



**City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 2, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall**

**Council in attendance:** Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Vincent Ribas, Councilor April Bunker, Councilor Ted Starkweather, Councilor Valerie Blake, Councilor Paul Trudel and Councilor Olivia Zink.

**Absent:** N/A

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

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 6:02 p.m.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Bunker, followed by a moment of silence, led by Councilor Desrochers, for Maurice Gregoire who passed away last month and had served in the U.S. Army in the early 60's.

The public hearing opened at 6:04 p.m.

**Public Hearing:**

Mayor Brown started the public hearing by reading through each Resolution that the City Council will be voting on at this meeting and opened each one up to the public for comments:

**Resolution 16-22** to appropriate funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

No public comments; closed.

**Ordinance 03-22** relating to fireworks.

Resident Debra Auger asked how to handle the debris from fireworks ending up on someone else's property.

City Manager Milner stated that fireworks still defer to the NH State Fire Marshal's office and RSA, which states how far away a resident should be from another property to set off fireworks. She also mentioned that she could contact the Police Department or the Fire Department in a circumstance that violates the Fire Marshal's RSA.

No other public comments; closed.

**CDBG Funded Hotel Feasibility Study to be presented to the public.**

City Manager Milner read out loud from the following handout that was available:

Handout

CITY OF FRANKLIN  
Public Hearing  
Community Development Block Grant Project

Public Hearing Presenting the Findings of the CDBG Hotel Study

Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available on a competitive basis for Public Facility Projects, up to \$500,000 for Housing Projects, up to \$500,000 for Economic Development Projects, and up to \$350,000 for Emergency Activities that directly benefit low and moderate income persons. Up to \$25,000 per study is available for Planning Grants. The purpose of the hearing is to present to the public on, and take comments on, a hotel feasibility study. The study was funded with CDBG funds.

The study was performed by the Pinnacle Group of Boston, Massachusetts. The primary reason for the market study was to assist the City with understanding the financial viability of hotel development as part of a downtown revitalization program. More specifically, the goal of this engagement was to determine the type of hotel and general facility plan that could accommodate existing lodging demand as well as potential new demand that could be generated from a whitewater rafting and kayaking venue.

The major conclusions of the study are:

- There are over 152,500 room nights (419 rooms) available in the primary market competing with Franklin (6 facilities in Tilton, Northfield, Gilford, and Laconia).
- Average Occupancy (pre-COVID) was about 54%.
- Average Daily Rate (ADR) was \$124.00.
- The study analyzed the feasibility of a small (25 room) hotel with limited services (continental breakfast, fitness room, small meeting room, parking). The study concluded that such a facility could command an ADR of \$117 in Year 1 (2024) and \$127 by 2027. However, despite strong occupancy in the summer months average occupancy was only 44%, which was insufficient to produce profitability. The consultants concluded that that Franklin will experience slow growth, as it relates to lodging, over the foreseeable future. The outdoor recreation industry offers the most promising industry as it relates to tourism and should support growth in Franklin.
- Based on these conclusions the City's Economic Development Task Force requested that the consultant prepare a second income and expense forecast for the proposed 25 room hotel under certain hypothetical considerations regarding debt service and occupancy demand generated by the Whitewater Park. Under these considerations, the proposed 25-room hotel would generate positive cash flow and 70% occupancy at an ADR of \$141.13 in its third full year of operation (2026).

Neil Cannon gave a brief presentation on this study that he believes proves that this would be a great opportunity for the city over a few years of growth.

Resident Leigh Webb, Ward III, asked if this study was based on a specific location or on a concept and Mr. Cannon answered saying that it was based on a concept within the downtown area.

Resident Mike Lombardo, Ward III, mentioned that he knows a group that opens up boutique hotels that may be interested.

Resident Kathy Rago, Ward III, asked if any of this would be subsidized by the city and Mr. Cannon said no, which was confirmed by Mayor Brown.

No other public comments; closed.

**Legislative Update:**

Mayor Brown asked Representative Dave Testerman if there was a Legislative update.

Representative Testerman approached the podium and stated that they had a session about a week and a half ago. One recommendation sent to the Finance Committee was to raise the amount of money donated to the Retired System account by 7.5%. He mentioned that other than that, there really wasn't anything monumental to talk about as of right now.

Mayor Brown thanked Representative Testerman and stated that next up was Fr. Roger Sargent;

**FR. ROGER SARGENT TO LET THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE TO LCPL JEDH COLBY BARKER.**

Fr. Roger Sargent stated that he sent out an extensive email to the council about the schedule of events they have planned for Memorial Day to honor all veterans and to invite them all to attend. One stop includes Franklin City Hall and he would like permission from the City Council to hang a plaque with the honorable medal for Jedh Colby Parker, who was born in Franklin, in the City Hall foyer on that day. Fr. Sargent did show the Council what the plaque would look like. He also asked if the City would accept a flag case that was donated by the Veterans Home, made by students, along with the flag that is coming from the United States Capitol. He stated that they run on donations only.

**Councilor Desrochers moved that the City Council allow a memorial marker to be placed on Franklin property identified as Garden Glen across from the Franklin High School in honor of Franklin born, LCPL Jedh Colby Barker, USMC 4<sup>th</sup> Division, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery and sacrifice in the Vietnam war.**

**Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.**

*All in favor; motion passes.*

Mayor Brown thanked Fr. Roger Sargent and mentioned that this is a great event that he is organizing.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC ON WARD LINE CHANGES**

Mayor Brown stated that she wanted to make it very clear that the council has not made any decisions on this matter as of yet and will not be voting on Ward Line changes until they have heard more from the public.

Mayor Brown then mentioned that City Manager Milner received a letter from City Attorney Fitzgerald about the legalities of removing ward lines and changing to a city at large, which is one of the options up for discussion. She let the Council know that a motion would be needed to grant City Manager Milner permission to read this letter out loud.

**Councilor Dzujna moved that the City Council give approval to City Manager Milner to read the legal letter from City Attorney Fitzgerald out loud. Seconded by Councilor Blake.**

*All in favor; motion passes.*

City Manager Milner read from the below attached letter from City Attorney Fitzgerald:



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May 2, 2022

*(via e-mail only)*

Judie Milner, City Manager  
City of Franklin  
316 Central Street  
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**Re: Ward Elimination**

Dear Manager Milner,

In response to your recent inquiry, it is my opinion that the City may move forward with a proposal to eliminate the three ward system that has existed since the original Franklin City Charter was granted by the State Legislature in 1893. Where the ward lines are established by the Charter, this change would have to be accomplished by a formal charter change which is a process that the City has gone through several times previously. As you know, before being voted upon by the voters, there is a process for the change to be submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Justice, the Secretary of State's office and the Department of Revenue Administration. The purpose of these submissions is to ensure that no amendment is adopted which runs counter to the general state law and this is a process that the similar amendment adopted by the City of Berlin in 2012 would have undergone.

I understand that there has been some question as to whether such amendment could be adopted given the wording of RSA 49-C: 3 which requires that a city adopting a charter continue with the same number of wards and that the general laws of the state in reference to ward elections continue to be followed. However, as we discuss telephonically RSA 49-C is a model charter which allows municipalities to adopt it in its entirety or in part without requiring a special act of the Legislature (see RSA 49-C:1). It has generally been understood that as long as the subject matter of the various sections of RSA 49-C are dealt with in a charter revision or amendment that variations are allowed which, has actually happened, when comparing charters of the various cities in the state. It is probably also noteworthy that RSA 44:4 indicates that a city may be divided into wards but does not say that it is mandatory. Finally,

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Judie Milner, City Manager

**RE: Ward Elimination**

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if the language of RSA 49-C:3 was taken as mandatory, a city would never be able to change the number of wards, regardless of how compelling the reason.

Should you or the Council need further information on the charter amendment process, please for free to inquire.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul T. Fitzgerald", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul T. Fitzgerald

PTF:src

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Mayor Brown stated that she was going to go through each option and wanted public comment on the pros and cons of each, starting with option #7;

Option #7 – Removing all Ward Lines and becoming a city at large:

- (CON) Representative Dave Testerman, Ward II, considers this option a con, as it makes campaigning more difficult.
- (CON) Resident Leigh Webb, Ward III, mentioned that he was surprised that this option got so much attention at the last meeting. He is afraid that there may potentially be a geographical bias and he prefers option #4.
- (CON) Commissioner Ken Merrifield, Ward I, is very concerned about this option, as he thinks it will prevent people from applying for public service. He also mentioned that the whole point of redistricting is to rebalance the population.
- (CON) Resident Paul Doucette, Ward II, favors option #1. He mentioned that Berlin did away with all of their ward lines and all of their councilors live within a small section of the city. The rest of Berlin is not being represented.
- (CON) Resident Erin Meagher, Ward II, has the same concerns as the other speakers before her and would like to hear how this option would bring a cost savings. She also

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believes that it will be too difficult for councilors to represent the entire city instead of their specified Ward.

- (CON) Councilor Bunker stated that Resident Sarah Eastman, Ward III, messaged her to let her know that she prefers to have 3 wards so that everyone is represented, not just the downtown area.

No other public comments; closed.

Option #6 – Make changes to all Wards, changing Ward 3 (upper Babbitt Road/Sanborn) to Ward 2 and one census block in Ward 1 to Ward 2:

No public comments; closed.

Option #5 – Divide Central St. down the middle with the upper portion on the map moving to Ward 3 and the lower portion on the map moving to Ward 2:

- (CON) Resident Janet Desrochers, Ward II, mentioned that this option seems like a lot of work when there are better options to choose from.
- (Question) Resident Mike Lombardo, Ward III, did ask what happens if a councilor shifts wards. Mayor Brown stated that the councilors would stay, as is, until their term is up and then would need to run again in their new ward.

No other public comments; closed.

Option #4 – Move upper Prospect St. and upper Pleasant St. to the Northfield line beyond Kelly Road from Ward 3 to Ward 2:

- (PRO) Resident Leigh Webb, Ward III, considers this to be the best option.

No other public comments; closed.

Option #3 – Move the bottom section of Pleasant, Oak, Orchard, Pine Highland & Elm from Ward 3 into Ward 2:

No public comments; closed.

Option #2 – Move the Ward 3 boundary line to include the river side of New Hampton Road and both sides of New Hampton Road after New Boston Road to Ward 2:

No public comments; closed.

Option #1 – Move Mountain View Estates from Ward 3 to Ward 2:

- (PRO) Representative Dave Testerman, Ward II, stated that this seems to be the simplest option.
- (PRO) Resident Mike Lombardo, Ward III, thinks this makes the most sense.

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No other public comments; closed.

The Councilors discussed that they would like the simplest option as well. They did bring up the need for some extra information on the map for option #1 to see if this change does include all of Mountain View Estates or not.

Resident Gerard Desrochers, Ward III, did ask how this works if the charter change language needs to be voted on in June, while this is budget season.

Mayor Brown stated that it is going to be a very busy month.

Mayor Brown wrapped up on the Ward change options and stated that they should consider focusing on options 1 through 5, with option 7 completely off of the table.

Councilor Zink mentioned that she can share the URL of the map options with the Council for viewing the street names in the maps by zooming in.

City Manager Milner suggested that they have another meeting to discuss this again before voting on the charter change language in June. She offered May 12, 2022 at 6pm as a new meeting date and the council agreed on that.

Mayor Brown closed the Ward line discussion and asked if there were any other public comments for the night.

No other public comments.

Mayor Brown closed public comment at 7:43 p.m.

### **City Council Acknowledgement:**

Mayor Brown asked if there were any City Council acknowledgements.

Councilor Dzujna mentioned that at one of their workshop meetings a resident came up to him and wanted to thank MSD and all of the road employees. She let him know that she has never seen any other place in NH where the road crew comes right out and keeps filling holes.

Councilor Dzujna thanked MSD Director Hanscom.

Councilor Zink stated that in honor of Municipal Clerk's week she would like to thank all of the staff at the clerk's office for all of their hard work on so many topics. She mentioned that they are the face of our city and they always do such a great job.

### **Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Brown had some brief updates:

- She will be attending a NH Business Day luncheon on June 8<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC. It is sponsored by the Business & Industry Association of NH so there will be no cost to the city for this.
- There are 3 new restaurant openings coming up:

- The Shorey's Grilled Cheese & Ice Cream will be having their ribbon cutting this Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a new pub & restaurant opening up in the Toad Hall building that will be called Waterhorse Irish Pub, which are the same owners of Kathleen's Pub in Bristol. This is supposed to be opening in June.
- Downtown Crepes, which is right by the post office will be opening sometime in June or July.
- She received a wonderful packet from Compass Academy's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. They decided as a group that they wanted to write to the mayor and they sent her letters to say that what the Council needs to be focusing on right now is recycling. The other concern was asking why we can't all treat each other as equals instead of the color of our skin. The penmanship of these 2<sup>nd</sup> graders was outstanding. She thanked all of the students who sent her a letter and wrote back to each one of them.

### **Agenda Item I.**

Council to consider the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Special City Council Meeting, the April 4, 2022 City Council Meeting, the non-public meeting minutes for April 4, 2022 and April 11, 2022 Special City Council Meeting.

**Motion - Councilor Blake moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Special City Council Meeting, the April 4, 2022 City Council Meeting, the non-public meeting minutes for April 4, 2022 and April 11, 2022 Special City Council Meeting with a few amendments. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Councilor Ribas had a few grammatical corrections to be amended on the March 28, 2022 and April 4, 2022 meeting minutes that were sent to Executive Secretary Jones.

*\*Councilor Starkweather abstained on March 28, 2022 and April 4, 2022 minutes, but approved the April 11, 2022 minutes.*

***All in favor; motion passes.***

### **Agenda Item II.**

School Board Update.

Superintendent Dan LeGallo approached the City Council to provide a monthly update:

- He had given everyone the annual District Report Card for 2021-2022 that was approved by the school board last month and this will also go out to the families in an email blast.
- The Elementary School Principal was hired for next year and his name is Robert Laroche and he brings 14 years of experience as a principal in MA and NH.
- He will be nominating a new High School principal to the board tomorrow night.
- The Middle School Assistant Principal is resigning at the end of this year so the search for a



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new Assistant principal will start soon.

- He is prepared for the school budget meeting next Monday night and mentioned that all of the administrators will be there to present the budget.
- Community Day is May 14<sup>th</sup> and he is looking forward to that.
- Class Day Parade will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> at noon time.
- High School graduation is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation is on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- The last day of school is June 21<sup>st</sup>, which is a half day for students.
- The school performance of 'School of Rock' will be May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Agenda Item III.**

**Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution 16-22 to accept and appropriate \$454,667 first tranche of Franklin's direct federal American Rescue Plan Act monies for broadband and water projects and authorize the City Manager to sign necessary paperwork thereof. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.

No discussion ensued.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

*All in favor; motion passes.*

### **Agenda Item IV.**

**Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopts Ordinance 03-22 changes to the noise ordinance; specifically, the fireworks and violations & penalties sections. Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.**

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.

Councilor Desrochers stated that he would not be voting for this Ordinance since he doesn't feel it is enforceable.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>

Councilor Desrochers      no      Councilor Chandler      yes      Councilor Zink      yes

*1 against, all others in favor; motion passes.*

**Agenda Item V.**

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council authorize the Fire Department Administration to sell the 2002 Zumro rescue boat, motor and trailer for the best possible price. It is intended that the proceeds from this sale will be used to replenish the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Expendable Trust Fund. Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.**

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.  
Councilor Desrochers had a question that Fire Chief Foss was able to answer.

*All in favor; motion passes.*

**Agenda Item VI.**

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approves an Agricultural Real Estate Lease with Mr. Brent Fife for 11 acres of City owned property located off River Street which is not being used for an approved solar project, identified as Tax Map 123, Lot 403, and to authorize City Manager Milner to duly execute the lease on behalf of the City. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.  
There was a discussion about the use of this land and the amount that it is leased for, which is \$25 per acre on the 11 acres total. The farmer does not store anything on this land. It is only used for farming corn that is not for human consumption, but is an outlet for biosolids from the treatment plant. It also helps to feed wildlife.

*All in favor; motion passes.*

**Other Business:**

**1. Mayor & Council Appointments**

Mayor Brown stated that there are some Council appointments.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council re-appoint Sam Durfee, Caite Foley and Robert Morin, Jr. to the TIF District Advisory Board, term of service to January 2024, and Jason Grevior, Ron Magoon, Michael Mullavey, Jr. and Leo Paquin, term of service to January 2026. Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.**

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.

Councilor Zink asked for clarification on how many Franklin residents and how many business owners needed to be on this board. She asked if there also needs to be one that is both a Franklin resident and business owner.

City Manager Milner stated that this is the same board being reappointed so the numbers are correct with Jason Grevior being the one board member that is a Franklin resident and a Franklin business owner.

***All in favor; motion passes.***

## **2. Committee Reports**

Councilor Dzujna stated that the MSD Committee meeting is on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the City Hall Blue Conference room.

## **3. City Manager's Update:**

- a. Contingent Grant Line Activity this month – We have received \$1,500 in the Kayak Beatification Program, \$806 from the Sex Offenders Compliance grant, and \$675 for Chem-Free Prom. Thank you to all who have donated to those categories.
- b. The trust fund for school funding is at \$265.61.
- c. Congratulations: Milner gave a shout out to the Mayor's Drug Task Force Director, Kandyce Tucker, who gave great testimony and answered questions at the State House regarding legalization of the marijuana bill.
- d. Budget Workshop Meeting dates are listed below, all to be held in Council Chambers. Milner handed out the City Manager's Budget Proposal to the Council, which can be found on the website under City Manager/City Budgets.
  - Wednesday, May 4, 6pm – school district
  - Monday, May 9, 6pm – municipal departments
  - Monday, May 16, 6pm – municipal departments
  - Monday, May 23, 6pm – municipal departments
- e. Committee meetings in May:
  - Municipal Services – Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, at City Hall in the Blue Room
  - Legislative – This is TBD for this month
  - CIP Committee – Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, upstairs at the Library
- f. Legislative Update – Milner passed out a cheat sheet from NHMA showing the updated list of priority bills for the upcoming House session, which is attached to the bottom of these minutes. She mentioned that there are a couple of items that they have already sent letters on. If anyone can call on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> items on the list and let them know how you feel about them that would be good.
- g. Communications Center Project Update – The equipment is ordered and the deposit has been made and work is continuing.
- h. Drug Take Back Day – this was the past Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Milner gave a shout out to Chris Milner, Councilor Dzujna and Christine Dzujna for volunteering. They were able to get about three boxes of drugs off of the streets and also got a lot of surveys completed. She also wanted to thank Chief Gilman from Tilton who helped out along with Officer Merchant.
- i. Stevens Mill Update – The closing is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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- j. Youth Government – This will be Monday to Wednesday this year starting on May 9<sup>th</sup> and at 8:45am the students will be ready for a brief overview from the Council and Department Heads on their job descriptions. This will end at the Elks Lodge on May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15pm starting with a dinner and a mock council meeting by the students.
- k. Community Day – May 14<sup>th</sup> and the parade starts at 9am.
- l. Arts Integration Weekend – One of the things that was discussed was getting the students downtown to do art crosswalks. They are shooting for May 20<sup>th</sup>, during the school day, to paint the art on 4 crosswalks in an art theme.
- m. Eversource Leadership Academy – This will be at Franklin City Hall on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Economic Task Force has been invited to talk to the group about how we went about the revitalization in Franklin.
- n. NH Planners Association – They have scheduled a professional development workshop that will highlight *our* revitalization of Franklin. This will be at Franklin City Hall on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- o. The City Clerk's office will be closed for the day on June 8<sup>th</sup> for training.
- p. As a follow up to the last meeting, Milner passed out a Tax Increment Financing timeline, which is attached to these minutes.

#### 4. Late items: None

**Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Chandler and seconded by Councilor Bunker.**

***All in favor; motion passes.***

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Jones

# Municipal Officials Urged to Contact Their Reps Today!

See below for the **updated** list of NHMA priority bills for the upcoming House session

Bill Number	Description	NHMA Position	Committee Recommendation	Vote
<a href="#"><u>SB 249</u></a>	prohibits municipalities from adopting ordinances that ban or regulate short-term rentals.	Oppose	Interim Study	YEA
<a href="#"><u>SB 273-A</u></a>	permits towns to authorize the borrowing of money for broadband infrastructure at special meetings.	Support	OTP	YEA
<a href="#"><u>SB 317-L</u></a>	reduces the interest rate applied to the amount of paid property taxes abated by a municipality.	Support	OTP	YEA
<a href="#"><u>SB 329</u></a>	establishing a commission to study barriers to specific housing development in New Hampshire and establishing a procedure for overriding a local tax cap.	Neutral on bill; opposed to bill as amended	OTP-A	NAY
<a href="#"><u>SB 400</u></a>	relative to training and procedures for zoning and planning boards; relative to financial investments and incentives for affordable housing development; limiting the authority for city council bylaws and ordinances and limiting the authority of town health officers; and relative to the adoption of school district budget caps.	Neutral on bill; opposed to bill as amended	OTP-A	NAY
<a href="#"><u>SB 401-FN</u></a>	makes appropriations to the department of transportation for local bridge and highway aid and to the body-worn and dashboard camera fund and permitting the department of transportation to operate dash cameras in fleet vehicles.	Support	OTP-A	YEA
<a href="#"><u>SB 402-FN</u></a>	creates an avenue for the governor, with the approval of the fiscal committee and the executive council, to disburse financial assistance to municipalities affected by federally-declared disasters or governor-declared state of emergencies.	Support	OTP-A	YEA
<a href="#"><u>SB 409</u></a>	modifies the circumstances under which the governor may approve exceptional disaster relief loans.	Support	OTP-A	YEA
<a href="#"><u>SB 418-FN</u></a>	provides for verification of voter affidavits by establishing affidavit balloting.	Oppose	OTP-A	NAY
<a href="#"><u>SB 445</u></a>	appropriates \$122,100,000 to the broadband matching grant fund established in RSA 12-O:63, administered by the Department of Business and Economic Affairs. The source of this appropriation would be funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).	Support	OTP-A	YEA
<a href="#"><u>HB 307</u></a>	Punishes municipal officials for adopting ordinances relative to firearms	Oppose	Passed Senate with amendment; House must concur, non-	<b>NON CONCUR</b>

**Proposed TIF Project Amendment # 1**  
**Franklin Fall Mixed Use TIF District**  
**Adopted March, 21, 2018**  
**Amended November 4, 2019 by Resolution #06-20**

Add a new Section VI.A to the approved TIF Plan to read as follows:

Amendment # 1 satisfies the overall purposes of the TIF Plan in that:

1. It will improve public infrastructure and public amenities that encourage and create opportunities for the expansion of new businesses and commercial redevelopment in the district; and,
2. It will facilitate improvements to the infrastructure so that expanded recreational opportunities [biking, walking and river-use] can be created.

This project is also consistent with the general outline of projects described in Section VI of the approved TIF Plan.

Amendment # 1 involves the following activities to be undertaken in the Mill District:

- a. The acquisition properties and the demolition of any buildings on the acquired properties.
- b. The design and construction of new parking areas and transportation improvements.
- c. Modifications to the existing municipal parking area located between Memorial, Canal, and Smith Streets to create improved parking designs and traffic flow patterns.
- d. Evaluation and design of potential improvements to drainage systems to enhance water quality and improve any discharges to the Winnepesaukee River.
- e. Potential improvements to public spaces which will enhance public safety and help create a more attractive downtown environment.
- f. Design and construction of whitewater features with the Winnepesaukee River as well as river access points and a spectator seating area at Trestle View Park

Amendment # 1 has an estimated cost of \$1,400,000.

## 5/2/22 City Council Meeting

Franklin Falls Mixed Use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) timeline is as follows:

1/3/17	Franklin Falls Mixed Use Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) Established
2/5/18	Resolution 16-18 establishing TIF board
2/14/18	TIF advisory board approved amendment #1 as revised
3/5/18	Public Hearing held on TIF amendment #1
3/21/18	City Council Approved TIF amendment #1
4/2/18	Public Hearing held on resolution 21-18 authorization to borrow for TIF amendment #1
5/7/18	Council adopted resolution 21-18
9/2018	Entered into Bond Anticipation Note with FSB for project
8/20/19	TIF advisory board approved the recommended changes to TIF amendment #1
9/5/19	City Council consider to consider setting public hearing on recommended changes and increase the authority to borrow (resolution 06-20)
10/7/19	Public hearing held on changes to TIF amendment #1
11/4/19	City Council to approved TIF amendment #1 changes and adopted resolution 06-20 increasing the authority to borrow for TIF amendment #1
10/2020	Rolled over the Bond Anticipation Note with FSB for project
10/4/20	City Council approves developers agreement with Stevens Mill LLC which includes guarantee of TIF amendment #1 bond payment
10/7/21	Developers Agreement completed with Stevens Mill LLC

### Upcoming Events:

Summer 2022	Municipal parking lot construction – CDBG grant match (TIF)
October 2022	Convert Bond Anticipation Note to Long Term Debt