



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 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 April Bunker and Councilor Olivia Zink

Absent: Councilor Ted Starkweather

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. A moment of silence for the passing of Veteran George Savage was led by Councilor Desrochers.

Mayor Brown moved item II to the top of the agenda to be done before the start of public comments.

Agenda Item II.

Jake and Ella Blanchette to present to the council a plan for putting up American flags on Central Street:

Jake and Ella Blanchette stated that they want to participate in the act of kindness put on by Franklin PD. They would like to display American flags on the light posts in downtown Franklin, on Central Street, as a way to show their patriotism to their country and veterans.

They proposed that the flags would be 3' x 5' and they can obtain the flags and pole kits from Leo Paquin, who is a local veteran. Mr. Paquin has agreed to help purchase the flags and pole kits, which come from the www.americanlegion.com. They have spoken to the community and have support for the funding of this project. Jake and Ella stated that they are requesting the support from the council and the city to install these and maintain them.

Motion - Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council accept the proposal of Jake and Ella Blanchette to work with Leo Paquin to donate flags and install them on the light posts on Central Street from bridge to bridge. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

No further discussion ensued.

All in favor; motion passes.

Public Hearings:

Ordinance 03-23 repealing and replacing current Chapter 257 "Solid Waste" of the Municipal Code.

The public hearing opened at 6:09 p.m.

The council heard from many residents and business owners. There were still a lot of questions about the changes in ordinance 03-23 and a lot of concerns. The following is a list of items that were covered during the public hearing:

- There were concerns that citizens may start to dump their trash on other pieces of land instead of paying for extra trash bags.
- There was a discussion about leaving out 501C non-profits from the list of businesses that could dispose of trash without an extra fee. The cemetery was an example, however, Milner clarified that this is owned by the city. All municipally owned businesses would be able to dispose of trash for free.
- There was a question as to why a multi-family that is 3 units and over would be considered commercial property. Milner did clarify that this is stated locally in RSA 674:43, which is different than commercial real estate definitions. The changes would discontinue curbside trash pickup for all commercial properties.
- There was clarification on the bags that would need to be purchased. Trash bags would only need to be purchased if residents were to go over the base level service permitted for curbside pickup. These bags would then need to be dropped off at the transfer station by the resident or the other option would be to bring the excess trash to the transfer station to pay for the weight of the scale.
- It was pointed out that a few sections of the ordinance seem to have discrepancies that need to be fixed so that it makes more sense.

There were many citizens that voiced being against this ordinance change and some that stated they understood the nature of why the city is requesting these changes.

There was a handout that was read to the council by resident and business owner, Desiree McLaughlin, along with her petition, a handout that was read to the council by Mill City Park President, Marty Parichand, and a letter from resident, Leo Guyotte, that was read to the council by Councilor Desrochers.

All have been attached to the end of these minutes.

The public hearing on Ordinance 03-23 closed at 7:23 p.m.

Ordinance 04-23 to revise existing Chapter 233 Adoption of the Property Maintenance Code, and Chapter 233-2 Additions, Insertions and Changes.

The public hearing opened at 7:23 p.m.

There was no discussion on this hearing.

The public hearing on Ordinance 04-23 closed at 7:24 p.m.

Resolution 06-23 accepting and appropriating funds from the Federal (CCASP) Child Care Achieving Stabilization Program for the Before and After School Program.

The public hearing opened at 7:24 p.m.

There was no discussion on this hearing.

The public hearing on Resolution 06-23 closed at 7:24 p.m.

Legislative Update:

Mayor Brown stated that there were no legislative updates.

Comments from the Public:

Mayor Brown asked if there were any other generic public comments.

Public comments opened at 7:24 p.m.

Resident Susan Lovering, Ward II, wanted to address her concerns for the renovations that are needed for the Franklin Opera House/City Hall. She mentioned that the city code requires three separate bids for price comparisons for getting the work done. She understands that the feasibility study passed through the city council and she is worried that the deadlines will not be met.

Milner did explain to Mrs. Lovering that the feasibility study does get bids from different trades and the city is following all of the guidelines.

Another resident commended Jake and Ella Blanchette for their presentation. The Franklin Rotary Club has also been working on a flag project as well with other businesses.

Public comments closed at 7:38 p.m.

City Council Acknowledgement:

Mayor Brown asked if there were any City Council acknowledgements.

Councilor Dzujna had many people to thank; Kurt Weiner for the two big wreaths on the wheel donated at his cost, Glenn Morrill, Doug Veysy Tom Gumbart, and Heart and Stone Landscaping who hung those 700 lb. wreaths up. He also thanked Mark Picard, Beck & Bellucci, Inc. and the Franklin Fire Department for helping with the downtown tree décor and lighting.

Councilor Blake thanked everyone who helped out on the Holiday Stroll; George and Christine Dzujna, and Joya Pinkham, Library Director Sargent for the use of the library, City Manager Milner for assisting with the horse drawn wagon rides, Officer Burton for escorting the horses,

Police Chief Goldstein for the inaugural rides, Parks & Recreation Director Alpers for all of the marketing pieces, and everyone else who made the Holiday Stroll go so well.

Councilor Bunker wanted to commend Councilor Blake and Councilor Dzujna for the Holiday Stroll. She stated that she has never seen Marceau Park so crowded before.

She also wanted to make a public statement for the Citizens Taskforce, stating that they are not taking any financial donations. They were only asking for physical help.

Councilor Zink wanted to thank Firefighter Josh Lee for spearheading the wreaths downtown for the past 20 years.

Councilor Chandler commented on how wonderful the Holiday Stroll was as well.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Brown stated that she had a few updates:

- She thanked everyone who participated in the Holiday Stroll along with all of the businesses.
- There was a ribbon cutting done for the Irish Pub, although they are not officially open yet. They are still working on parts of their kitchen and licensing from the state. They are hoping to be open for the end of this month or the beginning of January.

Agenda Item I.

Approval of Minutes:

Council to consider the minutes of the October 24, 2022 City Council Special meeting.

Motion - Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 City Council Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

There were no comments on the minutes.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item III.

School Board Update:

Superintendent LeGallo gave a brief update:

- He went over some of the trips for the Portrait of a Graduate that teachers, parents and students have been attending. One team went to Minnesota and another went to Colorado to visit some model high schools. He did send out an email about a trip to California in March and is inviting members from the council, the mayor and the city manager if their schedules will allow for it. He's looking to send a group of 12 people. If interested, he has 2 spots open for March 13th-16th.

- He stated that they have also been working on school safety and have sent teams to conferences in Florida and Nevada. These are the National School Safety conferences. There will be a forum for the community starting in February.
- The NH Homeland Security is coming in next Wednesday to do a site visit at the elementary school, the following week will be the middle school and the week after that will be a site visit to the high school.
- Lastly, they were able to hire a part-time high school math teacher and has a skill set that will allow them to continue offering the manufacturing math class.

Councilor Dzujna asked if there was anymore info on the elementary school principal. LeGallo stated that all he can say is that the principal put in for a resignation and the school board accepted it and they are looking for a new principal at this time.

Mayor Brown called a 10-minute break at 7:52 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider setting a public hearing for Resolution 07-23 to appropriate \$100,268.84 of the state portion of funding to the New Hampshire Retirement System and EFA Phase Out grant to the Franklin School District for Fiscal Year 2023:

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing on January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for Resolution 07-23 appropriating \$100,268.84 to the Franklin School District fiscal year 2023 budget. Seconded by Councilor Zink.

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

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider Ordinance 03-23 repealing and replacing current Chapter 257 “Solid Waste” of the Municipal Code:

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Ordinance 03-23 repealing and replacing current Chapter 257 “Solid Waste” of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, Municipal Code. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

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

Councilor Desrochers stated that there are 16 people that have asked him to vote against this ordinance.

Councilor Dzujna stated that he reached out to 30-40 residents in Ward I and they all agreed that something needs to be done regarding this ordinance.

He also wanted to correct something that resident Merrifield mentioned in public comment about the city manager and MSD director being able to set fees in the case of an emergency. This verbiage has not been changed and has been in the previous ordinances and states that in the case of an emergency the city manager/MSD director would need to get permission from the city council at the next occurring meeting. This document does not state that they can set/change fees at any time.

City Manager Milner confirmed that section, 257-48, has not changed at all so there would be no need to change it at this time.

Councilor Bunker stated that she will be voting for this ordinance since the city cannot afford the tipping fees and the only other option would be to raise taxes, which cannot be done.

A few of the councilors had some comments and questions that Milner answered. She also mentioned that a small packet was put together that goes over some key information on this ordinance and it answers the most asked questions from residents. This was put together for the public, as there was public confusion, highlighting items from the last 16 meetings that have been held on this ordinance. Each councilor was given this packet today and is included at the end of these minutes.

There were concerns about rents being increased on properties that have 3 or more units, since the owners would now have to pay for their own trash. A lot of families may not be able to afford an increase, especially with the prices of so many other things going up.

A discussion about the ordinance still needing corrections ensued. It seemed that not everything had been revised on the ordinance per the city council workshop meeting where they went through it line by line. Sending any remaining corrections back to the city manager's secretary was mentioned, with postponing the public hearing to the February city council meeting.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council refer Ordinance 03-23 back to the MSD Committee for any remaining corrections with a goal of postponing the public hearing to the February City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Bunker.

All in favor; motion passes.

The council set up an MSD Committee meeting for December 19th, 2022 at 6pm at the Bessie Rowell. Mayor Brown asked that all final corrections from the council be emailed to Councilor Dzujna and City Manager's Secretary Jones so that the revisions can be brought back to the MSD meeting on the 19th.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider Ordinance 04-23 to revise existing Chapter 233 Adoption of the Property Maintenance Code, and Chapter 233-2 Additions, Insertions and Changes:

Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Ordinance #04-23, which will update Chapter 233-1, and 233-2 of the International Property Maintenance Code from the 2018 International Code Council Edition, to the 2021 International Code Council Edition to include appendices and commentaries to be utilized for clarification and litigation if necessary. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

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

Ordinance #04-23

§ 233-1

Adoption of Property Maintenance Code.

A certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Franklin, in the State of New Hampshire, for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the Inspector's office are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this chapter, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 233-2 of this chapter.

§ 233-2

Additions, insertions and changes.

A.

Section 101.1. Insert "City of Franklin."

B.

Section 304.14. Insert "April 1 to December 1."

C.

Section 602.3. Insert "October 1 to May 15."

D.

Section 602.4. Insert "October 1 to May 15."

E.

Section 302.8 Insert "Exception": On owner-occupied detached single family dwelling properties not more than one currently unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.

[Amended 9-5-2019 by Ord. No. 04-20]

F.

Insert the following:

"Consultant: The Board of Appeals may, by majority vote, hire independent consultants to advise the Board with regard to matters in which particular expertise may be required. The cost of any such consultant shall be borne by the applicant prior to the incurring of any such expense. The refusal of the applicant to accept responsibility for such costs shall be grounds for the dismissal of any application or appeal." [1]

[1]

Editor's Note: For appeals procedures, see Section 111, Means of Appeal, in the International Property Maintenance Code.

G.

Section 202. Insert "Unlicensed - Not currently registered or inspected."

[Added 3-6-2006 by Ord. No. 05-06]

H.

Add a new Section 301.3.1 to read:

[Added 4-4-2011 by Ord. No. 05-11]

In order to prevent blight, to protect the integrity of the applicable business or residential zone, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding area, no structure or any part thereof shall be boarded up in any fashion except under the following circumstances:

In order to prevent blight, to protect the integrity of the applicable business or residential zone, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding area, no structure or any part thereof shall be boarded up in any fashion except under the following circumstances:

1.

Following a fire, explosion, automobile-related damage, or other similar casualty, the windows, doors, or portions of the exterior structure may be boarded up in order to secure and stabilize the building. The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) shall be contacted the next available business day to discuss the stabilization of the building. The initial approval period for such action will be for 45 days from the date of the incident. Following the expiration of this initial time frame any request for a second forty-five-day approval period must demonstrate that there is a viable time line to initiate the work for the restoration of the structure. An approved building permit must be in place for the second approval period to be issued.

2.

An extension of the collective ninety-day period allowing portions of a structure to be boarded up shall only be approved if compelling evidence is submitted to the CEO that additional time is necessary to finalize insurance claims or an approval for the restoration work from the person or institution which holds the mortgage on the property. The CEO reserves the right to ask for any and all documentation necessary to substantiate a claim that an extension is necessary. For any extension beyond the ninety-day period outlined in Subsection 1 above, the wood or other material used to board up the building shall be painted to match the color scheme of the existing building.

3.

For any structure for which a building permit has been obtained, no portion of the structure shall be boarded up without the approval of the CEO. The request to permit such boarding up shall include a time frame for the completion of the exterior repairs or improvements. The forty-five-day and ninety-day time lines outlined above shall apply.

4.

For any vacant structure, the CEO may order or otherwise authorize the boarding up of the structure.

5.

All work and stabilization work approved under these provisions shall be completed in a professional and workmanlike manner as determined by the CEO, who reserves the right to order corrective work to insure the protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare and the integrity of the surrounding area. No materials used to board up or stabilize a structure shall be placed on City land (sidewalk, right-of-way, etc.) without the permission of the Municipal Services Director and the City Manager. Additionally, the CEO may require that the plywood or other material is painted to match the existing color scheme of the building.

The enforcement provisions of this code shall apply to all activities and work pursuant to this section.

To be effective January 1, 2023, by roll call vote.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake yes Councilor Dzujna yes Councilor Zink yes

Councilor Ribas yes Councilor Bunker yes Councilor Chandler yes

Councilor Desrochers yes Councilor Starkweather absent Councilor Trudel yes

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider Resolution 06-23 accepting and appropriating funds from the Federal (CCASP) Child Care Achieving Stabilization Program for the Before and After School Program:

Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #06-23 to accept and appropriate \$24,420 from the Federal CCASP (Child Care Achieving Stabilization Program) for the purpose of stabilizing child care and \$25,680 from CCDF (Child Care and Development Fund) Discretionary Funds quality grant for the Parks and Recreation Before and After School and Summer Program. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

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

RESOLUTION #06-23

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, New Hampshire adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2023 beginning July 1, 2022, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council realizes the child care workforce crisis and the need for stabilization and,

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin Recreation department has been awarded at total of \$50,100 due to the passing of the Federal CCASP (Child Care Achieving Stabilization Program) and CCDF (Child Care and Development Fund) Discretionary Funds and,

WHEREAS, the City Council appreciates and acknowledges the Recreation workers' continuing efforts to provide an essential service to the working parents of this community now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, December 5th, 2022, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #06-23 to authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate the funds of \$50,100 (fifty thousand one hundred dollars)*

An Increase in Revenue:

Federal Grants Operating- CCASP Acct. No. 01-5-211-33111-129

An Increase in Expenditures:

Recreation Admin Summer Rec – Childcare Stabilization - Acct. No. 01-5-211-40121-129 – fifty thousand one hundred dollars (\$50,100)

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VIII.

City Council to consider the approval of Franklin Savings Bank loan terms for the \$1.4 million short term bond anticipation note to be converted to long term debt and the loans for the approved vehicle purchases in the FY2023 budget:

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council accept the loan terms provided by Franklin Savings Bank for:

- 1) the conversion of the \$1.4 million short term bond anticipation note to long term debt, as approved in resolutions 21-18 and 06-20, at an interest rate of 3.6% fixed over twenty years, and**
- 2) the financing of the vehicle/equipment purchases approved in the FY2023 budget (Resolution 01-23):**
 - a. (1) Chevy Trailblazer at an interest rate of 2.9% fixed for four years,**
 - b. (2) Chevy Colorado vehicles at an interest rate of 2.9% fixed for four years and**
 - c. (1) Case Loader backhoe at an interest rate of 3.05% fixed for six years.**

Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

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

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item IX.

Other Business:

1. Mayor & Council Appointments

Mayor Brown re-appointed Tim Stangroom to the Heritage Commission, seat HC5, term of service to January 2026.

Mayor Brown re-appointed Colby Morrill to the Heritage Commission, seat HC2, term of service to January 2026.

Mayor Brown re-appointed Kathy Lauer-Rago to the Planning Board, seat PB8, term of service to January 2026.

Mayor Brown re-appointed Christine Dzujna to the Planning Board, seat PB5, term of service to January 2026.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council re-appoint Glen Feener to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, seat ZBA3, term of service to January 2026, re-appoint Cecile Cormier to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, seat ZBA5, term of service to January 2026, and accept the resignation of Meri-Lynn Banton from Ward Clerk, Ward III, seat WC3, effective immediately. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion and thanked Mrs. Banton for her service.

No discussion ensued.

All in favor; motion passes.

2. Committee Reports

Councilor Dzujna stated that the MSD Committee met on November 28th and discussed the handout on the trash ordinance 03-23 to help the public understand the changes better.

Councilor Desrochers stated that the CIP Committee met on December 1st and went over the priorities for the fire department, MSD and the police department. There are vehicles that will need replacing and body cameras as well.

3. City Manager's Update:

- Contingent Grant Line Activity – \$1,000 from Benson Auto for Parks & Rec Youth Sports Scholarships and \$484.87 from the Sex Offender Compliance grant.
- Trust fund for school funding – \$271.21
- Congratulations: Paul Smith student, 1st grader named Brantley who received the Franklin Police Canine Association award for picking up trash on the rail trail and in West Franklin; Police department for several large drug operation busts this month; K9 Miller for breaking the language barrier with a Ukrainian refugee student at the middle school who does not speak English and was having a very difficult time.
- Committee meetings – December:
 - Police – Thursday, 12/15, noon, police department
 - Parks & Rec – Thursday, 12/22, 10am Bessie Rowell
 - MSD – Monday, 12/19, 6pm at Bessie Rowell
- Welcome New Businesses to Franklin: Newfound Pet Center - 760 Central St; Mike River's Automotive - 8 Green Street; Kettlehead – 20 Canal St (Stevens Mill)
- Tax Bills went out and are due on Monday, December 19th
- Shout Out – Library Director Rob Sargent, who received a positive social media post from a family that he had opened up the library to after hours.
- Random Acts of Community this month goes out to Jason Brassard, who powder coated the pole hangers for flowers in the City of Franklin.
- Media contacts – Concord Monitor

- 11/28 Public Forum Trestle Bridge - Very good discussion and clarification on the point of no return and the next steps. Received a lot of information on the grant needed as well.
- Holiday Stroll – Shout out to the Franklin Falls Business Group for putting this together. It was phenomenal.
- Assessment Revaluation Underway – KRT Appraisals is the company doing this. They have started fieldwork and Dan Scalzo will be going around properties to complete this. A picture of him and his car will be sent as a News & Announcement on the website for public safety.
- InvestNH grant – The municipal application has been completed. As a reminder, this is \$10,000/unit of affordable housing in Franklin. There are 31 units for affordable housing being built right now in the Chimborg project so the city is eligible for \$310,000. This application is part of one of the late items tonight.
- Stanley Mill update – ownership; the DES grant for \$200,000 has been awarded to the city for that project; the InvestNH grant of \$400,000 is also a late item tonight; the EPA grant for \$1.6M has been submitted
- Holiday Luncheon – This will be on December 23rd at noon and will be held at the fire department. The city council is invited along with city staff.
- City Manager Contract Renewal expires June 30, 2023. A copy of the contract is in the packet for the council to discuss at the January meeting, if there is no objection. She stated that the council could enter into a non-public tonight to discuss, if needed, or it could wait until January.

1. Late Items:

Late Item #1 - Permission needed for City Manager to Apply for InvestNH Grant. (Handout attached to the end of minutes)

Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council allow City Manager, Judie Milner, or her designee, to apply for and accept InvestNH grants and act as the signatory on all related InvestNH matters. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

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

City Manager Milner explained that \$400,000 was going towards Stanley Mill for demolition and \$310,000 would be coming to the municipality as a result of the Stevens Mill project, based on the 31 units of affordable housing.

No other discussion ensued.

All in favor; motion passes.

Late Item #2 – Set a public hearing on Resolution 08-23 for January 9, 2023, at 6pm at City Hall Council Chambers. (Handout attached to the end of minutes)

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing for Monday, January 9th, 2023, at 6pm on Resolution 08-23 authorizing the City to accept grant funds and borrow loan funds under the State of New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (\$1,440,000 grant, \$2,160,000 loan) for water improvements and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (\$1,500,000 grant, \$3,500,000 loan) for sewer replacement program on East/West Bow Streets. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

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

Councilor Zink pointed out that on the part of the resolution (the fourth line of 'WHEREAS') the date that is written as July 11, 2023 should be written July 11, 2022. She also asked why the city is 18 months late to accepting the grant funds.

Milner stated that she is unaware of there being an 18-month delay, as the funds were applied for earlier this year. They did require a little bit of a difference in the language than they had originally been submitted as, but that has been revised and the funding has been received.

Milner also clarified that they needed minutes from this meeting showing a public hearing was set to accept the funding and it needed to be voted on by the end of January. This gives the time needed to be able to accept the grant funds.

No other discussion ensued.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor; motion passes.

Mayor Brown stated that the council could enter into a non-public session to discuss the City Manager's contract, but there would not be any voting. She asked if that is what they'd like to do.

Councilor Trudel stated that he would prefer the council waits until newly elected Councilor Webb is seated and when Councilor Starkweather is back to discuss this contract.
The council agreed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Zink and seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

All in favor; motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jones
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Handout and petition from resident, Desiree McLaughlin
- Handout from Mill City Park President, Marty Parichand
- Letter from resident, Leo Guyotte
- Packet on FAQs on trash ordinance 03-23
- Late Item #1
- Late Item #2

PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE TAXPAYERS, RESIDENTS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS.

PLEASE DO NOT: REDEFINE "COMMERCIAL UNIT"

DISCONTINUE SERVICES TO OUR SMALL BUSINESSES.

REMOVE THE PUBLIC FROM THIS PROCESS

The City of Franklin is experiencing a financial crisis regarding the disposal of our trash. The issue is indisputable. The City of Franklin collects taxes on all residential and commercial properties within the city limits. The City of Franklin is proposing to "Repeal and Replace" the current trash ordinance 03-23 that provides curbside collection services to a large majority of taxpayers. They propose to discontinue curbside collection service to all properties over 2 units and all small businesses. Their justification for this action is: Commercial properties can generate income as opposed to single family residences. **This statement is FALSE.** Many single-family and 2 family homes in Franklin are rental properties or short-term rentals. They are either locally owned or owned by out of staters. They are rented on a commercial basis. This invalidates the justification for reclassifying the definition of "commercial". In addition, the 'newly designated "properties proposed to lose curbside collection service in the new ordinance generate more city tax dollars than single-family or two-unit residences.

The City Council convened a "Special Meeting" on October 24, 2022, providing notice of this meeting to residents on October 20, 2022 via email. That is less than 4 days' notice. There was no notice the public would not be allowed to comment. The public was notified upon arrival, they would not be allowed to participate, however Mayor Jo Brown allowed one resident over others to participate until properly censured by a city councilor. The intention of this Special Meeting was a workshop to review the new ordinance and make a motion to set a hearing date. After discussion with resulting discord and a lack of information available from the Municipal Service Department head, the meeting was adjourned without a hearing date set. The November 14, 2022, City Council Agenda includes Item VIII "Council to consider setting a public hearing for ordinance 03-23 repealing and replacing current Chapter 257 "Solid Waste" of the Municipal Code."

The negative impact the Repeal and Replace trash ordinance as proposed by the Franklin City Council would be significant and difficult, if not impossible to overcome or reverse. As written, it opens the City to increased liabilities only some of which are listed below.

1. What is the legal consideration to potential lawsuits should residents and property owners who have been unfairly segregated into a commercial category, while allowing others operating in the same commercial capacity, to reap tax dollar generated municipal benefits unjustly.
2. The economic burden of municipal services will be transferred directly from the City of Franklin's municipal budget, straight to the newly designated commercial property taxpayers with no adjustment to the property owners tax rate.
3. Small businesses located in the heart of the City of Franklin's revitalization efforts will incur additional municipal fees. These fees may translate to the former empty storefronts that blighted the downtown area for decades. Future businesses may be discouraged from considering Franklin as a destination for their business.

4. Rental rates for local businesses and residents will increase the number of vacant but viable commercial spaces and residential apartments while the city faces rising numbers of homelessness and over-occupancy of rental apartments. Code violations will increase.
5. Additional burden will be placed upon both the police department as well as the municipal department to accommodate the proven statistical increase in illegal dumping and documentation of illegal dumping incidents
6. Increased burden on Franklin City Code Enforcement to investigate, report and resolve improperly stored trash occurrences which may lead to infestations of rodents and other pests increasing liability to property abutters.

Franklin residents, taxpayers, and small business owners. Please sign this petition. Please implore the Franklin City Council to recognize

1. The importance of continued curbside trash collection for the current commercial designation of 6 units and below as well as small businesses.
2. Setting a series of at least 3 workshops allowing public suggestion and incorporation while exploring additional measures of remediation to alleviate the financial burden of trash disposal.

This petition will be read to the Franklin City Council at the November 14, 2022, City Council Meeting and presented signed at either the December 5, 2022, City Council Meeting or if /the council sets a different date specifically for the hearing on the Trash Ordinance. Whichever comes first. Please write to your City Councilors and please furnish these communications to be included with the presentation of the final signed petition.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND SIGN THIS PETITION COMPLETELY

PLEASE WRITE TO YOUR CITY COUNCILOR AND FORWARD TO DESIREE @ DMC92775@YAHOO.COM

THESE COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE INCLUDED WITH THE PETITION

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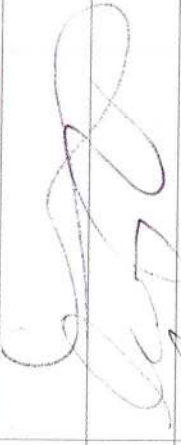


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NORMAN LEMPELX	93 FRANKLIN ST	Norman Lempe
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Roy Trotter	426 Central St.	Roy Trotter
Richard Franey	713 Central St	Richard Franey
Becky Brown	713 Central St	Becky Brown
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Philip Bray	21 Pearl St. Franklin NH.	Philip Bray
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Kathy Lauer-Rago	53 Maple sq Franklin	Kathy Lauer-Rago
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Suzanne Gardner	767 Hill Rd	Suzanne Gardner
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Bob Doucet	"	Bob Doucet
Tanya Pailley	19 Oriole St	[Signature]
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Margaret Dandy	122 Pleasant St	[Redacted]
Robert Desrochers Sr	181 Franklin St	Margaret Dandy Robert Desrochers Sr

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Dona Leal	68 West Bow	Dona Leal
Dawn Leal	68 West	Dawn Leal
CHARLOTTE EDMUNDS	500 Warrance Rd	Charlotte Edmunds
Bruce Collins	477 Elkins St, Franklin N.H. 45 Main St Franklin Hospital 150 North Main St Apt #3	Bruce Collins
Robert M. Bennett	Franklin, NH 03235	Robert M. Bennett

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Richard C Wright	197 E Bow St	Richard C Wright
Nerise Elliott	197 E Bow St	Nerise Elliott
Mark Morrisette	170 W Bow St	Mark Morrisette
Kat Rickler	28 West Bow St Unit 4	Kat Rickler
Adam St. Jacques	120 West Bow St Franklin NH	Adam St. Jacques

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Jessica Gustin	97 Franklin St #C Folsom	Jessica Gustin
Bill Blomqvist	296 Webster Lk Rd #C	Bill Blomqvist
Robin Priest	336 Central St #24	Robin Priest
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Ann Dominguez	424-430 Central st	
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Paul Dobison	4261 Central street	

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Leeann Clancy	42 Franklin St	Leeann Clancy
Nerke Staw	42 Franklin St	Nerke Staw
Kent Macary	426 Central St	Kent Macary
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Truitt Mullins	128 Victory Dr	Truitt Mullins
Joanna Stockbridge	42 Franklin St.	Joanna Stockbridge
Lottie Trask	42 Franklin St.	Lottie Trask
Brad Copp	2 Munroe St	Brad Copp
JANE & ROBERT DESROSIERS	25 Liberty Ave	Jane Desrochers

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Cindy Collyns	20 Russell St	Cindy Collyns
Rebecca Blodgett	141 Winnipicook	Rebecca Blodgett

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I am a resident, a building owner, a business owner, I run a nonprofit and have the pleasure of working for the City Manager's Economic Development Team. I am proud of the work that we do, I love this community and wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

In June of 2022, the Laconia Daily Sun wrote an article entitled "Franklin's trajectory is upward." It ended with the following... "Franklin's strong civic mindedness, dedication to community service and central location to NH's unlimited recreation resources lead to a very promising future.... Franklin is on the move!"

Throughout the northeast, this is what we are hearing. Franklin is truly, making waves (pun intended).

I've been to my fair share of City Council Meetings. I've witnessed councilors voting down items then walking away and talking about how we just missed opportunities. At the last City Council Meeting, Councilor Desrochers and Starkweather identified clearly how the City Council has been, in their words, "kicking the can" for **years** regarding certain projects.

Please stop. It is time for decisiveness, change and improvement.

Trash has been one of these areas. In a city, that can't sustain its own school system, I am **most certainly** in favor of the trash ordinance, which requires businesses to pay and limits resident's trash output. Two trash barrels picked up at a resident's home is more than adequate in this small community. Most communities of this size outsource trash entirely.

Is it going to be a popular decision? No. Should it be done? Of course. The logic of anything else is ridiculous and fueled by personal gain over the community's improvement.

Although, I don't come to every meeting, I listen to them all. I am confused and disappointed that the city councilors, who own multi-families and/or commercial

properties are not recusing themselves from these discussions. This is a clear conflict of interest.

A city should strive for continued improvement through initiatives that save money within the operational budget. This will lead to a more efficient, effective and vibrant community.

Regarding, improvement.

- **Years have been wasted talking about roads.** This fiscal year, a solution was presented to replace 67% of the roads, it was voted down. Last fiscal year, a solution was identified that would have replaced 85% of the roads. Obviously, voted down.

- The Trestle Bridge requires at least **\$1.7M to demolish,**

- The whitewater park currently sits **unfinished,** and

- City Hall that has documented code issues **since the 1960s.**

Economists and community builders from around the world recognize that a tax cap is:

- a commitment to degradation,

- and a mandate for the deterioration of a community.

Within the tax cap program, it is allowable to move debt service outside of the formula. This is the **only way** to ensure that capital expenditures are actually executed. All other NH tax cap communities do this, except us.

If not, what will we do about City Hall, the roads or the Trestle Bridge. Will we kick the can for another 80 years? Waste countless hours making no decisions, resulting in no actions.

Decades of deferred maintenance will not magically be solved by the economic development team. Of the five members, none of us are even full-time on economic development. This further shows this disconnect between the city and its future.

A couple of months ago, Amanda Grappone sent me a Concord Monitor article, entitled "Franklin is on the way back." It was dated April 1986.

Stuart Trachy was quoted "We're seeing an enormous appreciation over the previous years in terms of sale prices and an enormous increase in demand. There are many buyers out there for properties that are not available."

Frank Edmunds is also quoted as saying "I think the city looks better now than it ever has. I think it is such that even the people who live here don't realize the interest in the city. The city has a great opportunity to put it all together, **if it wants to.**"

Both of these comments could be made today.

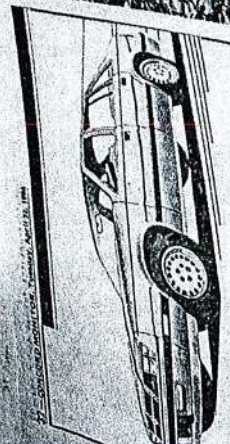
The story since 1986, is one of degradation and deterioration.

If we continue doing the same things we've always done, we can be sure we will get the same results we've always gotten.

The demonstrated inability to move debt service, means we will continue to talk about roads for the next two years and kick the can on any other item.

I will no longer be wasting my vote, on those that maintain the status quo. Franklin's future and next chapter deserve better. I beg that you take a stand, put community before yourself, do things different, learn from our mistakes and make positive change.

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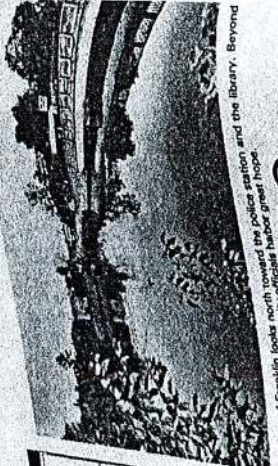
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Franklin Is On The Way Back

By RICHARD BLAIS
Monitor Staff Writer

FRANKLIN — Outsiders and local business people are taking a second look at Franklin. The town, which has been in the doldrums for years, is now being rediscovered. The town is now being rediscovered. The town is now being rediscovered.

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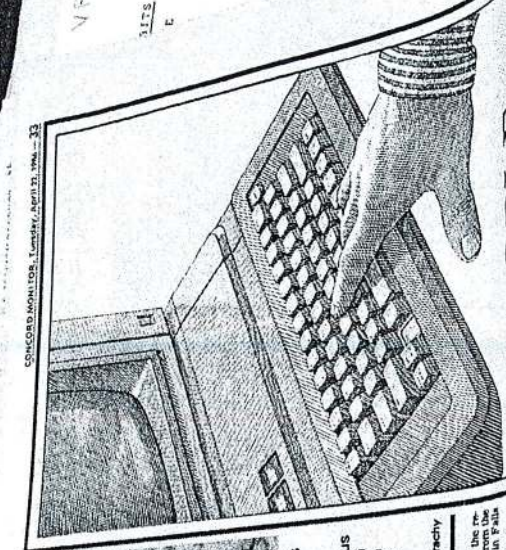
— Stuart Trachy

Work was expected to begin soon on the replacement of the Franklin-Laconia bridge. The town is now being rediscovered. The town is now being rediscovered. The town is now being rediscovered.

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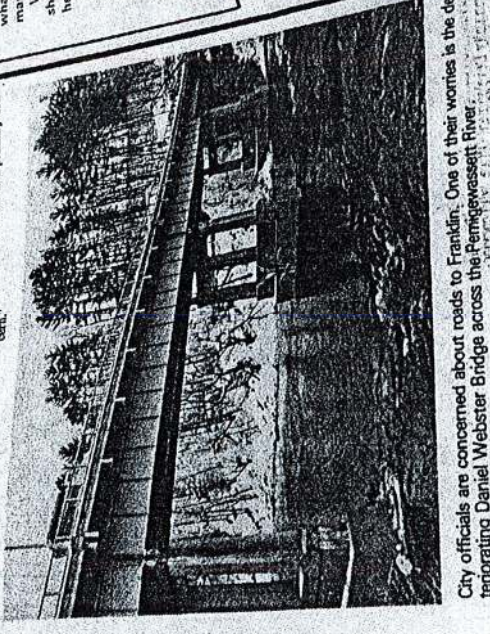
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City officials are concerned about roads to Franklin. One of their worries is the deteriorating Daniel Webster Bridge across the Merrimack River.

To the Mayor and City Councilors

I own and reside in a three-family dwelling and am totally opposed to the proposed trash pickup ordinance.

I attended the workshop where I heard a councilwoman say that she owned a single family home and that her taxes should include trash pickup. To be nondiscriminatory, I pay taxes for my three apartment building and feel that accordingly my trash pickup should also be included.

As a landlord I cannot expect my tenants to pay an additional cost. With the exorbitant water/sewer rates, rising electrical bills, and already high taxes, their rent is already at an unprecedented high. With the economy the way it is this is not the time to tax them when they are struggling as it is.

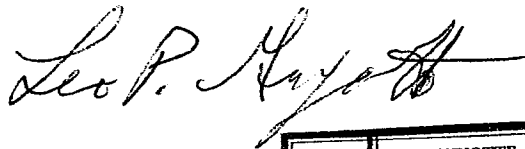
At that same meeting Mr. Dzujna stated that we would be considered commercial property. If that is indeed the case I assume that we would be granted the same rights and privileges as other commercial businesses and I could set up a business in my building to help defray the cost of this ordinance.

I understand that \$30,000 is the amount needed to carry on as usual. I am sure with the city budget as large as it is that some trimming could be done in all departments to make up the difference. Its time that all departments tighten their belts to help out the already overburdened citizens. From my perspective it does not seem that our elected officials are listening to nor working for the citizenry that elected them.

I also feel that if we are trying to encourage businesses to come to town that it would be a slap in the face to charge them for garbage pickup. Instead we need to work towards a more inviting community for businesses to come and occupy our empty storefronts.

I sincerely hope that you come to your senses and vote to veto this ordinance.

Sincerely,



Leo Guyotte



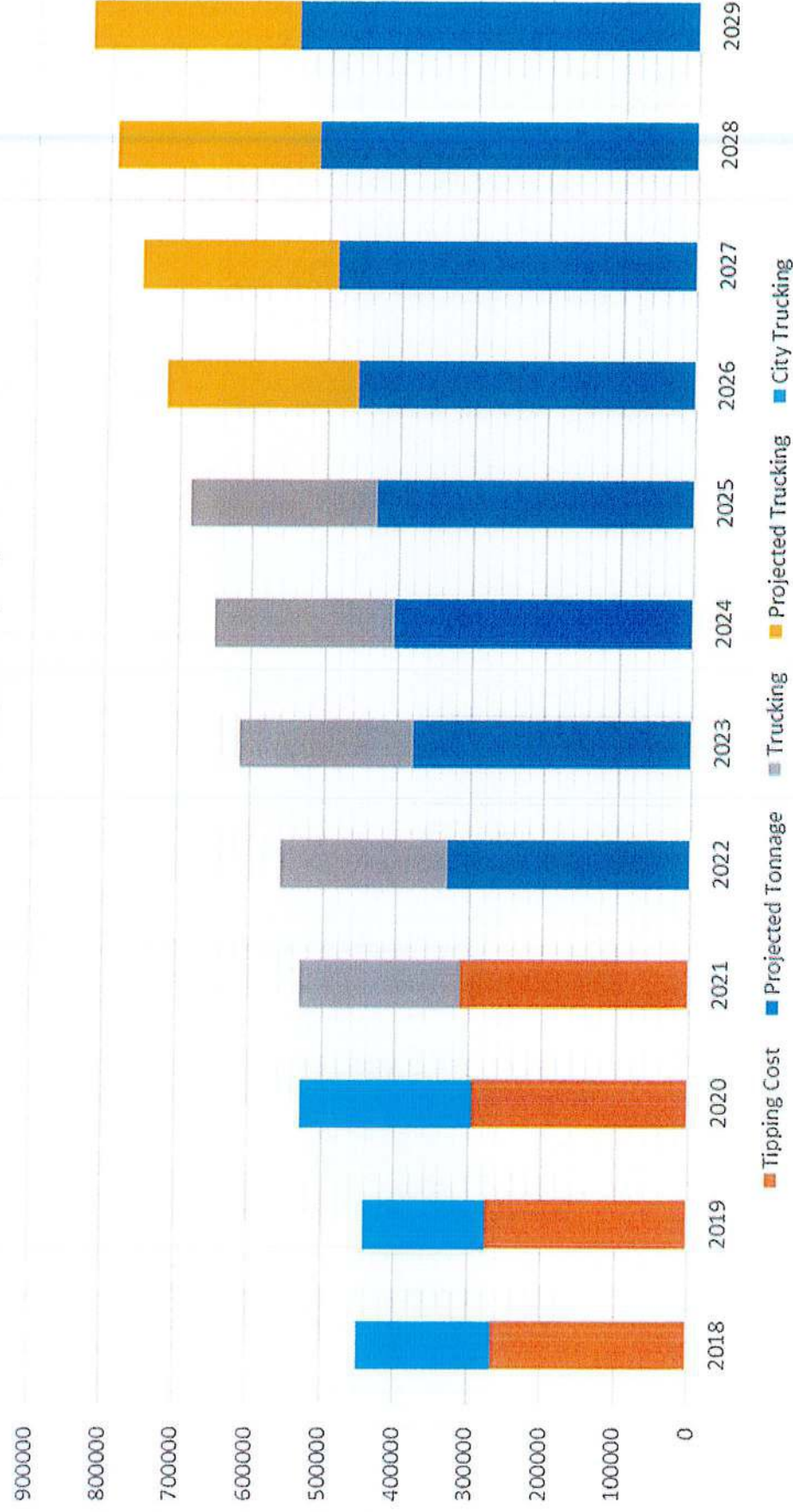
Frequently Asked Questions/Misconception Surrounding the Solid Waste Ordinance 03-23

Misconception	Fact
curbside collection is going away	curbside collection will continue for single and two family households
you will need to purchase special bags (AKA Barney Bags) to throw out garbage at the curb	no special bags are required for curbside disposal
commercial entities are being treated differently	this ordinance defines commercial entities as is defined in city zoning and treats all commercial entities the same
transfer station is closing	the transfer station will be fully operational but there will be fees associated with household waste brought directly to the transfer station
the charter school will have to pay for disposal	franklin school district, charter schools and churches will be picked up at no cost
no numbers have been presented on solid waste	numbers have been presented throughout several meetings regarding solid waste; some numbers multiple times; see below for some of the relevant numbers
this is new, why are we rushing this?	Solid waste has been the topic of conversation for years; there are 14 public meetings leading up to this ordinance (see timeline below)
It costs more to outsource curbside collection	the city saves money by outsourcing collection (see charts below)
Some people will get more barrels than others	the ordinance defines base level service as 192 gallons of trash picked up weekly at the curb; barrels come in different sizes but total barrels (2x96gallon or 3x64 gallon) do not exceed the 192 gallons
the "yellow top" program will make money for the city	no, the yellow top program is a service offered by the current contractor at a cost; likely, the cost of the yellow top program will be the most cost effective for commercial entities though commercial entities may seek other programs/vendors; the city will be reimbursed \$75 which is the tipping cost paid by the city of one ton of household trash estimated to be generated by each container on an annual basis

City of Franklin				
Curbside Collection Costs				
Calendar Year	Annual Tonnage	Cost/Ton	Annual Cost of Tipping	Vendor Curbside Collection Cost
2018	3941.00	67.79	267,160.39	181,654.14
2019	3985.00	69.05	275,164.25	166,529.80
2020	4185.00	70.39	294,582.15	233,961.00
2021	4371.05	71.14	310,956.50	220,000.00
2022	4414.76	74.70	329,782.61	228,000.00
2023	4458.91	85.00	379,007.19	235,000.00
2024	4503.50	90.00	405,314.75	244,000.00
2025	4548.53	95.00	432,110.56	252,000.00
2026	4594.02	100.00	459,401.75	259,308.00
2027	4639.96	105.00	487,195.55	266,827.93
2028	4686.36	110.00	515,499.30	274,565.94
2029	4733.22	115.00	544,320.39	282,528.35
Actual				
Projected				

The following 2 pages depict this information in graph form

Tipping and trucking with projections



Tipping Cost = Actual

Projected Tonnage – includes 1% estimate of annual growth in weight

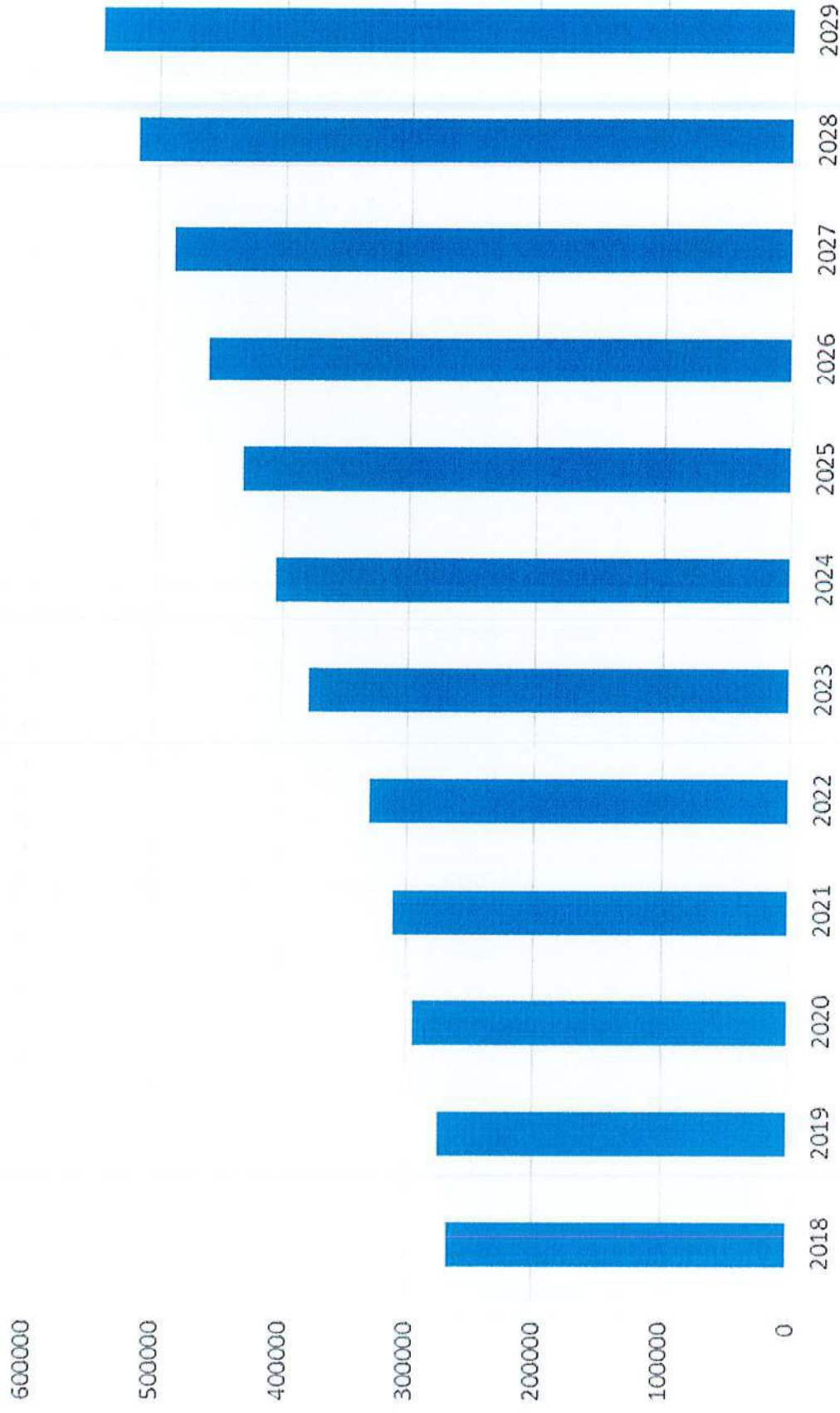
Trucking – contracted service (Pinard)

Projected Trucking – Based on current trucking contract with same cost escalator

City Trucking – in house actual costs of collection

2029 – end of current contract with WinWaste trash to energy incinerator

Yearly Tipping Cost



Tipping Costs for trash collected at the curb only by calendar year

2018-2021 = actual

2022 = actual through October, estimated Nov & Dec

2023 + = projected

Comparison Presented When Making Decision for Outsourcing of Curbside Pick Up

City of Franklin, New Hampshire
Solid Waste Review
MSD Committee 5/20/20

Budget Lines	Option 1 - Status Quo FY21 proposed budget (this is the "do nothing" scenario)	Option 2-Outsource all	Option 3- Inhouse/New Trucks
Total Solid Waste Budget	888,811	760,584 220,000	888,811
Costs Outside of the Solid Waste Budget (YTD):			
Vehicle parts/outside repairs (vehicles 67 & 68)	150,000		
Rental of trash truck	50,700		20,000
Debt Service			102,000
Total Costs	1,089,511	980,584	1,010,811
	FY21 proposed budget includes 4 employees as well as steps & cost of living adjustment which could change for managers proposal	Reduces staffing by one FT employee (outside contractor will pick up employee or City leaving water/sewer position open for inhouse employee transfer)	Based on experience, the trucks will need constant maintenance, therefore, mechanical garage services will require at least a half time position to assist (that cost is not reflected here)
	In house labor of 1,664 hours have been spent this year on vehicles 67 & 68 (2019)	reduces solid waste overtime by \$13,302; 0 maintenance hours, fuel costs, etc.	truck 67 & 68 not available due to condition; may receive some revenue for sale of trucks at White Farm
	1700 hours (July - Dec)of overtime and other employees in the mechanics division (FY20)	opens up staff time to assist with code enforcement issues relating to solid waste ordinance	change in operations could lead to some minimal reduction in overtime at transfer station
	Estimate received to get both trucks reconditioned and road worthy (67 is out of service, 68 is barely road worthy)		
	Needed to collect trash while 2 trucks (67 & 68) are being reconditioned	Outside Vendor cost	
		expiring debt service in the next couple of years could be utilized to start the program inhouse again, if desired	

2022 Curbside Collection Comparison			
	In House *		
	5 yr lease	7 yr lease	Outsourced
Annual Truck Payment with Warranty	\$93,098	\$66,498	n/a
Contract	n/a	n/a	\$228,000
Employee	\$105,000	\$105,000	n/a
Maintenance:			
Fuel @3.50	\$27,300	\$27,300	n/a
DEF	\$2,500	\$2,500	n/a
Front Tires	\$4,830	\$4,830	n/a
Rear Tires	\$13,870	\$13,870	n/a
Oil 42 quarts 6times per year	\$1,512	\$1,512	n/a
Filters	\$783	\$783	n/a
Arms 3X - not including chains	\$7,500	\$7,500	n/a
Brakes	\$3,400	\$3,400	n/a
Maintenance costs per year	\$61,695	\$61,695	n/a
Total Annual Cost	\$259,793	\$233,193	\$228,000
*does not include time off back fill of employee, insurance on truck, mechanical garage wages, rental for downtime.			

Other Requested Information

Old city trash trucks sold to Pinard \$31,000

Estimated cost of bags required to throw household trash not going over the scale at the transfer station (reminder – no special bags needed for curbside collection) = \$2.34 (13 gallon kitchen bag)

Units affected by change proposed in Ordinance 03-23:

Bldg. *	total	owner occupied	total units
3	56	13	168
4	39	5	156
5	10	0	50
6	11	0	66
	116		440

*does not include commercial or mixed use (i.e., downtown)

Assumes 408 barrels (3 per 3 unit, 4 per 4-6 unit) = \$30,600 tonnage only cost (not pick up cost) AT CURRENT TIPPING FEE \$74.70/ton

Transfer station tonnage = 1200 per year = approx. 1/3 currently free drop off = savings in tipping only \$30,000-46,000

Timeline

- 11/19/2019 Council Workshop – Solid Waste Costs – Numbers presented = tonnage, curbside collection costs, costs of new trucks
- 12/6/2019 MSD Committee – solid waste disposal & collection – numbers presented = tonnage, curbside collection costs, cost of new trucks, cost of maintaining old trucks
- 12/27/2019 MSD Committee – solid waste collection & disposal – same numbers presented as 12/6
- 1/6/2020 Council Meeting – Solid Waste Scenarios – numbers presented = cost savings for curbside collection
- 5/20/2020 MSD Committee – solid waste ordinance review, solid waste summary (curbside collection numbers), reviewed bids for outsourcing curbside collection
- 6/1/2020 City Council Meeting – Solid Waste Discussion – considered outsourcing of curbside collection, cost savings presented
- 11/4/2020 MSD Committee – solid waste ordinance review
- 12/15/2020 MSD Committee – solid waste ordinance review
- 1/25/2021 Council Special Meeting – solid waste costs – numbers presented = tonnage, curbside collection, new trucks
- 2/23/2022 MSD Committee – solid waste ordinance review
- 6/8/2022 MSD Committee – solid waste ordinance review
- 8/24/2022 MSD Committee – solid waste ordinance review
- 10/24/22 Council Special Meeting – solid waste ordinance review – numbers = #of units affected, cost of tonnage diversion from those units
- 11/14/2022 City Council Meeting – public hearing set on solid waste ordinance
- 11/30/2022 MSD Committee – Review of all solid waste numbers presented over the last several years
- 12/5/2022 City Council Meeting – public hearing ordinance 03-23 solid waste; council consideration of 03-23 solid waste

Late Item #1



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
for December 5th, 2022

Date: Submitted December 2, 2022 for December 05, 2022 City Council Meeting

From: Seth Creighton, Director of Planning & Zoning

Subject: Permission needed for City Manager to Apply for InvestNH Grant

Recommendation: Allow City Manager, Judie Milner, or her designee, to apply for and accept InvestNH grants and act as the signatory on all related InvestNH matters.

Suggested Motion: "I move that the Franklin City Council allow City Manager, Judie Milner, or her designee, to apply for and accept InvestNH grants and act as the signatory on all related InvestNH matters."

Discussion: As was previously discussed with the City Council, the City applied for two InvestNH Grants from the NH Business and Economic Affairs. One of the grants is called a "Demolition Grant" and if awarded the City would apply the money to the demolition of Stanley Mill. The other grant is "Per Unit Grant" which offers up to \$10,000 for each recently approved affordable unit in the City (there are 31 such units in the Chinburg Stevens Mill project); if awarded these funds can be used as the City sees fit (ideas vetted by the Economic Development Task Force include infrastructure improvements downtown, addressing City Hall/Opera House code matters, remediation of the Stanley Mill project, Whitewater Park, etc.)

Fiscal Impact: There are no anticipated costs to the City related to this, the grant awards are 100%, with no match requirement.

Alternatives: The Council can choose not to seek these grants. Or the City Council can choose to seek these grants but choose someone else to be signatory on all the documents, however, this option is not in keeping with the way the City applies for and administers grants, and likely will result in delays which could result in loss of grants.

Late Item #2

Suggested Motion 12/5/22 City Council Meeting

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing for Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6pm on resolution 08-23 authorizing the City to accept grant funds and borrow loan funds under the State of New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (\$1,440,000 grant, \$2,160,000 Loan) for water improvements and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (\$1,500,000 grant, \$3,500,000 loan) for sewer replacement program on East/West Bow Streets.



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RESOLUTION 08-23

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept grant funds and borrow loan funds under the State of New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for water improvements and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for sewer replacement program on East/West Bow Streets and to raise, appropriate and expend grant and loan funds for said project.

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, New Hampshire after thorough consideration of the nature of its water and sewer system needs, hereby determines that the undertaking of certain works, generally described as Water Main Improvements and Sewer Replacement Program for water and sewer main upgrades along East and West Bow Street is desirable and in the public interest, and to that end it is necessary to apply for assistance from the State of New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF); and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin has examined and duly considered the provisions of RSA 486:14 and the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Dw 1100, which relate to loans from the State of New Hampshire and deems it to be in the public interest to file a loan application and to authorize other actions in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin estimates the total project cost is \$3,600,000 (\$1,440,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant & \$2,160,000 loan) under the DWSRF program and \$5,000,000 (\$1,500,000 ARPA grant & \$3,500,000 loan under the CWSRF program; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin City Council adopted Resolution 01-23 on July 11, 20²²~~23~~ appropriating the estimated loan payments and adjusting the rates in both the water and sewer enterprise funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council, the governing body of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, as follows:

1. That the City of Franklin accepts and appropriates to expend \$2,940,000 (\$1,440,000 water project & \$1,500,000 sewer project) in grant funding under the American Rescue Plan Act.



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting June 6th, 2022

From: Justin Hanscom, Municipal Services Director

Subject: City Council to consider adopting Resolution 17-22, granting the City Manager the authority to (1) file a State of New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan/grant final applications and (2) establish funding for East and West Bow St area water and sewer main upgrades.

Recommended Motion:

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council adopt resolution 17-22, granting the City Manager the authority to (1) file a State of New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan/grant final applications and (2) establish funding for East and West Bow St area water and sewer main upgrades.

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

Discussion:

In 2015 the Franklin Water Department completed its' "Capital Efficiency Plan" for the City water system. The study identified critical areas of our water distribution system in need of rehabilitation, repair, or replacement. At this time, it is the recommendation by both the Director of Municipal Services and our consulting engineers Tata and Howard, that upgrades to should made due age and size of the water main. Replacement of this water main is highly recommended due to the age, pipe condition, break history. Flows are restricted for directional flushing and fire protection.

In 2017 the Franklin Sewer Department started a study to look at Inflow and Infiltration to City sanitary sewer system led by Underwood Engineers. The ongoing study's purpose is to identify areas of inflow, infiltration, deficiencies and future failures of the sewer system. At this time, it is the recommendation by the Director of Municipal Services and our consulting engineers Underwood, East and West Bow St areas have a deficiency rating of poor and is a good candidate for upgrades.

Concurrence:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve water quality and sewer inflow/ infiltration and flows. The plan is to do both projects and then pave the road. The plan is offset some of the road reconstruction cost with water and sewer paving to alleviate the cost to the general fund similar to New Hampton Rd. provide guidance in the planning of replacement and improvements to the sanitary sewer system

Fiscal Impact:

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