



City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 3, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, City Hall

Council in attendance: Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor Leigh Webb, Councilor Bob Desrochers (via telephone), Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Ted Starkweather (via telephone), Councilor Valerie Blake, Councilor Vince Ribas and Councilor Olivia Zink

Absent: Councilor Paul Trudel

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 6:01 p.m. She stated that Councilor Trudel was unable to make it to the meeting and that Councilor Desrochers and Councilor Starkweather were both attending via telephone. Any vote will need to be a roll call.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Ribas. This was followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of David Shorey, a Franklin High School math teacher and Little League Coach, who recently passed away, led by Councilor Desrochers.

Public Hearings:

Resolution 16-23 appropriating \$66,220 to the Franklin School District fiscal year 2023 budget.

The public hearing opened at 6:03 p.m.

A question was asked about where the funds were coming from. The are from enrichment grants.

The public hearing on Resolution 16-23 closed at 6:03 p.m.

Resolution 14-23 accepting grant funds in the amount of \$9,000 from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. These funds will be used for upgrades to the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

There was no discussion on this hearing.

The public hearing on Resolution 14-23 closed at 6:04 p.m.

Resolution 17-23 to accept a \$200,000 grant from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Clean Up Grant for cleanup of Map-Lot 117-142, Stanley / Ferrari Mill and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents relating to the grant.

The public hearing opened at 6:04 p.m.
There was no discussion on this hearing.
The public hearing on Resolution 17-23 closed at 6:04 p.m.

Legislative Update:

NH Representative, Jason Gerhard, let the mayor and council know that he is not voting for the budget, as there are things that he does not agree with in it. He also stated that he represents Northfield and Franklin so he can be contacted personally with any questions.

PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC:

Representatives from the Statewide Transportation Coalition to present on proposed bus routes through Franklin.

Terri Paige gave a presentation about a potential bus service and answered some questions. She stated that she is looking at determining where the stops will be exactly. There would be 6 runs a day with one bus and two drivers. This will allow for two shifts for the routes.

She handed out some information, which can be found at the end of the minutes.

Comments from the Public:

Mayor Brown stated that before the public comments commenced, there were a few letters received from some constituents that she would like to have read to the public. She read letters from resident LeAnne Fifield and Franklin Faith Leaders and Councilor Blake read a letter from resident, Mike Lombardo, which are included at the end of the minutes.

Public comments opened at 6:30 p.m.

Resident Karen Darling, Ward III, let the council know that the Citizen Taskforce was rebranded to be called the Anti-hate Group of Franklin, NH with a new email address of FranklinAntiHateNH@gmail.com and will serve the community as support for anyone that needs help or resources.

There was a discussion from a few residents about a proposed \$20M bond by the Economic Development team and there was a lack of support with the White-Water Park being included as one of the projects that would be funded by this bond.

A few questions came up about the bond terms and rate, which Milner answered saying that a \$20M bond would have a 20-year term that was figured with a 3.5% interest rate.

Public comments closed at 7:04 p.m.

City Council Acknowledgement:

Councilor Dzujna gave a shoutout to Michelle, Amy and Amanda in the Clerk's Office, stating that they handle people that come in extremely well.

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Councilor Blake wanted to thank the Buildings & Grounds Foreman, Kirk Kelly, who not only fixed the library exterior railing, but also repolished it.

Mayor's Update:

- Mayor Brown stated that she has been working with the honor society at Franklin High School on recycling ideas for the city. They are going to be offering recycling of Styrofoam at the transfer station on Saturdays starting on Earth Day, April 22nd. Gilford is already doing this and will be taking the Styrofoam back with them to recycle. She passed out a flyer on this topic to the council and it is also attached to the end of the minutes.
- She thanked Councilors Blake, Webb, Chandler and Dzujna. They were at the TRIP Center last week and were able to talk to a lot of long-term residents there about things that are happening in the city since most of them are not able to get to council meetings. We were able to give them some updates.

Agenda Item I.

Approval of Minutes.

Council to consider the minutes of the February 13th, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting, the nonpublic minutes from the February 13th, 2023 City Council Workshop meeting, the March 6, 2023 City Council Meeting, the nonpublic minutes from the March 6th, 2023 City Council meeting and the March 20th, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting.

Motion - Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the February 13th, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting, the nonpublic minutes from the February 13th, 2023 City Council Workshop meeting, the March 6, 2023 City Council Meeting, the nonpublic minutes from the March 6th, 2023 City Council meeting and the March 20th, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting per the corrections that were sent to the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

There were no comments on the minutes.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

School Board Update.

School Board Chair Dow gave the following updates:

- Class Day Parade is June 15th.
High School Graduation is June 16th at 6pm – Roger Martin Field.
- The school board budget passed on March 20th. It was under the tax cap for the sixth year. This info has been sent to the City Manager.
- The annual report has been completed. It is going to the press on Thursday. He will give copies to the council in May.
- They had an extremely successful trip to San Diego. 12 stakeholders attended; 2 school board members, 2 administrators, 1 POG Coordinator, 1 City Council member, 2 parents, 1 business owner/parent and 3 students. They visited Mission Vista High School and it was a student led project-based learning.
This was completely paid through the BARR Foundation and will help lead our High School redesign work moving forward.
- The BARR Foundation has invited them to apply for another \$100,000 - \$150,000 of funding to continue moving their Portrait work forward as they redesign how they educate their students.
- Winnisquam School District approved a bond to expand on the Winnisquam AG Center. This will bring in Precision Manufacturing. Franklin is hoping to still collaborate with Winnisquam to offer classroom teaching.
- The theater group won the Regional Drama Festival at Kingswood High School for best production and have moved onto state competition. They will compete on Friday, April 7th at 4pm at Gilford High School.
- Nomination of a new Principal for Paul Smith School will be going before the board on April 11th. If approved, this new Principal will begin on July 1st.

Agenda Item III.

Council to consider Resolution 16-23 appropriating \$66,220 to the Franklin School District fiscal year 2023 budget.

Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution 16-23 appropriating \$66,220 to the Franklin School District fiscal year 2023 budget. Seconded by Councilor Webb.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion.

No discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION # 16-23

A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept and Appropriate \$66,220.00 from The New Hampshire Education Department (NHED) for funding Beyond School Enrichment programs.

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district will receive \$20,000 for the Franklin Middle School from NHED for a Summer Arts program and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district will receive \$20,000 for the Paul Smith Elementary School from NHED for a Summer Arts program and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district will receive \$6,200.00 for the Paul Smith Elementary School from NHED for a Gardening Club program and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district will receive \$10,520.00 for the Paul Smith Elementary School from NHED for a Snowshoe Club and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district will receive \$9,500.00 for the Franklin High School from NHED for a Multi-Media Club.;
Now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on April 3, 2023, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #16-23 to formally accept and appropriate \$66,220 of additional revenues for the Franklin School District as follows:*

An Increase in Revenues:

New Hampshire Education Department of Sixty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (66,220.00).

An Increase in Expenditures:

School District Expenditures – Sixty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (66,220.00).

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Blake yes Councilor Desrochers yes Councilor Starkweather yes

Councilor Webb	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>absent</u>
Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider Resolution 14-23 accepting and appropriating grant funds in the amount of \$9,000 from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the update of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution 14-23 accepting and appropriating grant funds in the amount of \$9,000 from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the update of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

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

RESOLUTION #14-23

A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept Grant Funds from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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

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 understands that the City Manager and Fire Chief have identified that the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be updated, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant of \$9,000 from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to help offset the costs of the plan, **and**;

WHEREAS, matching funds, in the form of soft match for services, in the amount of \$3,000, will be directed towards this project for total project funding of \$12,000, **now**;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, April 3, 2023, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #14-23 to accept \$9,000, in grant funds from the NH Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to update the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and to authorize City Manager, Judie Milner, to sign all relevant documents pertaining to the

acceptance and administration of this grant award and hereby authorizes the following non-lapsing appropriations,

An Increase in Revenues:

State Grants Revenue Acct. No. 01-0-000-33591-000 – Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000),

An Increase in Expenditures:

Emergency Management Mach & Equipment Expense Acct. No. 01-2-208-40740-000 – Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000).

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider Resolution 17-23 to accept and appropriate a \$200,000 grant from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Clean Up Grant for cleanup of Map-Lot 117-142, Stanley / Ferrari Mill and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents relating to the grant.

Motion - Councilor Webb moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution 17-23 to accept and appropriate a \$200,000 grant from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Clean Up Grant for cleanup of Map-Lot 117-142, Stanley / Ferrari Mill and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents relating to the grant. Seconded by Councilor Chandler.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.
There were a few questions that were answered.
No other discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION #17-23

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the City applied for grant funds under New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Brownfield Clean Up grant program for the Stanley/Ferrari Mill (map/lot 117-142-00), **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the City was awarded \$200,000 from the NHDES Brownfield Clean Up Program for the Stanley/Ferrari project, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire wishes to accept and appropriate the non-matching grant award, **Now**,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6pm the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution #17-23 accepting the grant award of \$200,000 under the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Brownfield grant program, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documentation pertaining to the grant and authorizing an increase in FY2023 revenues:

Federal Grant - Brownfield Acct. No. 01-0-000-33110-413 – Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000)

And an increase in FY2023 expenditure accounts,

Nuisance Abatement Acct No. 01-1-302-40491-413 – Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000),

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider Building Permit Proposal for Property on a Private Road.

Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve the issuance of a Building Permit for 17 Riverview Dr, Map-Lot 115-022-00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and Notice of Release from Municipal Responsibility and Liability between the City of Franklin and the owners. Said fully executed agreement is to be recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deed; the recording and recording fees are the

responsibility of the applicant. Recording must be complete before permits can be issued. Seconded by Councilor Webb.

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

P&Z Director explained that when an individual wishes to build a structure on a private road or a Class VI Road (a publicly owned unmaintained road) the provisions of NH State Law RSA 674:41 “Erection of Buildings on Streets; Appeals” apply. This law says that the issuance of the permit must be approved by the governing body (City Council). This statute also references that a recommendation on the request shall come from the Planning Board. The purpose of this law is to allow a municipality and the property owner to come to an understanding of what living/owning on an unmaintained road means, and/or if it’s even safe to allow such. This procedure is applicable each time a new structure is proposed.

This request is relevant to 17 Riverview Dr, a private road. The property is a vacant (land only) parcel and the City’s technical departments have reviewed the application and suggest approving the request.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Agenda Item VII.

Council to review Code of Conduct policy for Elected Officials and Appointed Board Members.

Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council re-adopt the 9/8/15 code of conduct for elected officials and appointed board members policy. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

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

There was a discussion about whether this document should be codified or not. Councilor Webb stated that the Legislative Committee did not recommend codifying since changes could later be added and voted on.

The majority of the council preferred to have this sent back to the Legislative Committee to codify the Code of Conduct policy, and recommend the actual changes.

Motion - Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council refer the 9/8/15 code of conduct for elected officials and appointed board members policy back to the Legislative Committee to codify. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

6 in favor; 2 opposed. Motion PASSED

Agenda Item VIII.

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

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

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.
There was a small discussion about amending the date on the contract.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Agenda Item IX.

Council to consider changing the date of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting in July.

Motion - Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council change the July City Council meeting date scheduled for July 3, 2023 to July 10, 2023, due to the Independence Day Eve holiday. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

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

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

7 in favor; 1 opposed. Motion PASSED

Agenda Item X.

Other Business:

1. Committee Reports

Councilor Blake stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee met last week on March 23rd. The program is fully back to where they were pre-COVID so the director is pleased about that. All of the classes are filled and all programs are now open. Director Alpers will be submitting a budget that has increases in staff wages, but some of those funds will be aided by the 21st Century Grant.

Councilor Ribas reminded the council about the meeting that was held for the Ad Hoc Managers Evaluation Committee and let them know that they were scheduling the next meeting for April 17th.

Councilor Webb stated that the Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for May 16th and they will be discussing codifying the code of conduct and the recount ordinance.

2. City Manager's Update:

- 2023 Choose Franklin Community is on May 13th.
- Milner gave an update for the Mayor's Drug Task Force Project Coordinator since she is out today:
 - It is official, The Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force has been renamed to Franklin Partners in Prevention. Thank you to all who came out to the annual event.
 - Project Director, Stephanie Wolff, and coalition member, Christine Dzujna, traveled to Boston last week to attend the CADCA National Coalition Academy. This academy is a three-week comprehensive training to teach leaders to maintain a

highly effective substance use prevention coalition. The second and third week will occur in June and September.

- Drug Take Back Day is occurring on April 22nd at the CVS parking lot from 10AM to 2PM. Please stop by to drop off prescription medications and be connected to resources.
 - Chem Free is scheduled for May 13th from 10pm-5am at the Franklin High School. Volunteers are needed to chaperone this event. If interested, please email Stephanie Wolff at Swolff@franklinnh.org. Donations are also needed.
 - Franklin Partners in Prevention has teamed up with Coalitions from across the state to organize a Legislative Luncheon for state and local leaders to learn about the potential impacts of marijuana legalization (HB 639). Dale Quigley, the Deputy Coordinator of the National Marijuana Initiative for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, will be presenting on ten years' worth of Marijuana Legalization Impact Data from the state of CO. This Luncheon will occur on April 11th from 11AM – 1PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Concord, NH. The flyer given out to the council is attached to the end of the minutes.
- Contingent Grant Line Activity – Donations - \$150 Kayak Beautification; \$100 Fire Dept; \$99 Franklin Partners in Prevention; \$400.98 Sex Offender Compliance Grant
 - Trust fund for school funding – \$273.21
 - Congratulations:
 - David Sabo – Received CDL-B License
 - Ainsley Bruno – Completed a 16hr Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Course
 - Jim Irwin Award – The City of Franklin and the Franklin Savings Bank won this award together at the Lakes Region Chamber Event. This award is given by the family to recognize the characteristics of pioneering attitude, community leadership and the spirit of progress in community service from which Jim Irwin was known. She congratulated the city for earning this award and continuing their path to economic development.
 - American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – NH Engineering Excellence Award – Overall Winner was UHB and Mill City Park for the White-Water Park.
 - County ARPA sub-awards to Franklin nonprofits were Community Action Program, Franklin Opera House and the Twin Rivers Food Pantry. They received county ARPA funds to complete their missions.
 - Franklin Partners in Prevention Annual Event was at Mojalaki. Thank you for the venue. It was very well attended.
 - Concord Hospital – Healthcare in the Region Strategic Planning session was on March 16th. There was a handful of people who discussed the need for healthcare in the lake's region.
 - Committee meetings – April:
 - Fire– Monday, 4/10, 6pm, Fire Dept

- Joint Finance – Thursday, 4/13, 5:30pm, SAU Office
- Random Acts of Community – Doc Taylor (Rabies Clinic, 3/25, 107 vaccinations)
- Shout out to City Clerk’s Office – Rabies Clinic; 64 dog licenses were given out
- Message from Assessing Office – Elderly Tax Exemption & Veteran’s Credit applications due 4/15/23.
- Media contacts – Union Leader, Concord Monitor and Laconia Daily Sun
- Economic Development Forum – “The Tale of Two Cities Follow Up” will be April 24th at 6pm at City Hall. This will be for the public to ask questions about the \$20M bond proposal.
- FY2024 Budget Dates:
 - Budget 101 Public Forum – 4/19, 6pm, City Hall
 - May 1st – Regular Monthly CC Mtg – FY2024 Manager’s Proposed Budget
 - May 3rd – School District FY2024 Budget Presentation
 - May 8th – Municipal Dept FY2024 Budget Presentation (Part I)
 - May 15th – Municipal Dept FY2024 Budget Presentation (Part II)
 - May 22nd – Municipal Dept FY2024 Budget Presentation (Part III)
- Youth Government 2023 is tentatively set for May 23rd – May 25th. The 25th would be the mock council meeting, so she asked the councilors to keep that date open for now and she will confirm once she hears back from the Elk’s Lodge on securing that date.
- City Hall Update – The RFP is out. This will print in the Union Leader on Thursday; it is already on the NHMA site and the city website. Milner personally emailed it out to 82 architectural firms in NH as well. The deadline for submitting is May 5th, at noontime.
- Nonpublic meeting is needed.

3. Late Items:

Milner stated that there is one late item for tonight.

Late Item:

Waiving vendor fees for the Farmers Market at Marceau Park, the Winni River Day in Trestle View Park and Mill City Park, and Community Day in Odell Park.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for the Farmers Market at Marceau Park, the Winni River Day in Trestle View Park and Mill City Park, and Community Day in Odell Park. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

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

There was a small discussion about the reason for waiving vendor fees, which will hopefully bring more people to these events.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

5 in favor; 3 abstentions. Motion PASSED

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

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council enter into nonpublic according to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Seconded by Councilor Web.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Entered into nonpublic at 8:32 p.m.

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

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Public Session reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

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

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Dzujna and seconded by Councilor Chandler.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Jones
Executive Secretary

CONCORD LACONIA EXPANSION ROUTE

Introducing the “Yet To Be Named” Intercity Commuter Route to run Monday – Friday 6am-6:30pm; 1 hour headway

Fully-funded through June 2024 using FTA section 5311 funds requiring 50% match. Merrimack County ARPA funds covered the \$114,000 match for FY2024.

MAJOR STOPS

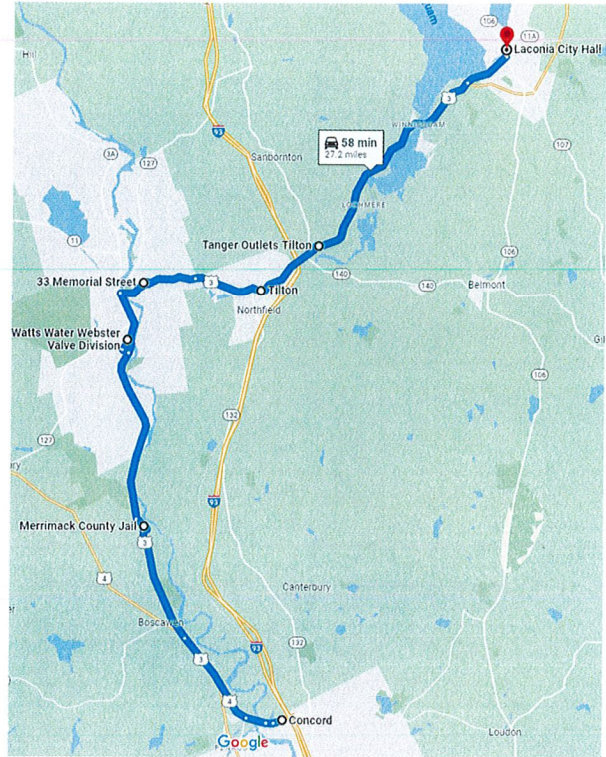
- Market Basket Exit 17
- Merrimack County Complex
- Franklin Industrial Park
- Franklin Memorial\Canal St
- Other?
- Tilton Walmart\Market Basket
- Tilton Concord Coach bus stop or J. Jill
- Belknap Marketplace
- Laconia Hospital

Veteran’s Cemetery and or Webster Place potentially On-call stops.

We are looking for municipality support for FY2025

- Concord (already agreed)
- Boscawen
- Franklin
- Tilton
- Laconia

We will also look for support from businesses, Concord Hospital, and charitable organizations.



Statewide Public Transportation Coalition

Rad Nichols and Steve Workman from the Statewide Public Transportation Coalition recently presented at the Mayor’s Roundtable. The Statewide Public Transportation Coalition are advocating for increased state funding in support of public transit operating and capital needs as the upcoming state budget for the SFY24-25 biennium is being developed.

Following are the two requests we are respectfully making:

- **SUPPORT:** NHDOT’s additional prioritized needs request which is to increase the current \$200,000 of annual state operating support by \$402,495 in SFY24 and \$1,480,794 in SFY25
- **ASK:** \$2.75 million in state operating support per year through the next biennium. Based on a desire to leverage roughly 1/4 of the total match needed for the FTA funds allocated to New Hampshire under the IIJA, public transit providers have made this request. This equates to approximately \$2.00 per capita through the next biennium. While a significant increase, New Hampshire would remain at the lowest per capita funding level in New England, Maine being the second lowest at \$2.98 (\$4.06M) in 2020 (the last year for which there is currently data). But, **\$2.75M of state funding could leverage another estimated \$2.75M to \$4.125M of IIJA funding committed to New**

Hampshire to be put into use advancing our statewide economy and serving our residents for whom these services are a lifeline.

Public transit plays a vital role in economic development, connecting people with jobs and consumers to goods and services. It also increases access to educational opportunities, helps older adults continue to live independently, and supports healthy communities by connecting people to what they need.

Public transit systems operating in New Hampshire include:

- COAST in the Seacoast
- Tri-Country Transit in the North Country
- Advance Transit in the Upper Valley
- Sullivan County Transportation
- City Express in Keene
- Concord Area Transit and Mid-State Transit
- Manchester Transit/CART
- Nashua Transit

These providers form the backbone of our public and community transportation services. These systems are also key participants in the state's burgeoning regional transportation mobility management system.

These Transit systems and their member communities have been innovative and worked hard to increase local match contributions, secure charitable contributions, and diversify revenue streams through bus stop and on-bus advertising, and additional contracted services when the fee for such services could be used to match FTA funds. Ultimately, it is increased state funding that could now provide the greatest leverage opportunity and ensure that New Hampshire is able to maximize our access to the federal funds available to the state. A state increase is where the impact could be the greatest with the leveraging power state funds could have.

Currently statewide funding for public transit operations across the state is \$200,000 annually. For most public transit systems receiving their share of the current \$200,000 of state operating funds, these dollars cover 1.5-4 days of service per year (3-8 days when used to leverage FTA match). The remainder of services are funded through federal grants, municipal funding (property taxes and fees), other grants, and additional revenue such as advertising and ticket sales (fares)

The share of the current statewide funding that Concord Area Transit and Mid-State Transit receives covers approximately 4 days of service and only 8 days when leveraging FTA funds. Without increased state support, CAT, MST and other NH transportation agencies will be severely challenged to continue to provide existing services and our ability to expand our economic impact while supporting critical workforce transportation and mobility for other basic life needs will be severely limited. **Including the launch of the new expansion route planned to run from Concord up through Franklin, Tilton and Laconia via Route 3.**

In closing I would like to repeat the ask that Rad made to end his presentation to the Roundtable:

- Could you support our objective and publicly express your support?
- Would the City of Franklin be willing to pass a resolution in support of the coalition?
- As a beneficiary of the public transit services, we provide in your community, can you help us to spread the word, educate legislators on our needs, and advocate for our funding request?

Mayor & Councilors,

I am writing to oppose the \$20 million bond.

I am all for fixing the Opera House/City Hall but it needs to go out for bid so different entities can write grants to help offset the costs. This should have already have happened but I haven't seen any notices anywhere. We also need to look at what really needs to be done to get a CO and move forward from there.

I am against funding the White-Water Park/Mill City Park as when this was brought forward to the City it was to be funded without taxpayer money. I feel this promise needs to be upheld and the project should continue to be funded privately. I am all for the park and have volunteered time in the past to help out. You just need to keep your promises to the taxpayer. Maybe down the road once it is a success the City can find a way to help out.

I am against funding the roads at this time as I haven't seen anything regarding what roads would be fixed with this money, what process will be used to fix them and what the long-range plan for upkeep it for the roads. If the plan is to skim coat and pave the loan will last a lot longer than the roads being fixed.

I am waffling on the trestle bridge as it is part of the City as well as part of the Park. If it doesn't need to be done at this time. I feel it should wait. With the tax increase from last year, the new assessments coming out and I'm sure another tax increase this year, it is the wrong time to ask for this much money from taxpayers.

I read on the paperwork that this doesn't "break" the tax cap but in reality, it does. Just because you can fund it outside the tax cap doesn't mean the rates aren't going to go above what the tax cap would allow.

You need to be careful how much to ask from taxpayers and business at one time. You have just raised costs for businesses and multi-family homes with the new trash ordinance now this. I feel you are overly optimistic and you really need to think twice before funding this.

Thank you for your time.

LeAnne Fifield

March 30, 2023

To our Franklin neighbors,

As faith leaders in the Franklin community, we reach out to share our sense of horror and disgust at the increasing public expressions of antisemitism and anti-blackness in our community. This week another incident of hateful graffiti was scrawled and scarred our public spaces, this time at Mill City Park.

As people of faith dedicated to love of neighbor, we stand against hate wherever it appears. What we write on the walls of our city is just one expression of division that goes to the heart of us that we must work actively to correct. We are committed to the continued work of reform and repentance that must be done so that people of all races and religions may be assured of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

On August 17, 1790, President George Washington visited the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island. In response to his visit and reiterating words that were shared with him by Jewish leaders, he declared this defining commitment, that the government and people of this nation give "... to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance...."

To remain silent is to fail to support our neighbors when they need us most. At a time of a resurgence of hatred, we as people of faith stand for love. Let Franklin continue to do the work of welcome so that all may truly be at home in our great city.

In the spirit of love,

Rev. Kate Harmon Siberine,
Missioner, Episcopal Mission of Franklin

Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves
Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin

Rev. Bonnie Stagg
Minister, Congregational Christian Church of Franklin

Hi All,

I just wanted to let you know I will not be able to make tonight's meeting.

I also want to let you know that I don't envy your position. There's a lot of talk about the bond situation. My thoughts are as follows, feel free to read them into the minutes:

Nobody wants to spend more money. With property assessments increasing, the price of goods increasing, and just about everything else increasing the thought of an additional several hundred dollars a year out of our pocket is hard to swallow.

That said, I'd ask anyone objecting to consider the investment we'd be making. Or, ask yourself which of these projects you would rather not see funded. I do question the city funding the next 2 sections of the Waterpark. Not to say that I object to it, just looking to understand how we went from funding the park with grants to funding it with city dollars.

Ultimately, it is the opinion of our family that there will never be a better time for the city to make these investments and the long-term benefits to the city outweigh the annual expenses. Even though it will mean we personally need to tighten the belt a bit, these improvements are necessary for the long-term survival of Franklin.

Again, I would like to thank you all for considering the options available. And, no matter what the outcome I'm glad to have the representation of folks who care so deeply about doing what's best for Franklin and its citizens, even though we may not always align on how to get there.

Have a great evening!

Michael Lombardo



Northeast Resource Recovery Association

"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

FRANKLIN, NH, CITY OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SUCH ACTIVE RECYCLERS!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment. The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	2022 RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources.
GLASS	14,840.00 LBS	  You conserved the equivalent of about 204.05 gallons of diesel being consumed!
TIRES	51,460.00 LBS	  You conserved the equivalent of about 10,806.60 pounds of coal being burned!

AVOIDED EMISSIONS



Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you avoided about **25,861.09 lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions**. This is the equivalent of removing about **2.55 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year.

***The above data was calculated using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Reduction Model (WARM).*

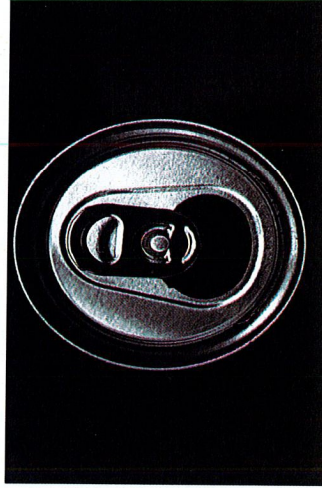
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FRANKLIN RECYCLES

Glass



Metal, Tin, Aluminum



Do your part to keep
our cost of tonnage
down – recycle glass
and metal cans, and
other metal household
items



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Foam Recycling 101



**#6 FOAM
COOLERS**



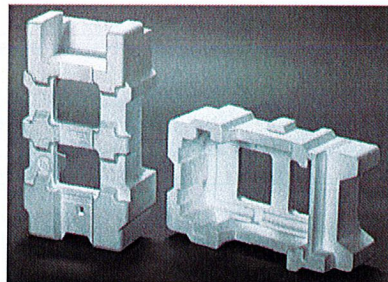
**MUST HAVE
#6 SYMBOL**



**CLEAN MEAT &
PRODUCE TRAYS**



EGG CARTONS



PACKING BLOCKS



**CLEAN #6
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**NO PACKING
PEANUTS**



**NO DIRTY FOAM
PRODUCTS**



**NO PIPE
INSULATION**



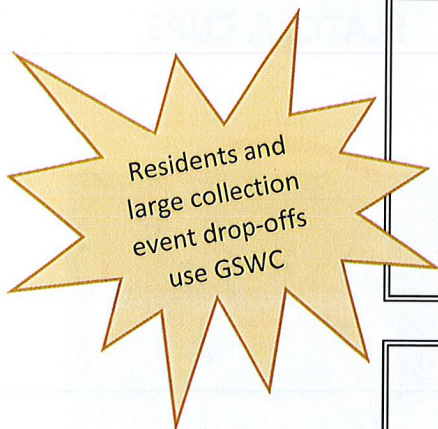
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Foam Recycling 101

CAN INCLUDE	DO NOT INCLUDE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All sized coolers (remove tape and labels) ✓ Meat & produce trays (incl. black) ✓ Egg cartons (any color) ✓ Packing blocks around furniture/appliances/electronics ✓ Plates and cups ✓ Food clam shells or trays ✓ Coffee cups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Pipe insulation ✗ Bubble wrap or thin foam wrap ✗ Items without a #6 recycle symbol ✗ Packing peanuts ✗ Soft or squishy foam ✗ Dirty foam food containers ✗ Eggcrate foam layer ✗ Craft foam ✗ Foam board insulation

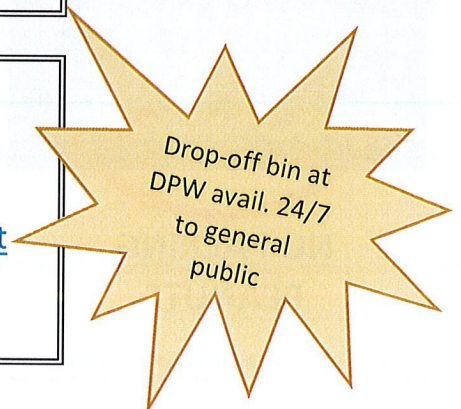
Expanded polystyrene (#6 plastic) is commonly known as foam or Styrofoam.

All items brought for foam recycling MUST BE RINSED AND CLEAN, with no food particles or liquids.

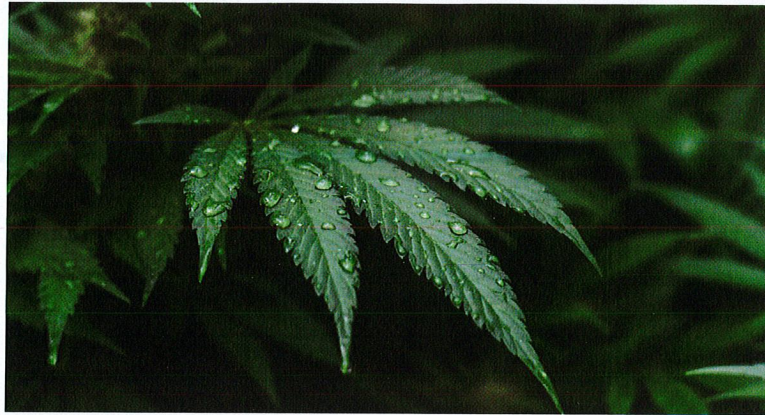


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 WEBSITE: www.gilfordnh.org/recycleright
 EMAIL: recycle@gilfordnh.org
 PHONE: 293-0220

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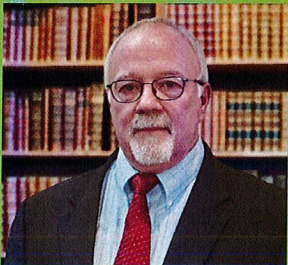


Marijuana Legalization: Ten Years of Impact

We know your
schedules are
very busy,
please come
when you can!

APRIL 11, 2023
11:00 - 1:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
21 Centre Street, Concord, NH
(adjacent to the NH Statehouse)



Dale Quigley,
Deputy Coordinator,
HIDTA Marijuana
Initiative

Dale Quigley is the Deputy Coordinator of the National Marijuana Initiative for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program in the United States. He is responsible for providing information and education on issues surrounding marijuana. Prior to this role, he served at the Rocky Mountain HIDTA in Denver from 2011 - 2016 as the Manager of Intelligence and later oversaw their training program. He is recognized as a subject matter expert in several aspects of drug enforcement, he regularly speaks at regional, national, and international drug conferences on the impacts of drug usage.

Please RSVP to Michelle at: mrjonas@unitedwaynashua.org

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