



## **City Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 11, 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 Valerie Blake, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor Ted Starkweather and Councilor Olivia Zink

**Absent:** Councilor April Bunker

**Others in attendance:** City Manager Judie Milner, Mill City Park President Marty Parichand, School Business Administrator Jefferson Braman, City Department Heads, and members of the public.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 6:04 p.m.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Dzujna. A moment of silence for the passing of Councilor Zink's father, Staff Sergeant John Zink, US Airforce, along with Major James Pitts, who was the City Manager of Franklin from 1993 - 1999 was led by Councilor Desrochers.

Mayor Brown pointed out the displayed Purple Heart Community sign, which is one of five that Councilor Desrochers purchased for Franklin. These will be installed by the Municipal Services department. She thanked Councilor Desrochers for donating the signage.

### **Agenda Item I.**

Public information presentation to discuss existing conditions, findings and possible reuse options for Trestle Bridge:

Mayor Brown turned this presentation over to Mill City Park President Parichand.

Parichand confirmed that no one is wanting to tear Trestle Bridge down, however, it is falling down and it needs to be addressed. Even if the city does very little, this would still be in the millions of dollars to fix.

He introduced Project Manager Brian Colburn, from McFarland Johnson, to give a presentation on the options for Trestle Bridge based on their inspection in 2019.

Below is the PowerPoint presentation that Colburn gave:

## *Trestle Bridge Presentation – October 11, 2022*



### *Introduction*

- Seth Creighton, AICP – Planning & Zoning Director  
City Project Manager
- Brian Colburn, PE – MJ Project Manager
- Ron Joy, PE – MJ Structural Engineer
- Chris Gagne – MJ Structural Engineer



### *Agenda*

- Project Description
- Summary of Inspection Findings
- Review of Conceptual Alternatives
- Cost Estimates
- Public Feedback / Questions
- Discussion on Next Steps





## Project Description

- Construct a Pedestrian Connection Between Winnepesaukee River Trail and Mill City Park
- Awarded a Grant from NHDOT in 2019
  - NHDOT Funding \$512,000
  - City Funding \$128,000
  - Total Funding \$640,000
  - (Assumed Replacing Railroad Ties with Solid Timber Deck)
  - Project Must Follow Prescribed Design Process



## Design Process

- Engineering Study
  - Bridge Inspection
  - Develop Alternatives
  - Public Input
  - Select Locally Preferred Alternative
- Preliminary Design
- Final Design
- Construction



September 1967



## History of Franklin Tilton Railroad

- 5-mile Franklin-Tilton RR Spur Between Winnepesaukee Rail Division and B&M Northern Line
- 1889 Franklin-Tilton RR Charter
- 1891 First Sulphite RR Bridge
- 1895 B&M RR Leases Railroad Line
- 1896 Present Sulphite RR Bridge
- Trestle Bridge Built
- 1890s International Paper Buys Mill
- 1920s Paper Mill Closes
- 1936 Rail Service Stopped
- 1940 Request to ICC to Abandon
- 1973 Line Decommissioned





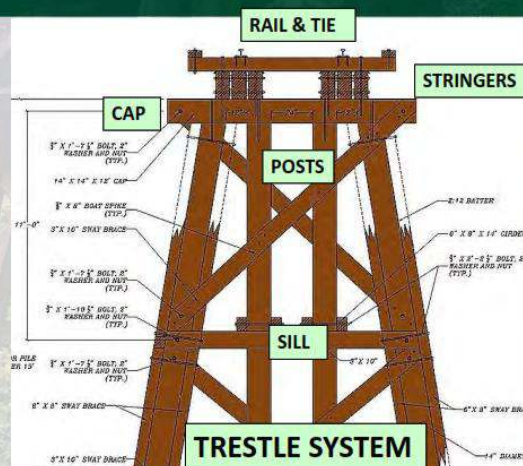
## Description of Bridge

- 15-Spans, 356' long, 12' wide, 20' above ground
- 3 types of trestle spans
  1. Standard (Spans 1-6 & 15)
  2. A-Frame (Spans 8-13)
  3. Inverted King Post (Spans 7 & 14)



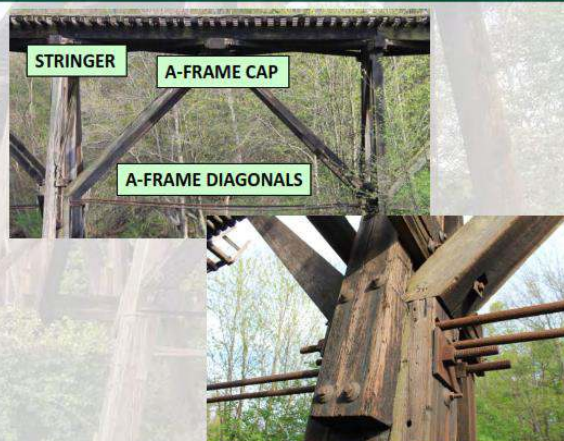
## 1. Standard Span

- Standard for Branch Lines
  - Height under 12 feet
  - Height between 12-19 feet
  - Height over 19 feet
- Maximum 14 foot span
- Consists of series of nearly identical vertical supports holding up a succession of short spans.
- Direct load path from top of rail to foundation



## 2. A-Frame Span

- For span lengths greater than standard trestle span, A-frames effectively provide additional stringer support.
- Additional longitudinal bracing of adjacent spans are required to aid the bridge in resisting horizontal forces acting through the frame members.





### 3. Inverted King Post Span

- Inverted King Post provides additional stringer support.
- Incorporate a short section of a standard timber bent (with a cap and sill).
- Stringers function as truss members with combined axial compression (truss action) and flexural (floor system bending) stresses.
- Most distinguishable element on the bridge.

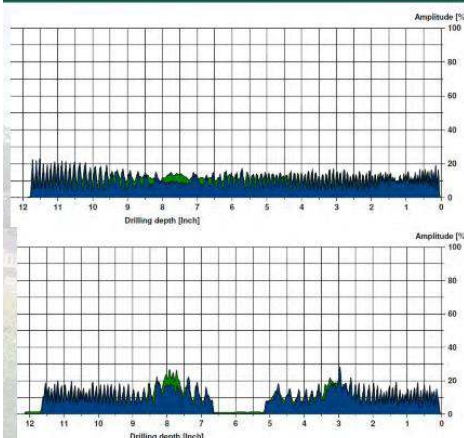


### Resistance Microdrilling for Timber Inspection

- Highly calibrated drill used to identify timber condition
- Measures forward pressure and torsional resistance needed to advance a 1/16" diameter drill bit into material
- Plots Resistances vs. Depth in real time on built in display
- DOES NOT measure strength of wood – only verifies condition relative to resistances throughout cross-section

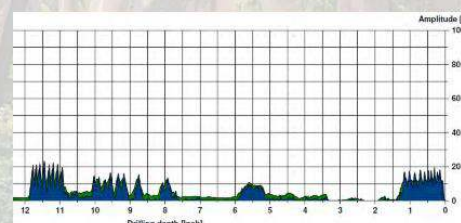


### Resistance Microdrilling for Timber Inspection



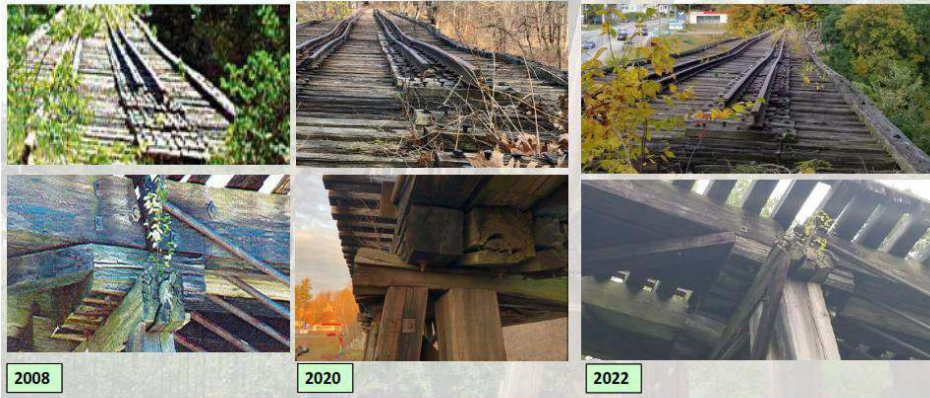
#### SAMPLE DRILL RESULTS

- Note the drilled dimension is 11.75" in all members
- Top Left – Quality wood, no obvious signs of defects
- Bottom Left – Majority is OK, but middle 1.5" is rotted
- Bottom Right – The exterior 1" on each side is ok, but rest of section is deteriorated





## Track View



2008

2020

2022



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## Condition Summary Table - Bents

	Cap	Post 1	Post 2	Post 3	Post 4	Comments
Bent 1		DB, SD	DB, DM	DM	RE, SD, DB (6)	
Bent 2	RE	RE, DB	RE, DM	DM	RE, DB	All columns have discrete rot, but generally okay.
Bent 3	RE, HO	RE, DM, HO	RE, DT, HO	RE, DT, HO	RE, DB	Top half of C4 may be able to be salvaged.
Bent 4	CR	RE		RE, DB	RE, DB	
Bent 5	RE, ST	DB	RE, DT	DB	RE, ST	
Bent 6		RE	RE, DB, DT			
Bent 7	R	RE, DT, DB	RE, DT, SD	RE, DB, DM	ST, SD, DB, DT	Pipe rolled onto resting on C4.
River Bent 8	R, CR	RE, DB (6)	RE, R, SD	DB	RE, DB (5)	
River Bent 9	CR	DT, DM	R, SD	DB, SD	DB, SD	Could not access bottom. Visual rot at base of all 4 columns - severity unknown.
River Bent 10	ST	DM, HO	DB	RE, DM	DM, SD	Could not access bottom. Cap showing signs of shear distress.
River Bent 11	ST, SD	RE, ST	DB (3), DT	RE, DB, HO, SD	RE	Cap rotting at ends, solid under bearing area.
River Bent 12	RE	RE, ST, DB (3)	RE, DB, DM, HO, SD	RE, DM, SD	RE, SD	Visual inspection only at bent cap (top).
Bent 13	CR	RE, HO, DT (6)	RE, HO, DT (6)	RE, HO, DT (3)	RE, HO, DT (3)	Bolsters are crushed.
Bent 14	CR	RE, DB	RE, DB	RE, DB, SD	RE, DB	Bolsters are crushed. C2 and C3 are doublebatten columns (each).

Timber Defects	
CR	Crushed
ST	Split
DB(feet)	Deteriorated Bottom (feet)
DM (feet)	Deteriorated Mid-Height (feet)
DT(feet)	Deteriorated Top (feet)
HO	Hollow
R	Rot
RE	Repaired (Previously)
SD	Surface Deterioration
	Retain Member
	Replace Member
	Repair Member Option



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## Condition Summary Table - Stringers

	Stringer 1	Stringer 2	Stringer 3	Stringer 4	Stringer 5	Stringer 6
Span 1	DT					HO
Span 2	HO	HO, R		ST		
Span 3	DT, ST			DT, R		
Span 4	HO, R	R		DT		DT
Span 5		DT	DT	DT	DT	DT
Span 6	R	DT, R	DT, R	DT, R	DT, R	DT, R
Span 7	R @ B7		R @ B7			
Span 8	R @ B7	R @ B7	R @ B7	R @ B7	R @ B7	R @ B7
Span 9		R			DT, HO, R	DT, HO, R
Span 10					R	
Span 11					R	
Span 12		R			DT, R	R
Span 13			R	R	R	
Span 14		R			R	
Span 15						

Timber Defects	
CR	Crushed
ST	Split
DB(feet)	Deteriorated Bottom (feet)
DT(feet)	Deteriorated Top (feet)
R	Rot
HO	Hollow
RE	Repaired (Previously)
SD	Surface Deterioration
FL	Full Length
	Retain Member
	Replace Member
	Repair Member

\*Note that surface deterioration is typical for tops of all stringers in all spans

\*\*Note that this table is based on hands on inspection from under the structure. Top side inspection was partially visual due to restricted access.



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## Condition Summary Table – A-Frames & Truss

	A-Frame Cap	A-Frame Diagonals				King Post
		U. Stream, B. Bent	D. Stream, B. Bent	U. Stream, F. Bent	D. Stream, F. Bent	
Span 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Span 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Span 3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Span 4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Span 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Span 6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Span 7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	HO, R
Span 8	R		R	ST	R	N/A
Span 9						N/A
Span 10						N/A
Span 11			R			N/A
Span 12	R	R	R			N/A
Span 13	ST	R		HO, ST		N/A
Span 14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	CR
Span 15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Timber Defects	
CR	Crushed
ST	Split
DB(feet)	Deteriorated Bottom (feet)
DT(feet)	Deteriorated Top (feet)
R	Rot
HO	Hollow
RE	Repaired (Previously)
SD	Surface Deterioration
FL	Full Length
	Retain Member
	Replace Member
	Repair Member

## Condition Summary Table

Element	Total	Green (Retain)	%	Red (Replace)	%	Yellow (Repair)	%
Bents	70	27	39%	20	29%	23	33%
Stringers	90	10	11%	38	42%	42	47%
A-Frames	30	12	40%	8	27%	10	33%
	190	49	26%	66	35%	75	39%

## Bent Condition



BENT 1



BENT 1



BENT 3

## Bent Condition



BENT 3



BENT 3



BENT 4



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## Bent Condition



BENT 7



BENT 7



BENT 7

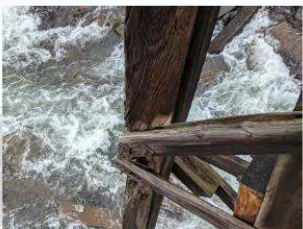


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## Bent Condition



BENT 10



BENT 11



BENT 13



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## *Bent Condition*



BENT 13



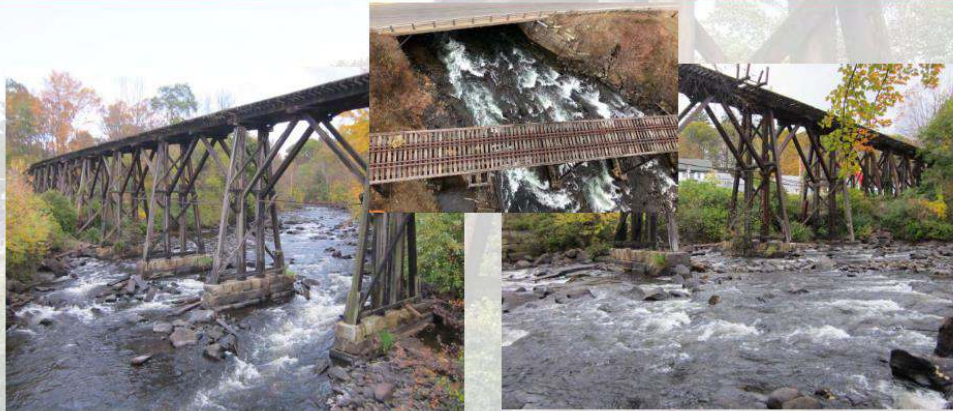
BENT 13



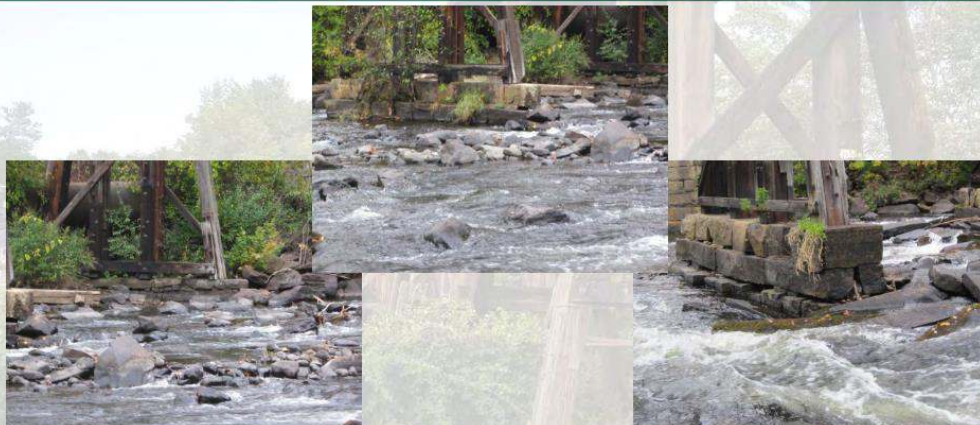
SPAN 13



## *River Piers Condition*

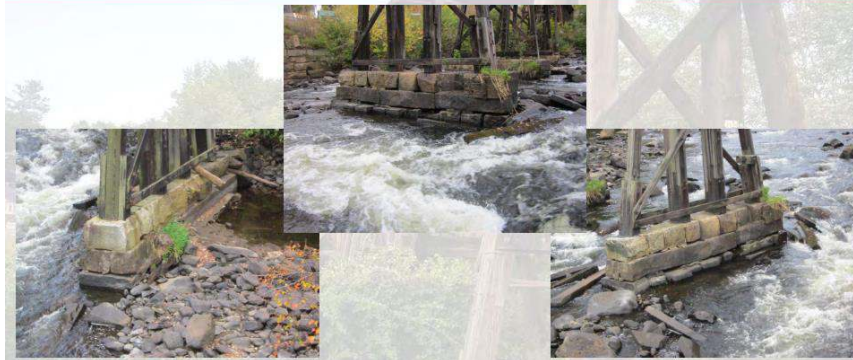


## *River Piers Condition*





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### *River Piers Condition*



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## *Structural Inspection Findings*

- Portions of the Truss are in Poor Condition
- Truss is Continuing to Deteriorate
- 2019 Inspection Led to Path Relocation



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## Current Alternatives

- Rehabilitate Existing Railroad Trestle
  - Remove Rail, Ties, & Stringer and Put on New Deck & Historic Style Railing
  - Rehabilitate and Replace Trestle Members
- New Railroad Trestle
  - Replicate Existing Design
  - All New Timber Members
- New Pedestrian Bridge Upstream



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## Alternative Cost Estimates

	ALTERNATIVE COST ESTIMATES			
	FULL HISTORIC RESTORATION ALTERNATIVES FOR PEDESTRIAN LOADING		NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE & STABILIZE TRESTLE	NO-BUILD & STABILIZE TRESTLE
	REHABILITATE TRESTLE	REPLACE TRESTLE IN- KIND		
TIMBER TRESTLE WORK	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 1,925,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
NEW CONCRETE RIVER PIERS (TBD)	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ -	\$ -
PEDESTRIAN DECK & WROUGHT IRON HISTORIC STYLE RAILING	\$ 625,000	\$ 625,000	\$ -	\$ -
CONTINGENCY	\$ 350,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
MOBILIZATION	\$ 350,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE & FOUNDATIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,495,000	\$ -
APPROACH WORK	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE</b>	<b>\$ 4,150,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,775,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,005,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,450,000</b>
DESIGN ENGINEERING, GEOTECHNICAL, & PERMITTING	\$ 375,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 150,000
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (7% CONSTRUCTION)	\$ 290,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATE</b>	<b>\$ 4,815,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,385,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,455,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,700,000</b>
CITY SHARE	20%	20%	20%	100%
<b>CITY COST</b>	<b>\$ 963,000</b>	<b>\$ 877,000</b>	<b>\$ 691,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,700,000</b>

\$550,000 Already Funded (\$440,000 DOT - \$110,000 City)



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## *New Railroad Trestle Alternatives*

- Modern Materials Could Be Used to Build a More Efficient Trestle
  - Fewer Bents
  - Longer Spans
  - Would Change the Look of the Trestle
  - Would Lower Construction Costs
  - Require Additional Coordination with Resource Agencies
  - Wide Range of Options



## *Questions*



## *Next Steps*

- Select Locally Preferred Alternative
- Review with NHDOT
- Identify Additional Funding Sources
- Continue with Design Development







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In conclusion, Colburn explained that the current alternatives are as follows:

- A total rehabilitation. This would be very labor intensive and cost around \$2.2M.
- A new railroad trestle bridge, taking the original one down. This would cost about \$1.9M.
- Build a new pedestrian bridge instead.

Public comment opened at 7:09 p.m.

Members of the public spoke about their thoughts on the bridge repairs needed. The majority of citizens agreed that the bridge should not be torn down, as it is a huge part of Franklin.

Public comment was closed at 7:39 p.m.

The next steps are as follows:

- The council will need to direct the team on any alternatives.
- Review with NHDOT.
- Identify additional funding sources.
- Continue with design development.

Mayor Brown let the public know that there will be more public hearings on this subject, most likely in December, and the council needs to hear from more citizens about the preferred options. She thanked everyone for attending and speaking at this meeting.

A five-minute break was called at 7:44 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

#### **Public Hearing:**

**Resolution #03-23**, appropriating \$600,986 in one time highway block funding for roads and

bridges.

The public hearing opened at 7:52 p.m.

No discussion ensued.

The public hearing on Resolution #03-23 closed at 7:53 p.m.

**Resolution #04-23**, to accept approximately \$12,646.07 from Franklin Women's Club for the purpose of setting up an expendable scholarship fund with the City's Trustees of Trust Funds called "Franklin Women's Club Scholarship".

The public hearing opened at 7:54 p.m.

No discussion ensued.

The public hearing on Resolution #04-23 closed at 7:55 p.m.

#### **Legislative Update:**

Mayor Brown stated that there were no legislative updates.

#### **Comments from the Public:**

Mayor Brown opened the floor for public comment at 7:51 p.m.

Resident Leigh Webb, Ward III, mentioned that he had a few comments.

He first asked for an explanation on the CPIU tax increase of 7% and how the state payment will offset some of that. Milner let Webb know that the state paid each community a one-time payment with Franklin receiving \$338,000, which made the actual increase for taxpayers drop to 4.9% instead of the 7%. She also mentioned that there was going to be a podcast coming out soon on why and how that will work. A link to that podcast will be posted in the News & Announcements on the website once available.

Webb also clarified that in the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes on the building workshop, he would never say that the windows in the City Hall attic would be ok to toss. He had basically given up on trying to save them, but would never use the word 'toss'.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> during Franklin's fall fest there will also be Oktoberfest going on at the Veterans Memorial Recreation area from 3pm – 10pm, which Webb stated he is committed to. Hopefully, that will not interfere too much and everyone will be able to enjoy everything on that day.

Lastly, Webb mentioned that he knows that the Solid Waste ordinance will be discussed at this meeting, but had a question on the second paragraph of Chapter 257.44 on whether he was interpreting it correctly. Milner clarified his question.

Police Chief Goldstein thanked Councilor Desrochers for the recognition of lost veterans at every meeting. He also wanted to recognize Derry Police Chief Edward B. Garone, who passed away on this morning of October 11, 2022. He holds a special place in his heart, as Chief Garone was the one that took a chance and hired him back in 1979. He was an employee of Chief Garone and eventually became his colleague. During the time that he celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Chief on June 1, 2022, he was the longest serving police chief in the United



States of America. Chief Goldstein asked that everyone keep his family, friends and colleagues in their thoughts.

Resident Janet Desrochers, Ward II, stated that she didn't see anything on the agenda stating a discussion about the trash ordinance. Milner pointed out that it was on the agenda as Item IX. Mrs. Desrochers asked for more of an explanation in the emails and on the agendas about the meeting subjects going forward.

Resident Leanne Fifield suggested that the council think about moving the October city election voting and combining it with the federal voting in the future. It would take a day away from volunteer time, save some extra money, and would prevent having kids out of school for a day.

Parks & Recreation Director Alpers went over the Fall Fest that is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Soup fest is from 2pm – 5pm in Marceau Park. She is still looking for more folks to enter, as she only has 6 soups so far and would like to have about 10. There will also be the Halloween Extravaganza at the Bessie Rowell Community Center and the kids can go to the Trunk or Treat that will be in front of Marceau Park, along with stopping at local businesses that will be handing out candy. The Lakes Region Witches are also going to be making an appearance. Any participation would be appreciated.

Public comment closed at 8:03 p.m.

**City Council Acknowledgement:**

Mayor Brown asked if there were any City Council acknowledgements.

Councilor Trudel wanted to thank the participants at the fire station and mentioned that Fire Chief Foss did a remarkable job at the Remembering the Fallen of the City of Franklin event that happened this past Sunday.

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Brown stated that she had a few updates:

- Franklin's comfort dog, Miller, was on WBZ with Officer Tracy. It was great recognition for our police department.
- September was busy, with a fundraiser for the Opera House, which went very well.
- Brown thanked City Manager Milner and MSD Director Hanscom for hosting the public forum at the Elks Lodge and she hopes that there will be more of those moving forward.
- Tonight, the council will be voting to set a public hearing on the solid waste ordinance. It is important to hear from the citizens on their thoughts about all of the changes.
- Brown mentioned that the public will be hearing from some of the councilors on committee updates for this month. The CIP Committee meeting, in particular, had a lot of progress with moving projects off of the list that have been completed.
- Last Sunday she attended the Fallen Angels event that Councilor Trudel mentioned and it was very well done.

- MSD Director Hanscom and Brown met with the Honor Society President, Lilly Johnson, to discuss more recycling ideas. They would like to get cardboard running by the end of the year, if possible. They are looking for a place and cost of moving the cardboard to a facility that will recycle it. This will be a work in progress and they will meet with her again next month.
- Brown attended a Franklin Savings Bank Community Awards Night. They have donated thousands this year alone to worthy causes throughout the state.
- She attended NH Listens via Zoom, which is a monthly online educational series offering training and resources for facilitation and community engagement.
- Brown addressed the local hate attacks in Franklin. This started with letters sent to her stating that she had failed as a mayor by not standing up to white supremacy and hateful attacks in Franklin. She had forwarded this to the council and let them know that she was unaware of any attacks on local businesses, however, she did know about some postings on social media, which may have caused some reactions from other groups. She then called the owner of Broken Spoon, Ms. Kovacs, since she was the source of the social media postings. Ms. Kovacs was made aware of the special city council meeting that was set for August 8<sup>th</sup>, where it was decided that the council would come up with a resolution condemning intolerance and hate. The resolution was approved at the September council meeting. She stated that she also handed out documents from the Attorney General's office on the definition of a hate crime, which involves an actual crime. This also included instructions on how to handle such hate crimes.
- On November 2<sup>nd</sup> the city will be hosting the President of UNH, James Dean, as he kickstarted the Franklin for a Lifetime event in 2016.

#### **Agenda Item II.**

Approval of Minutes:

Council to consider the minutes the July 25, 2022 City Council Special Meeting, the August 8, 2022 City Council Special Meeting, and the September 6, 2022 City Council Meeting.

**Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the July 25, 2022 City Council Special Meeting, the August 8, 2022 City Council Special Meeting, and the September 6, 2022 City Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Councilor Ribas stated that he sent a few corrections to Executive Secretary Jones for revisions.

***July 25, 2022 - 7 in favor; 1 abstained; motion passes.***

***August 8, 2022 - 7 in favor; 1 abstained; motion passes.***

***September 6, 2022 - All in favor; motion passes.***

#### **Agenda Item VIII.**

Council discussion on Engineering Study for City Hall.

Mayor Brown moved this agenda item up and let City Manager Milner give an update on this study.

Milner gave some background on the City Hall Committee and stated that they have an



aggressive timeline of January 25, 2023 to present a plan for obtaining an occupancy and assembly permit and a more aggressive timeline of July 25, 2023 to have the actual permit for the work that needs to be done to be able to continue to work inside City Hall. She gave a shoutout to Gene Blake and Niel Cannon for getting an architect from Warren Street Architects to take a look at the building pro bono. He agreed that it needs to be done properly and all at the same time. In order to move forward with this project and keep within the timeline, funding is needed to do a feasibility study to determine the actual costs to complete all of the tasks. It will give an idea of the total amount to complete the project. The city can apply for grants, but the approval process will go past the deadline for obtaining the permit. Milner invited Niel Cannon to go over a solution worth taking a look at now.

Niel Cannon let the council know that there is no Band-Aid, the work needs to be done right and that they need to retain the historic nature of the building and its role as a community center. The architect that came in is very good at what he does. He is proposing that in order to get things done, it is going to cost some money now. To be able to do a feasibility study by January it would cost \$52,000. CDFA can offer a predevelopment loan that the city pays back either under the NH Invest program or with ARPA funds. The interest rate would be between 0% - 2%. This study will give an idea on costs from all trades to complete the work on the building.

Milner stated that she is looking for an ok to get the numbers together based on the information that Mr. Cannon's presented. She asked the council about moving forward with a CDFA loan for \$52,000 for a feasibility study for the City Hall. She did explain that they are already looking at grants they can apply for to pay the loan back.

A discussion ensued and the majority of the council agreed that they should support this loan. They discussed having more info before a meeting on something of this nature.

**Motion – Councilor Blake moved that the Franklin City Council supports spending \$52,000 for a feasibility study of City Hall that will come from a CDFA predevelopment loan. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

**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>absent</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>no</u>

***7 in favor; 1 opposed; motion passes.***

**Agenda Item III.**

Canvas of the vote.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council accept the return of votes and declared the following elected:**

# CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD I

## CITY ELECTION RESULTS

OCTOBER 4, 2022

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1593

Ballots Cast- 231

Voter Turnout- 15%

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**Council- Three Years**

Cecile M. Cormier	90
Ted Starkweather	130
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	10
Write-In's	1

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**School Board-Three Years**

Marie Danforth	80
Jack Finley	142
Over Votes	1
Under Votes	7
Write-In's	1

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**Election Moderator- Two Years**

Debra Dear	199
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	28
Write-In's	4

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**Ward Clerk-Two Years**

Marty Russo	206
Over Vote	0
Under Votes	25
Write-In's	0

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**QUESTION:**

Change to the Franklin City Charter in regards to ward lines

Yes	163
No	34
Under Votes	34
Over Votes	0

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# CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD II

## CITY ELECTION RESULTS

OCTOBER 4, 2022

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1188

Ballots Cast- 186

Voter Turnout- 16%

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**City Councilor-Three Years**

C. Olivia Zink	145
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	32
Write-In's-Scattered	9

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**School Board-One Year**

Liz Cote	96
Peter McLaughlin	84
Over Votes	1
Under Votes	5
Write-In's	0

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**School Board- Two Years**

Laurie Cass	105
Dave Testerman	77
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	4
Write In's	0

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**School Board-Three Years**

Desiree McLaughlin	150
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	28
Write In's-Scattered	8

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**Election Moderator-Two Years**

Tamara J. Feener	152
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	30
Write In's	1

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**Ward Clerk-Two Years**

Janet Desrochers	158
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	25
Write In's	3

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**Supervisor of Checklist-Two Years**

Write In's-Laurie Cass	12
Write In's-Scattered	10
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	161

**Supervisor of Checklist-Four Year**

Write In's-Tina Nelson	<u>11</u>
Write In's-Scattered	<u>5</u>
Over Votes	<u>0</u>
Under Votes	<u>167</u>

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**QUESTION:**

Change to the Franklin City Charter in regards to ward lines

Yes	<u>104</u>
No	<u>32</u>
Over Votes	<u>0</u>
Under Votes	<u>45</u>

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# CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD III

## CITY ELECTION RESULTS

OCTOBER 4, 2022

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1745

Ballots Cast- 272

Voter Turnout- 16%

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**Councilor-Three Years**

Leigh Webb	235
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	33
Write In's	4

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**School Board-Three Years**

Timothy Dow	167
Robert "Roy" Hubble	93
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	5
Write In's	7

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**Election Moderator-Two Years**

Cameron M. Temple	234
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	37
Write In's	1

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**Ward Clerk-Two Years**

Meri-lynn Banton	237
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	34
Write In's	1

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**QUESTION:**

Change to the Franklin City Charter in regards to ward lines

Yes	169
No	76
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	27

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**Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

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

**Agenda Item IV.**

School Board Update:

Business Administrator Braman gave the school board update in absence of Superintendent Dan LeGallo:

- Braman started by presenting the councilors with a handout on the Franklin School District revenue projection for FY22/23, which is included at the end of these minutes.
- He went over what is in resolution 05-23 that they are voting to set a public hearing on at this meeting to give everyone an idea of where the numbers are coming from. He was able to recognize an additional fund balance of \$431,869 and change, which was based on accumulated revenues that they had at the end of the year.
- Another piece of legislation that passed is bill SB 420, which is called the Establishing an Extraordinary Need grant for schools. Franklin falls under the category for this grant and he won't know the exact amount until October 1<sup>st</sup> of next year since they need some pending final numbers to calculate everything.
- Braman stated that they received \$165,000 towards the Portrait of a Graduate program.

**Agenda Item V.**

Council to consider Resolution #03-23 appropriating \$600,986 in one time highway block funding for roads and bridges:

**Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #03-23 to accept and appropriate \$600,986 in one-time additional Highway Block funds from the State of New Hampshire for roads and bridges. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

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

There was a discussion about what the funds were being used for. Milner explained that some of the funds can be used for current roads, \$175,541, which will extend the roads line that has been talked about several times. The \$425,445 would go to the Capital Reserve Fund for bridges at a later date.

There was a question about whether the funds can be kept in Capital Reserves for a few years and Milner confirmed that they can be.

No other discussion ensued.



**RESOLUTION #03-23**

**A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2023.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2023 which began July 1, 2022, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes the State appropriated one-time payments to municipalities for roads and bridges in FY2023, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to appropriate those one-time payments,  
**Now**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 03-23 appropriating one-time state funding for roads and bridges and authorize the following non lapsing appropriation:

**An increase in revenue:**

Highway Block Grant Revenue Acct. No. 01-3-122-33530-000 – Six Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$600,986),

**And an increase in expenditures:**

Road Maintenance Other Property Service Acct. No. 01-3-122-40490-000-One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$175,541),

Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund Acct. No. 01-0-000-40970-000 – Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$425,445)

**by a roll call vote.**

**Roll Call:**

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

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

**Agenda Item VI.**

Council to consider Resolution #04-23, to accept approximately \$12,646.07 from Franklin Women's Club for the purpose of setting up an expendable scholarship fund with the City's Trustees of Trust Funds called "Franklin Women's Club Scholarship:

**Motion – Councilor Blake moved that the Franklin City Council adopt resolution #04-23 accepting approximately \$12,646.07 from Franklin Women's Club for the purpose of setting up an expendable scholarship fund with the City's Trustees of Trust Funds called "Franklin Women's Club Scholarship". Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**

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

There was a question about why the Trustees take on these kinds of scholarships. Milner explained that by RSA the city can't hold trust funds and they have to sit with the Trustees of the Trust funds. They hold many scholarships and in this particular case the last surviving member of this Franklin Women's Club is getting up there in age and wanted to turn this over to the Trustees so that they could manage it and continue to offer this scholarship to more students.

No other discussion ensued.

**RESOLUTION #04-23**

**A Resolution Relating to the Acceptance of Trust Fund Money.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes the Franklin Women's Club wishes to offer an annual scholarship to Franklin High School students, **and;**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Women's Club would like to relinquish their administrative responsibility of the expendable scholarship fund totaling approximately \$12,646.07 to the Franklin Trustees of Trust Funds, **and;**

**WHEREAS**, one annual scholarship of up to \$500 will be awarded to female high school senior attending college in the fall using the award criteria that Franklin High School deems appropriate, **and;**

**WHEREAS**, the scholarship will be released after the successful completion of first semester in college and with proof of continued enrollment for second semester, **now;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, October 11, 2020, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby vote to accept \$12,646.07 from the Franklin Women's Club for the purpose of starting a Franklin High School Scholarship Fund called "Franklin Women's Club Scholarship Fund" placing the monies in an expendable scholarship fund with the City's Trustees of Trust Funds". Female scholarship recipients*



*will be limited to one \$500 scholarship, to be made prior to the start of the second semester with proof of successful completion of first semester and continued enrollment in second semester, using the award criteria that Franklin High School deems appropriate.*

**By a roll call vote.**

**Roll Call:**

Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Ribas	<u>no</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>

***7 in favor; 1 opposed; motion passes.***

**Agenda Item VII.**

Council to consider setting a public hearing for Resolution 05-23 appropriating additional revenue from state adequate education grant, portrait of a graduate grant, extraordinary need grant and prior year fund balance:

**Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers for Resolution #05-23 appropriating \$988,399 to the Franklin School District fiscal year 2023 budget and appropriating \$165,000 to the Franklin School District for the Portrait of a Graduate grant from the Barr Foundation. Seconded by Councilor Blake.**

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.  
No discussion ensued.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

**Agenda Item IX.**

Council to consider setting a public hearing for Ordinance #03-23:

Mayor Brown asked Milner to explain this ordinance in more detail.

Milner stated that this is a rewrite of the ordinance, cleaning up some of the language of the last ordinance along with some changes to it. The reason for the solid waste discussion is to try and curb costs that are coming down the road to the city and the state. New England is quickly running out of space for trash disposal. This is increasing the cost of disposal.

This ordinance does not get rid of curbside pickup. It does, however, change the base level service for residential pickup for residential homes that are 3 family units or over to become commercial. Commercial would no longer be picked up, as well as downtown businesses.

Mayor Brown asked if there was a motion.

**Motion - Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing on Ordinance #03-23 repealing and replacing current Chapter 257 "Solid Waste" of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, Municipal Code for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Seconded by Councilor Blake.**

There was a lot of discussion on this ordinance. There were still concerns about the language of the most recent revision and some councilors stated that they should go through the whole document for any errors or inconsistencies. There were also concerns about needing more info from the public.

It was decided that another workshop meeting on solid waste should be scheduled before voting on setting the public hearing. The council scheduled the City Council Workshop meeting for October 24, 2022 at 6 p.m. The council agreed that they would all go through the ordinance word for word at this meeting and discuss any other discrepancies with it.

Councilor Dzujna withdrew his motion.

No other discussion ensued.

### **Agenda Item X.**

#### **Other Business:**

##### **1. Mayor & Council Appointments**

Mayor Brown re-nominated Wayne St. Ives for the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, seat MR3, term of service to October 2028.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council accept the resignation of Angela Swett from the Library Board of Trustees, effective immediately. Seconded by Councilor Zink.**

*All in favor; motion passes.*



## **2. Committee Reports**

Councilor Desrochers stated that at the last CIP Committee meeting they did a lot of housekeeping. Many items listed were taken off, as the projects have been completed. The next meeting will be scheduled for some time after November 10<sup>th</sup>. Milner added that there was a little over \$3.5M taken off of the CIP plan at the last meeting.

Councilor Ribas went over some highlights from the last Finance Committee meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. They went over the pay & class study and the final report on that should be due any day now. Also, the city is moving towards compliance with the audit that was set back due to Covid. He provided an outline of that meeting and that is attached to the end of these minutes. He also stated that the Joint Finance Committee meeting has been pushed back and they are waiting for confirmation on the rescheduling of that.

Councilor Ribas went on to discuss the Citizen's Task Force. The last meeting was well attended, as there was about a dozen people there. The meeting went great and the next meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that the next meeting dates will be added to the community calendar instead of the city calendar.

Councilor Blake had an outline from the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting from September 16<sup>th</sup> and is included at the end of these minutes. She stated that there are 141 kids enrolled in before and after school program and Director Alpers and the rest of the staff are doing an amazing job.

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

- a. Fallen Franklin Firefighters – Milner recognized Deputy Chief Robert Cunningham, FF Peter Savoy, FF Charles Dodge, and FF Marie St. Jacques.
- b. National 1<sup>st</sup> Responder's Day is October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please take the opportunity to say thank you to the 1<sup>st</sup> responders of the city of Franklin (Fire, Police, and MSD).
- c. Contingent Grant Line Activity – Received \$1,656.12 for the Sex Offenders Compliance grant and \$1,000 grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation, which is a joint alliance between the library and the Paul Smith School.
- d. Trust fund for school funding – \$265.61
- e. Congratulations – To K-9 Miller and sidekick, Officer Tracy, for being on channel 4 news on National Mental Health Day. This segment will also be posted on the website with a link. Milner also gave a shoutout to the City of Franklin for being the winner at the Mason's Chili-fest contest.
- f. Reminder – City Council Meeting Date for November will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

- g. Committee meetings – October:
  - i. Fire – Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Station
  - ii. Joint Finance – TBD – This date is being finalized after a cancellation.
- h. Welcome – FF EMT Bryant Carbone, FF Paramedic Nick Santy, FF EMT Mike Provencher, and FF AEMT Jason Miles. Also, Stephanie Wolff with the Franklin Partner's in Prevention, formerly the Mayor's Drug Task Force.
- i. Closures – City Clerk's Office will be closed on November 8<sup>th</sup> for election day. City Hall will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day.
- j. Media contacts – Spark Magazine by UNH, where we were featured in an article, WMUR and Concord Monitor.
- k. Shout Outs – Colby Morrill on behalf of the firefighters for putting the fire helmet on the Franklin kayak man and Steve Nelson who painted Odell Cottage to cover some graffiti.
- l. Public Forum – Per the decision tonight there will be a workshop meeting to talk about trash on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- m. Soup Fest/Get Out & Play Day – October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- n. Drug Take Back Day – October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm at CVS.
- o. Podcast about CPIU and the taxes for this year will work will be posted on the city website once available.
- p. Milner also wanted to let the council know that they are in the process of applying for an Environmental Protection Agency grant for the Stanley Mill. That grant requires a public comment hearing, which needs to be set for November 1<sup>st</sup> – November 16<sup>th</sup>. This will also be on the face of the city website with the application for people to comment on. The public comment hearing will be scheduled for the city council meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and the application is due by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**4. Late Items:**

No late items.

Councilor Desrochers quickly added that he will drop off the rest of the Purple Heart Community signs so that Justin can get them put up, hopefully before Veteran's Day.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jones  
Executive Secretary