager [or other assigned official], shall review all documentation associated with a violation of this policy and shall determine, in their discretion, to uphold or overturn sanctions against a Patron within ten (10) working days. No Ban under this chapter shall exceed a time period of six (6) months unless a violator is deemed to have violated this policy three (3), or more, times in a two (2) year period.

3.3 – If, a Patron is dissatisfied with the City Manager’s [or other official] decision, a Patron sanction may be appealed in accordance with the City’s grievance procedure described in City Ordinance § 347-47, or NH RSA 540-A.

3.4 – If, and when, a Patron is restricted from access to Municipal Property, the City shall provide alternative means for the Patron to conduct business with the City while the sanctions remain in effect. Should a Patron engage in Disorderly Activity through the alternative means of contact provided, the City reserves the right to sanction against this behavior in accordance with the above provisions and ban all use of Municipal Property.

Effective April 1, 2024 by a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Johnston	_____	Councilor Hallett-Cook	_____	Councilor Webb	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____	Councilor Blake	_____	Councilor Prive	_____
Councilor Ribas	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____	Councilor Zink	_____

Approved: _____
Mayor

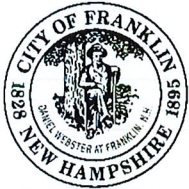
Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remain in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Michelle Stanyan is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM VII



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

March 4th, 2024

From: Dan LeGallo, Superintendent

Subject: 2023-2024 Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) Grant Funding

Recommendation:

To allow the Franklin School District to appropriate Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) Grant funding for the Paul A. Smith School of \$245,356.17 and for the Franklin Middle School for \$295,358.26. The total amount of grant funding will be \$540,714.43.

Suggested Motions:

March 4, 2024

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6pm for Resolution 16-24 appropriating \$245,356.17 to the Franklin Paul A. Smith School and \$295,358.26 to the Franklin Middle School for the fiscal year 2024 budget and subsequent years to the grant ending date of September 30, 2025."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

April 1, 2024

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council adopts Resolution 16-24 appropriating \$245,356.17 to the Franklin Paul A. Smith School and \$295,358.26 to the Franklin Middle School for the fiscal year 2024 budget and subsequent years to the grant ending date of September 30, 2025."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.

Discussion:

Due to the New Hampshire Education Department (NHED) identifying the Paul A. Smith School and Franklin Middle School as recipients of the Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) grants the schools have been allocated CSI grant funding for \$245,356.17 to the Franklin Paul A. Smith School and \$295,358.26 to the Franklin Middle School

Fiscal Impact:

This amount will have no effect on the taxes raised by the City of Franklin as this is excess funds to be received by the district from other sources.

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Alternatives:

Do not appropriate at this time.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Resolution 16-24

NHED 2023-2024 First Final Allocations Report for Title 1, Part A- Comprehensive School Improvement 1003.



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RESOLUTION # 16-24

A Resolution Granting Authority to Appropriate \$245,356.17 for the Paul A. Smith School and \$295,358.26 for the Franklin Middle School from the New Hampshire Education Department (NHED) from the Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) Grant Funding

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district is allocated \$245,356.17 for the Paul A. Smith School and \$295,358.26 for the Franklin Middle School from the New Hampshire Education Department (NHED) in Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) grant funding totaling \$540,714.43; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin would like to appropriate the \$245,356.17 for the Paul A. Smith School and \$295,358.26 for the Franklin Middle School from the New Hampshire Education Department (NHED) in Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) grant funding totaling \$540,714.43;
Now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on April 1st, 2024, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #16-24 to formally accept the electronic sign donation for the Franklin School District as follows:*

An Increase in Revenues:

Grant Revenue – Five Hundred Forty Thousand, Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$540,714.43)

An Increase in Expenditures:

Grant Expenditure – Five Hundred Forty Thousand, Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$540,714.43)

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	_____	Councilor Johnston	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____	Councilor Prive	_____	Councilor Webb	_____
Councilor Hallett-Cook	_____	Councilor Ribas	_____	Councilor Zink	_____

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Michelle Stanyan is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

Frank Edelblut
Commissioner



Christine M. Brennan
Deputy Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Concord, NH 03301
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**2023-2024 First Final Allocations Report for Title I, Part A—
Comprehensive School Improvement 1003**
(CFDA 84.010A)

Local Education Agency Allocation: \$3,227,864.52

Local Education Agency	School	First Final Allocation
Rochester	Bud Carlson Academy	55,817.72
Making Community Connections Charter School	Making Community Connections Charter School - Monadnock	33,418.93
CSI Charter School	CSI Charter School	21,300.90
Ledyard Charter School	Ledyard Charter School	57,711.83
Next Charter School	Next Charter School	41,408.54
Manchester	Henry Wilson Elementary School	432,823.07
Manchester	Beech Street School	568,340.04
Kreiva Academy Public Charter School	Kreiva Academy Public Charter High School	69,901.27
Newport	Richards Elementary School	290,084.41
Nashua	Dr. Norman W. Crisp School	385,165.47
Franklin	Paul A. Smith School	245,356.17
Franklin	Franklin Middle School	295,358.26
Mascenic Regional	Highbridge Hill Elementary School	76,137.37
Manchester	Parker-Varney School	231,842.64
Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative	Edward Fenn School	82,425.83
Winchester	Winchester School	175,872.40
Claremont	Unity Elementary School	55,530.09
Compass Classical Academy Charter School	Compass Classical Academy Charter Elementary School	44,786.17
Claremont	Bluff School	64,583.41

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM VIII



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
March 4th, 2024

From: Dan LeGallo, Superintendent

Subject: Electronic Sign Donation to the Franklin High School

Recommendation:

To allow the Franklin School District to accept a donation of an electronic sign to the Franklin High School

Suggested Motions:

March 4, 2024

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6pm for Resolution 17-24 accepting an electronic sign donation valued at \$35,186 to the Franklin School for the Franklin High School.

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

April 1, 2024

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council adopts Resolution 17-24 accepting an electronic sign donation valued at \$35,186 to the Franklin School District for the Franklin High School.

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.

Discussion:

A former Franklin High School assistant principal would like to donate an electronic sign to the Franklin High School for display in front of the school. This donation is valued at \$35,186.

Fiscal Impact:

This donation will have no effect on the taxes raised by the City of Franklin

Alternatives:

Do not accept the donation at this time.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Resolution 17-24

Electronic Sign Specifications and Contract from Stewart Signs.



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RESOLUTION # 17-24

A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept an electronic sign donation valued at \$35,186 for the Franklin School District to erect in front of the Franklin High School

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district is offered a donation of an electronic sign for the Franklin High School; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin would like to accept the electronic sign donation to the Franklin School District for the Franklin High School; **Now,**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on April 1st, 2024, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #17-24 to formally accept the electronic sign donation for the Franklin School District as follows:*

An Increase in Revenues:

Donation – Thirty-Five Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$35,186)

An Increase in Expenditures:

Capital Asset – Thirty-Five Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$35,186)

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake	_____	Councilor Johnston	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____	Councilor Prive	_____	Councilor Webb	_____
Councilor Hallett-Cook	_____	Councilor Ribas	_____	Councilor Zink	_____

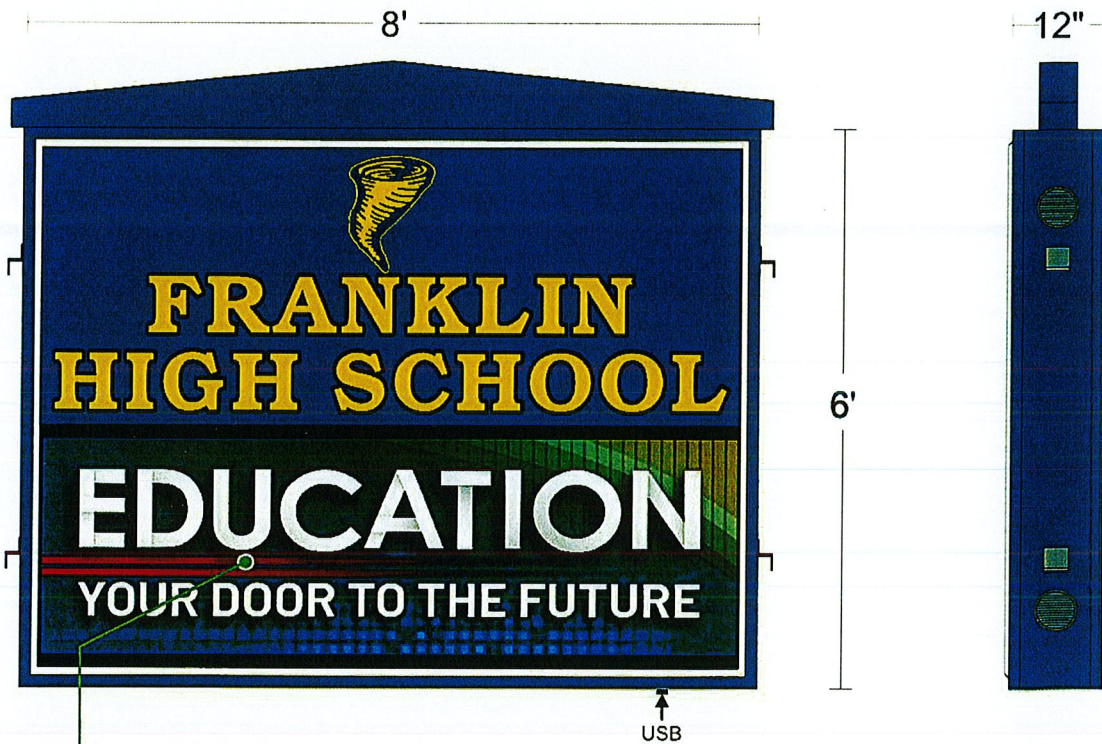
Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Michelle Stanyan is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____



TUFFAK® SL vandal cover in front of the LED display protects from impacts, graffiti and the sun.

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TekStar Color 6.67mm 96x336
Cabinet size: 6'x8'
Sk: 1033416-3 Cust: 1659922
2/1/2024 CW/aNapolitano PROPOSAL
Scale: 1/2"=1' Cabinet Color: Bristol Blue

Signature *DAM Rusey*
Date 4/1/24

Please confirm that all lettering, colors and graphics are correct before signing. Changes to artwork after signature is received will incur a \$200 art change fee.



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FRANKLIN, NH 03235 1171

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DESCRIPTION

PRICE

Double Sided Full Color TekStar Outdoor LED Sign

\$35,186.00

LED display integrated inside of an aluminum sign cabinet with solar-grade polycarbonate vandal cover to protect from impacts, vandalism and the sun.

LED display

- 6.67mm full color at 96 pixels high by 336 pixels wide (32,256 total pixels per side)
- Active display area 2'1" x 7'4" (15.4 square feet per side)
- 1 to 12 rows of text and use your own images and video clips
- 10-year parts availability guarantee (see warranty for info)
- Entire sign UL Listed and FCC Part 15 compliant

[See full display capabilities](#)



Communication method

Communication provided by cellular modem and LIFETIME Cell Connect data plan.

[See full specifications](#)

Sign structure and faces

- Double sided 6' x 8' sign cabinet with 12" deep extruded aluminum
- TCI® industrial powder coat finish, color: Bristol Blue
- Graphics digitally printed on 3M™ vinyl and adhered to inside of sign face
- Internal illumination with LED lamps
- TUFFAK® SL pan-formed faces removable via internal retainers
- Side bracket mount (see artwork for placement)
- Lifetime warranty on structure & faces, including vandalism (see warranty for info)

Electrical specifications

- One 20 amp circuit, 240 volts; Max draw: 10 amps

Custom options

- Top trim #7
- Art

Software

SignCommand.com Cloud-based LED Sign Software FREE for the lifetime of the product. Control your sign from anywhere using any device. No monthly fees. [Learn more.](#)

Included

Freight

- Shipping of sign from factory to location

Included

Total: \$35,186.00

+ any applicable sales tax

Payment terms: 50% deposit, 50% prior to shipment



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SHIPPING INFORMATION

Invoices

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All items not specified here will be shipped to:

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Shipping terms: FOB Origin. Storage and other freight services may be added to your invoice should they be required. Unless managed installation services are included, customer is responsible for unloading of sign upon delivery. Signs greater than 6 feet wide are not eligible for lift gate services.

TERMS & CONDITIONS (*unless noted elsewhere in this quote)

TAX: Any applicable sales tax will be added to your invoice. Organizations exempt from sales tax must include exemption certificate with order.

PERMITS: Permits and zoning are the responsibilities of the buyer. Check with your city or county zoning office for proper permitting procedures in your area. Sealed engineer drawings available at additional cost.

INSTALLATION: Installation of footers, erection, electrical service to sign site, electrical hook-up, removal and/or disposal of any existing signage, and any decorative masonry are the responsibilities of the buyer. Managed installation services are available at additional cost. [Learn about typical installation methods.](#)

CANCELLATION: Any cancellation may be subject to cancellation, return, and/or restocking fees. A late fee of 1.5% per month will be charged on any overdue balances. In the event of a payment default, customer will be responsible for all of Stewart Signs' costs of collection, including but not limited to court costs, filing fees and attorney fees.

SUPPORT: US-based phone and internet support are provided FREE for the lifetime of the product. A premier service warranty is available at additional cost.

SOFTWARE: By purchasing the SignCommand.com software product, you are agreeing with the Website Terms of Use (<https://www.signcommand.com/terms>) and Software End User License Agreement (<https://www.signcommand.com/eula>).

COMMUNICATION: Connectivity requires cell service at sign site. Must be within the United States (including Puerto Rico) with 4G LTE coverage shown on the Verizon Coverage Map (<https://www.stewartsigns.com/verizon-map>).

DATA PLAN: By purchasing the Cell Connect Data Plan, you are agreeing with the Data Plan Terms and Conditions (<https://www.signcommand.com/data-plan>).

I have read and understand the Terms & Conditions above.



ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review this quote for accuracy. Initial the Terms & Conditions box. Sign and date the quote here.
2. Review any corresponding artwork provided with this quote. Check all spelling and colors. Sign and date the artwork.
3. Submit both documents along with your deposit payment to your sign consultant. Speak with your consultant about payment method options.

Customer's authorized signature for quote #1033416-3



SIGNATURE

DANIO M. LEVESQUE

PRINT NAME

2/1/24

DATE

Anthony Napolitano

2/1/2024

Anthony Napolitano, Sign Consultant

Limited Product Warranty ("Limited Warranty")

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Definition of Warranty Coverage:

- 1) Stewart Signs (the "Company") expressly warrants to the original purchaser ("You" or "Buyer" or "Owner" or "Customer") that, for a period of five (5) years from the date of shipment (the "Warranty Period"), the electronic displays and the associated Company products (the "Product") will be reasonably free of material defects in materials and workmanship impacting Product fit, form and/or function. During the Warranty Period, the Company will, at its discretion, repair or replace any defective covered Product. The Owner will be responsible for removing and reinstalling any and all repaired or replacement parts. This Limited Warranty only applies to the Company's Product if installed, used, and maintained in the manner recommended by Company, and this Limited Warranty is conditioned upon compliance with all such instructions. Lifetime telephone support for the Product is provided, as needed.
- 2) In the event the Product is damaged during shipping, it is the responsibility of the Buyer to refuse delivery, causing the Product to be returned to the manufacturer for repair. Title to the Product passes to the Buyer upon the Company's delivery to the freight carrier. The Company assumes no liability for damage caused by careless handling or poor installation, except for work completed by employees of the Company.
- 3) Any information or suggestion by the Company with respect to the Product concerning applications, specifications or compliance with zoning, codes and standards is provided solely for your convenience and without any representation as to accuracy or suitability. You must verify and test the suitability of any information with respect to the Product for your specific application.
- 4) Sign Structure and Sign Face: In the event the sign structure or identification/changeable copy portion of the sign malfunctions under normal use and service thereof DURING THE LIFE OF THE SIGN due to material defects in workmanship or materials, the Company will, at its option, repair or replace any defective materials.
- 5) Vandalism to Sign Faces: This Limited Warranty covers polycarbonate faces against breakage due to vandalism DURING THE LIFE OF THE SIGN. Warranty protection does not extend to these surfaces if damaged by gunshots, or when damaged coincident with damage to the sign cabinet in which the faces are installed. LED panels are also covered from vandalism for the duration of the electronics portion of the Limited Warranty (5 years). Excludes Cornerstone monument signs and other Cornerstone components.
- 6) Failed electronic parts or assemblies will be repaired or replaced, at the sole discretion of the Company. Replacement or repaired parts are warranted to be free from material defects in material or workmanship for ninety (90) days, or for the remainder of the Warranty Period of the Product they are replacing or in which they are installed, whichever is longer.
- 7) The Company will repair failed LED pixels if greater than one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the total number of pixels in the sign have failed in one (1) calendar year, provided the sign is installed with the recommended ventilation system for its location. The definition of pixel failure is when all LEDs in the pixel will no longer emit light. Pixel repair is performed at the Company Repair Center. It is common knowledge within the sign industry that all LEDs degrade and produce less light as they age. Eventually the LEDs will require replacement even though the LEDs will still emit light. This Limited Warranty does not cover normal LED degradation.
- 8) Customer Obligations:
Failure by the Customer to properly maintain the Product will void coverage for affected components. The Customer shall notify the Company immediately of equipment failure and allow the Company full and free access to the Product when required. Waiver of liability or other restriction shall not be imposed as a site access requirement. The Customer is responsible for all costs and management oversight associated with providing the Company access to the Product, providing the necessary machines, communication facilities and other equipment, inclusive of but not limited to lifting equipment. Should on-site repair be required, Customer is required to have a responsible individual on-site to provide access to the Product as well as sign off on a completed work order.
- 9) Exclusions and Restrictions:
The Company reserves the right to restrict service, limit replacement parts, or invalidate this Limited Warranty to Customers whose account balance is past due.
This Limited Warranty specifically excludes any on-site labor required to service the covered Product, including diagnosis, removal, and installation of parts and/or products. Any on-site service required by the Customer of Company technicians or a local Company-authorized service provider is billable to the Customer based on an agreed-upon written quote.
This Limited Warranty does not apply to software. Software is covered by a separate agreement, which appears in the Company's software license agreement.
ID cabinet LED illumination and power supply are covered for two (2) years, when purchased as a system.
- 10) This Limited Warranty specifically does not cover the following:
 - a) Third-party communication devices such as wireless devices and modems, which are covered by a separate electronic communication warranty. This includes the Ubiquiti wireless radios provided by Stewart Signs, which carry a one (1) year warranty from ship date when purchased with a new sign.
 - b) Damage to Product that has been moved from its original installation location or is mounted in a mobile structure.
 - c) Cosmetic damage to the Product (including but not limited to scratches and dents that do not otherwise affect the fit, form or functionality of the Product or materially impair its use).
 - d) Recovery or transfer of any data or software stored on the Product not originally installed on the Product by the Company.
- 11) This Limited Warranty specifically does not cover conditions, defects or damage caused by or resulting from the following:
 - a) Defects caused by: unreasonable or unintended use of Product; improper or unauthorized handling; accident; omission; neglect; vandalism (unless otherwise noted in this Limited Warranty); misuse; physical abuse; installation, use and/or fabrication, and maintenance of the Product by

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- any party other than the Company.
- b) Damage (not resulting from manufacturing defects) that occurs while the Product is in the Owner's control and/or possession, unless otherwise noted in this Limited Warranty.
 - c) Extreme physical or electrical stress or interference; environmental conditions beyond the Company's control, such as man-made or naturally occurring salt air/log, electrochemical oxidation or corrosion and/or metallic pollutants. Also not covered is normal wear and tear; inadequate, improper, or surges of electrical power; lightning, floods, fire, acts of God, war, terrorism, or other external causes, including Force Majeure.
 - d) Unauthorized modification, including installation of third-party software on the Product.
 - e) Product modification or service by anyone other than: (a) the Company, (b) a Company-authorized service provider, or (c) Customer's own installation of Company approved parts with instruction from the Company. Service to damaged or malfunctioning Product which has not been ordered or authorized by the Company's Customer Satisfaction Department is not covered under this Limited Warranty and will automatically **invalidate this Limited Warranty**.
 - f) Computer viruses, Trojan horses, worms, self-replicating code or like destructive code which was not included in the Product by the Company.
 - g) Products installed with known or visible manufacturing defects at the time of installation.
- 12) The Company will provide and be responsible for the cost of shipping parts from the Company to the Customer, with the exception of sign faces replaced due to vandalism. **Standard shipping via the United States Postal Service or other commercial parcel delivery company is the default method of delivery.** Expedited delivery is available to the Customer at his or her expense.
- 13) Warranty claims must be registered with the Company within thirty (30) days of damage or malfunction. To register a claim, the Customer must contact the Company at the location specified below and provide (a) his or her name and any other required contact information, (b) Product and purchase descriptions, and (c) the nature of the defect. The Company reserves the right (at its sole discretion) to require proof of original purchase (e.g. paid invoice, receipt) and to visit the site of the installation or to require documentation of the claim before assuming any responsibility under the provisions of this Limited Warranty.
- 14) THE LIMITED WARRANTIES SET FORTH HEREIN ARE THE ONLY WARRANTIES MADE BY THE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRODUCT. THE COMPANY CANNOT AND DOES NOT MAKE ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCT, AND DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. THE COMPANY'S SOLE OBLIGATION UNDER THIS LIMITED WARRANTY SHALL BE TO REPAIR OR REPLACE MALFUNCTIONING OR DEFECTIVE PARTS OF THE PRODUCT. BUYER ASSUMES ALL RISK **WHATSOEVER AS TO THE RESULT OF THE USE OF THE PRODUCT PURCHASED, WHETHER USED SINGULARLY OR IN COMBINATION WITH ANY OTHER PRODUCTS OR SUBSTANCES.**
- 15) NO CLAIM BY BUYER OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING CLAIMS FOR INDEMNIFICATION, SHALL BE GREATER IN AMOUNT THAN THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH DAMAGES ARE CLAIMED. IN NO EVENT SHALL COMPANY BE LIABLE TO BUYER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE, FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, RELIANCE, PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, OR FOR LOSS OF PROFIT, REVENUE OR USE, IN CONNECTION WITH, ARISING OUT OF, OR AS A RESULT OF, THE SALE, DELIVERY, SERVICING, USE OR LOSS OF USE OF THE PRODUCT SOLD HEREUNDER, OR FOR ANY LIABILITY THAT BUYER HAS TO ANY THIRD PARTY WITH RESPECT THERETO.

10-Year Parts Guarantee - Stewart Signs provides a 10-year parts guarantee for our LED signage. While hardware can change year over year, we will have available suitable hardware to allow the continued use of your signage for 10-years from the ship date of the sign. Changes in hardware include but are not limited to: visual hardware changes, software changes, or control system upgrades.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM IX



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of March 4th, 2024

Subject: Other Business

- 1. Mayor & Council Appointments**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Late Items**

Adjournment

Councilor Appointments

Recommended Motions:

“I move that the Franklin City Council appoint Lisa Duquette to the Capital Improvement Plan Committee, seat CI9, term of service to October 2028.”

Attachments:

Appointee Profile – Lisa Duquette



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PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEE PROFILE

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	(Home Phone)	(Work Phone)	(Cell Phone)	(email)

You must be a Franklin resident to sit on any board or committee within the City! If at any time you do not reside in Franklin, then you shall submit a letter of resignation for your position.

Franklin Resident: ☒ Yes For how long? Owner since September 2013; Full-time resident since 2017

Employer:	New Hampshire School Health Care Coalition, d/b/a SchoolCare			
Address:	370 Harvey Road, Ste 4	Manchester	NH	03103
	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

Interested in appointment to: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee

Please list below any specific skills, knowledge or experience you believe to be relevant:

The skills, knowledge and experience that I would bring to the Committee as a resident include a professional career with more than 30+ years of proven responsibility for strategic planning, budgeting, and executing to meet goals. I have a Bachelors Degree in Business and a Master's Degree in Accounting. In my current employment, I have been the Executive Director for SchoolCare, a NH public entity risk pool providing health benefit to schools, municipality, counties and other political subdivisions. In this role, I am responsible for contributing to the organization's strategic plan as well as leading a team to achieve the plan's goals.

Please state briefly why you are interested in this Board/Committee:

As a resident of Franklin, I look forward to bringing the constituents voice regarding priorities such as roads, schools, city buildings, etc. while understanding that the taxpayers can't afford increased taxes. Franklin needs a long-range capital improvement plan that goes beyond the Committee's current annual CIP. We need to identify the City needs, prioritize and consider all funding mechanisms including annual capital budget, grants, bonds, etc.

<u>Lisa J. Duquette</u> Signature	<u>February 4, 2024</u> Date
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Thank you for your willingness to provide us with this information.