



Approved as amended by City Council on February 4, 2019

Inaugural and City Council Meeting January 7, 2019

Call to Order

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order in Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 6:02 p.m.

City Council in Attendance

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Vince Ribas

Others in Attendance:

City Manager Judie Milner, Attorney Paul Fitzgerald

God Bless America was sung by the Serendipity Singers with St. Gabriel's Choir.

The Franklin Fire Department Color Guards presented the Colors.

Salute to the Flag was led by the Boy Scouts Troop #61 Stephen Donahue.

The National Anthem was sung by the Serendipity Singers with St. Gabriel's Choir.

Mayor Giunta was privileged to present the 2018 Citizen of the Year Award to Jeff Perkins. He described Jeff as a committed volunteer, humble, willing to serve at any level, who loves and respects the City and its' Citizens. Mayor Giunta showed the public a poster size front cover of New Hampshire Magazine that he was highlighted on. The Mayor further explained that he shared a similar concern for trash around the City and so seeing Mr. Perkins care for the City, touched his heart. Mr. Perkins humbly accepted the award, thanked Mayor Giunta, and let everyone know that he truly enjoys doing what he does for the City. All applauded for Jeff.

2018 City Council Business

Public Hearing

Mayor Giunta opened the Public Hearing at 6:13PM.

Resolution #06-19, a resolution allowing the Franklin School District to appropriate \$350,156 of unassigned FY2018 Fund Balance to support the FY2019 School District Budget.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone would like to speak to this resolution.

School Board Chair and Ward 3 resident Tim Dow asked the Council to adopt and approve this resolution. He acknowledged that this past budget season was very trying and a couple of the larger numbers on this resolution came in after their budget was passed. Special Education Aid came at \$120,453 less than anticipated. The Adequacy Aid Education Grant also dropped significantly to \$177,102 and it continues to drop year after year.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was anyone else that wanted to comment. There were no further comments.

The Public Hearing for Resolution #06-19 closed at 6:15PM

Resolution #08-19, a resolution accepting \$200K in grant funds from the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and required matching funds starting in FY2019 to support the establishment of the Mill City Park at Franklin Falls.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had any comments. There were none.

The Public Hearing for Resolution #08-19 closed at 6:16PM

Resolution #09-19, A Resolution accepting \$18,082.92 from the Franklin Rotary Club for the purpose of starting a Franklin Scholarship Fund called "Franklin Rotary Club Scholarships" and placing the monies with the City's Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had any comments.

School Board Chair Dow asked the City Council to approve and appropriate this resolution. Chair Dow thanked the Franklin Rotary for this scholarship fund. The Scholarships are important to the students.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further comments. There was none.

The Public Hearing for Resolution #09-19 closed at 6:17PM

Resolution #10-19, A Resolution to support a Railroad Corridor Study connecting Weirs to Franklin through the City of Laconia paid for by the WOW Trail Committee.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had any comments.

Jay Gratton, employed here in Franklin and lives in Concord. Mr. Gratton asked the Council to consider a provision on the proposal of Franklin supporting the WOW Trail. There is some controversy over this project and part of it is considering ripping up part of the actual train rails. Mr. Gratton stated that there are active railroads on the corridor and so any removal of rails would cripple those railroads. The rail line from Concord to Lincoln is 100% active. Recreational use of the rail in the winter is allowed. Mr. Gratton asked that the City approve the WOW Trail study with a provision that removal of any rails is off the table.

City Manager Milner stated that the purpose of the study is to determine whether or not the trail is feasible and whether or not it's feasible alongside the rail so that the rails can remain in motion. The study is aware of the active railways and looking at all the angles.

Leigh Webb, Ward 3 resident stated that he is in favor of the study in terms of looking at tourism dollars and assumes this would be part of the study as well.

Karen Testerman, Ward 3 resident asked the Mayor what WOW stands for. Councilor Clarenbach replied that it represents the 3 lakes that the trail passes; Winnepesaukee, Opechee, and Winnisquam.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further comments. There were none.

The Public Hearing on Resolution #10-19 closed at 6:21PM

Resolution #13-19, A Resolution regarding the direct sale of Tax Deeded Property located at 196 Central Street pursuant to RSA 80:80, III.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any comments. There were none.

The Public Hearing for Resolution #13-19 closed at 6:22PM

Councilor Desrochers requested a moment of silence for Veterans Reagan Cody who served in the Korean Conflict, Bud Macdonald who served in Vietnam, Lawrence Sweat, and Robert Hoyt. He also requested a moment of silence for a Veteran from Northfield who earned two Purple Hearts from Vietnam and a Bronze Star.

Mayor Giunta thanked Councilor Desrochers for bringing this to everyone's attention.

Agenda Item I.

Council to consider approval of the minutes.

Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the June 6th, June 11th, June 18th, and June 28th Budget Workshop Meetings, the minutes of the October 11th Canvass the Votes Meeting, the minutes of the November 26th Economic Development Workshop, the minutes of the December 3rd City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the December 18th LEAN Workshop Session IV Meeting.
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Councilor Ribas requested amendments of the minutes and forwarded typographical changes to Audrey Lanzillo who will make the corrections in the minutes before finalizing and publishing the official minutes.

Councilor George Dzujna commended Audrey for the amount of work she puts into the minutes of the many meetings City Council holds.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

City Council to consider Resolution #06-19, allowing the Franklin School District to appropriate \$350,156 of unassigned FY2018 Fund Balance to support the FY2019 School District Budget.

Superintendent Dan LeGallo wished all a Happy New Year and asked the SAU Business Administrator Jefferson Braman to assist in providing some details regarding this Resolution.

**Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution 06-19 appropriating \$350,156 of FY2018 unassigned fund balance to the Franklin School District fiscal year 2019 budget.
Seconded by Councilor Zink.**

Business Administrator Braman stated that this money was from revenue adjustments that were found in collaboration with a Department of Revenue representative. Braman stated that this fund balance is needed to offset the Catastrophic Aid and the Adequate Education Grant Funds which funding is based on the average daily school number of students attending in November of 2018. Due to the formula and the number of students, a shortfall of \$177,000 needs to be replenished. Other revenue adjustments were realized including Hill resident tuition costs that were not used due to the closing of that school.

Councilor Brown stated that this money is a one-time adjustment and asked Business Administrator Braman how the school will fund these shortcomings next year; what changes will be put in place to address this next year.

Braman stated that there was a significant teacher turnover this past year and the new teachers will be earning less than budgeted. He also stated that there are some other components to this but it is too early to figure in some of the numbers.

Councilor Brown added that based on the reductions in the number of enrolled students year over year, she questioned how the same line items will be funded and urged Braman and LeGallo to look at changes in the structure of the system, buildings/facilities, and teachers. Braman stated that Special Education is difficult to project funding.

With the budget season approaching in a few months, Braman stated that he would have some projections to share in early spring (March/April) as the school budget is completed in the May timeframe.

Councilor Dzujna requested clarification on the amount of the Special Education Funding. Business Administrator Braman stated that the number was adjusted when the Department of Revenue instructed him on what can be anticipated for Special Ed Aid so he adjusted the Charter School Aid number which increased.

Councilor Clarenbach asked Business Administrator Braman if thoughts on where to save money for next year are being considered. The fear of continuing to fund the same things the same way going forward is real. Braman stated that he viewed an LSR from Representative Horn that will address the Adequacy Aid formula. There is too much of a spread between what the school is requesting for this year's fiscal year and what we have identified in left over money for next year. Clarenbach stated that it becomes a much bigger hurdle in the current process.

Councilor Brown reiterated that approx. \$800K was uncovered in the school fund this year but there is no way the City can come up with \$800K next year to fund the same things. She asked Braman what areas he is looking at where savings can be realized going forward. Superintendent LeGallo stated that they are looking at everything. He will continue the collaboration with the City. It has been improving greatly over the past few years. LeGallo believes he will have a good idea of their Fund Balance sometime in March.

Councilor Desrochers stated that he's a bit confused at the numbers as well. Business Administrator Braman explained that the Fund Balance variance is \$459K higher than what was originally estimated. Of this amount, only \$350K is the request to use toward this year's budget leaving approx. \$109K left over and would like to use that in the next subsequent year. Councilor Desrochers asked Braman what happens if the \$109K disappears between now and June. Braman responded stating that it will not. Desrochers suggested putting it in a special school fund.

City Manager Milner stated that per State RSA, dependent schools can't hold fund balances so it will come back to the City and then the Council can approve to appropriate that fund balance in the FY2020 budget. Councilor Desrochers reminded the Council that the funds can also be placed in the account that has been set up for them and be held by the City and drawn on when needed and he would be most comfortable with it being held in the special account as a placeholder.

Councilor Clarenbach clarified that the \$350K is what the school needs to make them whole. The \$109K is in excess of what they need for their 18/19FY. They don't need to really ask the City for it but rather notated that it is there and in good faith, will be requesting to use that money for the 19/20FY School Year. He stated that it wouldn't make sense to make another resolution to move it into and out of the Special Account. He continued that the Council cannot make decisions for future Councils where if the money was moved into Fund Balance; the Council would need to vote to move it.

Councilor Desrochers stated to Business Administrator Braman and Superintendent LeGallo that after the \$350,000 is used to make the school whole this year, will the new year start \$1M in the hole again and will the City need to endure more protest marches?

Superintendent LeGallo stated to the Council that they will be good stewards of the money and roll it into Fund Balance that can then be rolled into next year's budget then come back next year. The school will continue to look at ways to adjust and make cuts where they can. LeGallo stated that he froze the budget at least three times in the last four years and will do it again if necessary.

Councilor Brown concluded with asking Superintendent LeGallo what the overall budget projections are at this point. She stated that last year the budget was approximately \$18.1M and wonders if it looking to be the similar or is there a sense on what it is looking like? Superintendent LeGallo responded stating that the FY19/20 budget and what their goals are will be on the agenda at the next school board meeting on the 14th.

RESOLUTION #06-19

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 which began July 1, 2018, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district estimates approximately \$719,085 in additional unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2018, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire has already appropriated \$260,000 of the prior year fund balance during the FY2019 budget process, and:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin would like to appropriate an additional \$350,156 of the prior year unassigned fund balance in order to offset a \$350,156 reduction in estimated revenues,
Now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on January 7, 2019, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 06-19 and authorize an increase in FY2019 revenues:

Appropriated Fund Balance – Three Hundred Fifty Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Six dollars (\$350,156),

And a decrease in FY2019 adequacy revenue,

School District expenditures in the total amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Six dollars (\$350,156),

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
		Councilor Moquin	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>Yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item III.

Council to consider Resolution #08-19, acceptance of a \$200,000 Grant Funding, \$200,000 required matching funds, the appropriation and expenditures of these funds starting in FY2019 to support the establishment of the Mill City Park at Franklin Falls, which is associated with the White-Water Park.

**Motion – Councilor Brown moved that the Franklin City Council vote to approve Resolution #08-19, which accepts the grant funds from the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, through the National Park Service, and the required matching funds, and the non-lapsing appropriation and expenditures of these funds starting in Fiscal Year 2019. I further move that City Council authorize the City Manager to sign and take action on all relevant documents pertaining to the administration of this grant.
Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

RESOLUTION #08-19

A Resolution Relating to a supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2018.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 beginning July 1, 2018, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes that a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the City of Franklin and the nonprofit Mill City Park at Franklin Falls, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes the recent efforts to improve the economic and residential viability of the downtown and the need to continue with additional progress, **and**;

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant of \$200,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, through the National Park Service to support the establishment of the Mill City Park at Franklin Falls, which is associated with the White-Water Park, **and**;

WHEREAS, matching funds, in the form of donated funds and services, in the amount of \$200,000 directed towards this project for a total project funding of \$400,000, **now**;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, January 7, 2019, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution 08-19, accepting grant funds from the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, through the National Park Service, and the required matching funds non lapsing appropriated this grant and matching funds and services authorize the City Manager to sign and take action on all relevant documents pertaining to the administration of this grant.*

An Increase in Revenues:

Federal Grant Revenue – White Water Park Acct. No. 01-9-014-33110-437 – Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000),

Donations – White Water Park Acct. No. 01-0-000-35085-437 – Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000),

An Increase in Expenditures:

Economic Development – White Water Park Acct. No. 01-6-511-40335-437 – Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000),

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
		Councilor Moquin	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>Yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #09-19, acceptance of \$18,082.92 from the Franklin Rotary Club to start a scholarship fund called “Franklin Rotary Club Scholarships” and placing the monies with the City’s Trustees of the Trust Funds.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council approve Resolution 09-19, to accept \$18,082.92 from the Franklin Rotary Club for the purpose of starting a Franklin High School Scholarship Fund called “Franklin Rotary Scholarships” placing the monies in an expendable scholarship fund with the City’s Trustees of the Trust Funds”. Scholarship recipients will be limited to seven \$500 Scholarships, to be made prior to the start of the first semester, using the award criteria that Franklin High School deems appropriate.
Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Moquin stated that she will be abstaining from this vote related to a child at the High School currently.

RESOLUTION #09-19

A Resolution Relating to the Acceptance of Trust Fund Money.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes the efforts of the Franklin Rotary Club to offer seven annual scholarships to Franklin High School students, **and;**

WHEREAS, the Franklin Rotary Club has been dissolved due to a lack of membership, **and;**

WHEREAS, remaining assets of \$18,082.92 have been allocated to support community organizations, **and;**

WHEREAS, Scholarship recipients will be limited to seven \$500 Scholarships, to be made prior to the start of the first semester, using the award criteria that Franklin High School deems appropriate, **and;**

WHEREAS, acceptance of these funds has no budgetary impact of the Fiscal Year 2019 budget and future budgets, **now;**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, January 7, 2019, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby vote to accept \$18,082.92, from the Franklin Rotary Club, for the purpose of starting a Franklin High School Scholarship Fund called "Franklin Rotary Club Scholarships" placing the monies in an expendable scholarship fund with the City's Trustees of Trust Funds". Scholarship recipients will be limited to seven \$500 Scholarships, to be made prior to the start of the first semester, using the award criteria that Franklin High School deems appropriate.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
		Councilor Moquin	<u>Abstain</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>Yes</u>

7 in Favor. 1 Abstention. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item V.

City Council to consider Resolution #10-19, supporting a Railroad Corridor Study connecting Weirs to Franklin, through the City of Laconia which will be paid for by the WOW Trail Committee.

**Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #10-19 supporting a study through the City of Laconia and paid for by the WOW Trail Committee, for the pros and cons of building a recreation trail connecting Weirs to Franklin next to or in place of the railroad tracks by a roll call vote.
Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Desrochers expressed his concern of the possibility of ripping up railroad tracks and then putting them back in. It's pointless and a waste of money. He is in favor of the Rail Trail and riding alongside the railroad tracks.

Councilor Clarenbach stated the last sentence of the Resolution states that this is only a recommendation and the City Council can support it or choose not to support it depending on the outcome of the study.

Councilor Dzujna commented that even though this will be a good step toward supporting recreation in the area, the Council will still have a say in supporting the decisions brought forth from the study.

RESOLUTION #10-19

A Resolution Relating to the support of the City Council for a study to build a regional recreational trail next to or in place of the railroad tracks connecting Weirs to Franklin.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen,

Whereas, the state-owned Concord to Lincoln RR corridor was built to bring tourists and spur economic development in the Lakes Region and beyond (circa 1850), and

Whereas, a portion of this 50-mile corridor is now used, under a lease agreement with the state, for certain train operations with a degree of benefit to the surrounding communities, and

Whereas, there is an identified regional trail project from Weirs Beach to Franklin that could have the potential to yield significantly more economic and recreational benefits to the abutting communities, the region and the state of NH by better utilizing this publicly-owned space, and

Whereas, the building of the remaining 10 miles of trail project IN PLACE of rail would substantially reduce cost, alleviate abutter concerns, and provide an enhanced trail for users, and

Whereas, the state-owned corridor would be maintained in perpetuity for NH DOT with the understanding that rail would be reinstalled at a future date if it was determined that rail was a better and higher use.

Now, therefore be it resolved that at the scheduled meeting of the Franklin City Council on Monday, January 7, 2019, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 10-19 supporting the proposal for the City of Laconia to commission professional research, to be paid for by the WOW Trail committee, to study the pros and cons of continuing to build this regional recreation trail NEXT TO the existing railroad tracks or IN PLACE OF the railroad tracks.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
		Councilor Moquin	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>Yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider Resolution #13-19, the direct sale of Tax Deeded Property located at 196 Central Street pursuant to RSA 80:80, III.

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #13-19 providing for the sale of 196 Central Street by a means other than sealed bid or public auction pursuant to RSA 80:80, III and authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents going forward pertaining to the sale.

Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

RESOLUTION #13-19

A Resolution Pursuant to RSA 80:80, III.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS the City of Franklin is the owner of certain real estate consisting of approximately 0.19 acres of land located at 196 Central Street being Tax Map 117, Lot 131-000, within the City of Franklin; and

WHEREAS said property was acquired by the City pursuant to the tax lien process described at RSA 80; and

WHEREAS the property is known to be impacted by certain environmental contaminants described more specifically in a report dated March 1, 2018, authored by Nobis Engineering and submitted to the Lakes Region Planning Commission thereafter; and

WHEREAS the parcel is the subject of a certain Purchase and Sales Agreement between the City and Cumberland Farms, Inc., said Agreement approved by the Franklin City Council on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, with a stated purchase price of \$45,000.00; and

WHEREAS the Franklin City Council finds it to be in the public interest and that justice requires that the City proceed with the sale for the following reasons:

- A. The sale will provide an immediate economic benefit to the City in the form of a purchase price;
- B. The sale will allow the commercial redevelopment of the parcel and surrounding parcels in a manner that will produce substantial additional economic benefits for the City;
- C. The sale is a part of an overall redevelopment plan for the property and surrounding properties that will include substantial environmental remediation costs which will confer further economic and non-economic benefits upon the City; and

WHEREAS the Council finds that any of the above factors, singly or in combination with others, provides ample justification to proceed with the proposed sale.

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Franklin City Council that:

- A. The Council confirms and restates the above findings;
- B. The Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City, in the public interest and in keeping with the requirements of justice as stated specifically in RSA 80:80, III to allow the referenced property to be sold and disposed of by a method other than by sealed bid or public auction, specifically by proceeding with the referenced Purchase and Sales Agreement described above; and
- C. That the Mayor of the City of Franklin is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey the premises pursuant to the Purchase and Sales Agreement and to execute any other such documents as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this resolution. The Mayor's authority under this resolution shall continue in full force and effect indefinitely and until such authority is revoked, rescinded or modified by a further vote of the Franklin City Council.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
		Councilor Moquin	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>Yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

**Motion to adjourn 2018 City Council Business was made by Councilor Desrochers.
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

2018 City Council Business adjourned at 6:57PM

2019 City Council Business opened at 6:58PM

The Invocation in prayer was led by Deacon Tom Matzke.

Deacon Matzke mentioned that he came into City Hall today to register a car and shared with everyone that Franklin is a City of Friendship and he admires all the departments heads and what they do for the City.

Deacon Matzke led the following prayer: Oh God, our Father, the builder of all things, you have placed this Mayor and Council together in 2019 with an obligation. With that obligation, grant them the opportunity to work as a team to better the lives of the citizens they serve. Oh God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give the Mayor and Council the strength to bring hope and peace on their journey. God please help them to be sensitive to the plea of our Citizens. Open their hearts to your wisdom. Where there may be a time of trepidation, lead them into a time of trust. And if quarreling, lead them into forgiveness. May the work this Mayor and Council begin in 2019 enliven their faith and help us all to be grateful. Whenever we look to the interest of our neighbor or in the community, we are in a sense, God's own coworkers. Let us pray that God will lead this Mayor and Council in peace and joy, to be successful, knowing you will protect them and keep them safe. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

City Attorney Paul Fitzgerald officiated the swearing in of the following City Councilors (3-year term):

Ward I, Councilor-elect Jo Brown

Ward II, Councilor-elect Scott Clarenbach

Ward III, Councilor-elect Karen Testerman

City Attorney Paul Fitzgerald officiated the swearing in of School Board members (3-year term):

Ward I, Delaney Carrier (this was done at the City Clerk's office earlier today).

Ward II, Susan Hallett-Cook

Ward III, Deborah L. Brown

Mayor Giunta then presented an appreciation for service plaque to Councilor Zink (2016-2019) for her service to the City. Applause was heard from all in attendance.

Councilor Zink thanked the Mayor and fellow Councilors. She proclaimed that "it's been a journey for three years to serve with all of you. Monday nights and other nights together, she learned a lot about the City that she grew up in and went to High School in. The service that the Council does, every day to better our community is something that is truly remarkable and hopes everyone will still honor that commitment to work together with the school district and the Council as one community to make sure that we are really working together as one community to move this community forward." Applause was provided from all.

Mayor Giunta stated that one other Council member is leaving unfortunately. Steve Barton has been a personal friend and councilor from 2014 to 2018 and although Steve had to resign from the Council, we will not forget him. Mayor Giunta told a brief story of how he met Steve's father then he gave much thanks to Steve for his dedicated service. Applause was provided from all.

The State of the City Address was giving by Mayor Giunta as follows:

Inaugural Speech 2019

Good News-Bad News-Great News

Good evening everyone and welcome to the great City of Franklin. I want to thank all of you for being a part of this evening.

Knowing many of you would like me to keep this short, I'll simply quote King Henry VIII, when he said to each of his six wives, "don't worry, I don't intend to keep you that long!"

Now I know you have all come to hear about what's going on in the City. So, what is the State of the City? Well I'd like to report that I have good news, I have bad news, and I have some great news!

First the good news.

You may remember last year I encouraged you to invest in the City of Franklin. In fact, after that speech, Scott Brown came up to me and said, "hey, I want to go home and crack open my piggy bank!"

Well, Scott, if you had gone home and cracked open that piggy bank and invested the money in Franklin, congratulations, you would have seen your investment grow an average of 20% over the past year. And that's not just me pulling this number out of the air. This is the conclusion of a recent City-wide assessment where assessors look at property throughout the City, they compare recent sales with currently assessed values, then they adjust those current values with fair current market values. In their conclusion, they saw property values rise 20% with some properties rising much more than that.

This is good news because despite testimony to the contrary, people see value in our City and they're willing to pay more for property and businesses here. Franklin is a great investment opportunity and people see it, people are willing to pay more to be here, and our value is growing!

Now, the bad news.

Property values in the City are growing! But wait a minute, didn't I just say that was the good news? Well, it is good news if you look at your purchase here as an investment and you plan on selling your home or business. But for those of us who love this place and want to stay here for a lifetime, higher values mean higher taxes-and no one wants that! So, what's the solution? We need a big'a Pizza! Why do I use a pizza analogy? Because it reminds me of a Yogi Berra story when he was overheard ordering a pizza-when asked how many slices he wanted it cut into, 6 or 8, he thought for a moment and said, "you'd better cut it into six, I can't eat eight." The irony is it doesn't matter how many slices you cut the pizza into, it's still the same size pizza. If you want the pizza to feed more than one, the overall size must grow-thus we need more pizza! In our case, we need to grow our tax base-and we need to do it with redevelopment of underperforming properties and active new development.

So now, the Great News.

We are actively growing our tax base in a big way! This past year, we broke ground on a new industrial park on Tannery Street. The exciting parts of this project are both existing buildings are being refurbished and new buildings are being added to the site. A little north of this site, another brand new commercial building will be built this spring. Add to that, a moth-balled foundry on the east side of the City will be recommissioned sometime later this winter. Although not an easy project, the Cumberland Farms project has made significant progress, major obstacles have been overcome, and we should see ground breaking on this new ultra-modern Cumberland Farms this spring. Again, we're adding new higher value structures to our tax base. The Stevens Mill continues to attract tenants and investment dollars. We are already witnessing and for the rest of 2019 will continue to see the first of a two-phase, two-year \$30M investment become reality. That project alone will noticeably move the "increased tax base" needle! Later this winter, downtown Central Street will see a new American Sports Bar and Grill. Another food/Brew Pub on Central Street is eminent. Staying on Central Street, in the heart of downtown, upgrades and repurposing for three recently purchased building continues with the purchaser, Franklin Savings Bank, leading the way. And speaking of the bank, as most of you in this room know, Franklin Savings Bank is a tremendous benefactor to the City of Franklin. They have stood with us through thick and thin and it is so appreciated. But let's also understand that they are a very astute conservative 150-year-old bank. With that much banking wisdom, I'm sure they also see tremendous opportunity here in the City of Franklin-and they are "banking" on the fact that now is the time we are turning things around. Thank you, Franklin Savings Bank, for standing with this City-we will not let you down. And then, there's our whitewater park. Our whitewater park will be breaking ground this spring and the dream of expanded whitewater kayaking and all the economic

activity that accompanies it, continues to become a reality. We will also see our first solar renewable energy project get commissioned this month. And many more are either in the permitting phase or being proposed. This is so exciting in so many ways. It's adding to our tax base without putting any strain on our municipal services or schools. It is also helping reshape the perception of this City moving from an old dying 19th century mill-town of the past into a sparkling new 21st century clean energy City of the future. You know, in my day job, I go to a lot of cities and towns to build renewable energy projects. And unfortunately, what I typically experience is when those projects are proposed they are often opposed by what I've come to call the clean energy NIMBYs (not in my backyard) crowd. Well, Franklin is the real deal. We embrace renewable energy and we are well on our way to proudly being the renewable energy capital of New Hampshire! Then, most excitingly is our growth in manufacturing. Watts Water Technologies, VITEX Aluminum Extrusions, Patriot Foundry, and the rebirth of another dormant foundry on the east side of the City are leading the way to a growing manufacturing sector in Franklin. Right now, there are more jobs, good jobs, high paying jobs, than there are people to fill them. Opportunities are everywhere in this City.

Are you excited about all the positive things happening in this City? I need you to do three things for me. First, go home and crack open those piggy banks. It doesn't need to be hard cash-just get involved and start being a part of all the great things going on here. Second, spread the good news about what's happening here. Word of mouth is so important, and it will help generate even more momentum. Finally, pray! I had a wonderful meeting with a friend and her son yesterday and they shared with me that they have been praying for the rebirth of this City. Well, it's working-keep it up and I ask all of you to keep the good fortunes of this City in your prayers. If you do these three things, like the lyrics by of that famous Disco song, "Ain't No Stopping Us Now"!

God Bless all of you in 2019 and God Bless the City of Franklin.

Tony Giunta
Mayor - City of Franklin
January 7, 2019

Battle of the Hymn of the Republic sang by the Serendipity Singers & St. Gabriel's Choir

Recess for a RECEPTION AND REFRESHMENTS - 7:25pm

2019 City Council Business

Meeting reconvened at 7:56PM

City Council in attendance

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Karen Testerman, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Vince Ribas

Others in Attendance:

City Manager Judie Milner, Attorney Paul Fitzgerald

Comments from the Public

Leigh Webb, ward 3 resident thanked the City Council for the email with regard to applying for the City Council open seat and made reference to the Special City Council Meeting that will be held next week to review the applicants and their interest in filling the open seat. Mr. Webb stated that he hopes for an expeditious process in choosing this person regardless of who so Ward 3 is fully represented as quickly as possible.

Kandyce Tucker, Franklin's Drug Task Force Coordinator provided an update on the Task Force Activities. Ms. Tucker shared with the Council and public what the planned activities are for the next couple of months. Last month's meeting with Vitex went very well. They attended the Drug Task Force Leadership meeting and provided some insight and feedback to the group. The Task force is working to create a Business Sub-Task Force Committee and having Vitex chair it. A couple of weeks ago, 1400 flyers, regarding underage drinking, were distributed on pizza boxes and 200 flyers about Social Host Liability Laws were distributed at the Liquor Store. The FYI Group at the Middle School recorded two Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about under aged drinking and the Social Host Liability Law which played from December 20th through New Year's. Two more PSA's are planned for the spring. The FYI Group is also planning a Medicine Safety skit for the preschoolers through 2nd grade. A Sticker Shock activity is planned at Hannaford and Cumberland Farms. A fundraiser calendar is also being planned. Ms. Tucker continued with mention of the community ski day at the Veteran's Memorial Ski Area. Listen to the radio station 94.1 for the announced date. Lastly, there will be a networking event in February where the City Manager and department heads will be available to say hello and answer questions from the public. She concluded asking everyone to "like" the Drug Task Force on Facebook. They currently have 500 followers.

Mayor Giunta mentioned that WATTS would like to be part of the Business Sub-Task Force as well.

Ed Prive, Ward 3 resident. Mr. Privy stated that he has included his name in the open City Council Seat. He added that he is a taxpayer, law abiding citizen, and also a veteran. He loved this community and offered his volunteer services to help make our laws stronger. He stated that no one will want to come here to live if we don't fix the school, period. He continued to state that businesses will come and go. He urged every one of the Council to come together on this issue. These children depend on this. They are the future of our City, State, and Country. Mr. Privy volunteers for the Mayor's Drug Task Force and the Merrimack County Juvenile Diversion Program. Mr. Privy concluded stating that the Council has a very tough job in front of them and they don't hear as much when they are doing a great job, only when it's not great. He thanked the City Council and Mayor for all their hard work.

Annette Andreozzi, Ward 3 resident. She stated that she has some concerns regarding support of the WOW Trail Railroad Study. Is the trail only going to be for members of the club only or will the properties and crossings be open to all snowmobilers? The Lakes Region Snowmobile Club is very good at making sure club members know the rules and maintain them. Once other snowmobilers

start using the trail, they may take advantage. Annette asked the Council to consider looking for an escape clause in any agreement or support document allow permission of snowmobilers. If the result of the study allows for 5-year permission but in a year or two we see accidents, trash left on the trail, or there are public safety-oriented issues, that we can get out of this permission granting.

Comments from the Public closed at 8:08PM

City Council Acknowledgement

Councilor Dzujna acknowledged Kurt Wyant from Three Rivers Wreath Company, for creating and donating the large Christmas wreaths displayed on the Wheel at Trestle View Park. Mr. Wyant does this every year for the City.

Legislative Comments

Representative Dave Testerman stated that the Legislature is back in session. The first item on the agenda in the House's new leadership in was to try to disarm the people. Representative Testerman was very disappointed to see that. He continued to share his own thoughts on how School Funding is addressed. With respect to doing the same thing and think the results will be different or better. The Governor acknowledged that there is a study underway to look at the whole school funding issue. He believes that Werner's attempt to change school funding, will get wrapped up in this study. Representative Testerman stated that he will be on the Criminal Law Committee again this year and mentioned there will be a lot of Bills coming this year.

Councilor Dzujna stated that the Governor is making a push for mental health and asked Representative Testerman if he is aware of anything that will help the current Project Aware that we have at the school now.

Representative Testerman replied that he wasn't sure about that one particularly but that mental health is on the agenda. In particular, housing patients needing to be secure for mental health reasons shouldn't be located at the prison just because they have lock up capabilities.

Councilor Karen Testerman stated that she is happy to be here and looking forward to serving Franklin.

Agenda Item I.

Superintendent Dan LeGallo handed out a poster copy of the School's Strategic Plan. This is actually hanging up in the lobby at City Hall. The School Board Committee worked on this document for about a year and will be reviewed/updated if needed every June. This Strategic Plan was also shared with the LEAN Leader Richard Ellert.

Mr. LeGallo announced that the Energy Plaque Dedication will be held on February 18th at 6:30PM at the Middle School. The rebates are starting to come in. Eversource came in at \$114k; Liberty Utilities was \$81k. The total was \$195k; \$28k above what was expected. He is excited about the savings that is coming in.

Mr. LeGallo's team and Tim Dow met with Richard Ellert to discuss the LEAN process in January. Mr. Ellert invited Mr. LeGallo to meet with the City's Department Heads at 12:00 PM. The Principals and Superintendent will be participating in this meeting. A training session with the School Board has also been scheduled

Councilor Brown stated that the Council will have the opportunity to look at the Teacher's Contract soon and was curious on what the bottom line is and if there is an additional cost to the budget. Superintendent LeGallo responded that it is \$212k. Councilor Brown asked Superintendent LeGallo where that money was going to be taken from. LeGallo replied that it needs to be worked out still. Councilor Brown then asked why is the first measure always cutting teachers? LeGallo stated that other positions are cut as well. Not only teachers. He offered to go line by line with Councilor Brown to show how the process is reviewed.

Councilor Brown stated that she was incredibly frustrated last year when she saw areas that were not transparent and a comment was made in one of the School Board meeting minutes that they couldn't do this *particular activity* because the City wouldn't fund us. The comment implied that it is the City Council that decides how the school spends their money. Councilor Brown further added to the comment that sounded like the Council drives the teachers away or that the Council doesn't allow programs and she wonders if others feel the same way about this. That it's all on the City Council and that's why the School is suffering because the City Council won't provide the money. Councilor Brown wanted to make it clear that it is the school who prioritizes the money and what programs to fund. She continued that when she looks at the Teachers Contract, which they absolutely deserve the pay and even more. They do amazing work and deserve every penny. It simply upsets her immensely that they are the first item to look at when cuts must be made. It seems like the school is using them as collateral so they are given more money which is then cut and a savings in return is shown.

Superintendent LeGallo replied stating that the teachers are their number one priority but if the school loses 20 students, the teacher is usually cut due to the student/teacher ratio. LeGallo invited Councilor Brown to come and look at how the process is planned, before judgement is made, based on the number of students. She accepted his invitation and stated that she will.

Councilor Desrochers wonders why the teachers are getting raises when they only get laid off. It just doesn't make sense how this has been going. Superintendent LeGallo replied to this stating that it is his job to adjust the student /teacher ratio and apply raises where needed when he can. LeGallo stated that he has an open-door policy and anyone can come and be part of that process.

Councilor Testerman commented that student's scores are well below what they should be. Although at the State Level, it appears the students are doing well but there are still illiterate students, graduates that can't get jobs, or can't read or write. She asked what is being done to address our low scores and giving the students the tools that they need. There is arguing over how much we're paying teachers or getting the money where it needs to be. We need to see the taxpayer getting a good return for their investment.

Superintendent LeGallo stated that there are changes taking place however mostly at the Elementary School right now and partially at the Middle School. They are looking at how to organize the student's studies rather than by grade.

Mayor Giunta shared that he used to sit on the School Board and one of the most frustrating things was that we have a transient type of City and measuring students throughout their entire education here in Franklin is difficult. Mayor Giunta requested the latest number of transient students and some current numbers to look at.

Agenda Item II.

Council to consider setting a Public Hearing for Resolution #11-19, authorization to borrow to replace ambulance no.2.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council set a Public Hearing date for 6:00PM on February 4, 2019 for resolution 11-19, authorization to borrow to replace ambulance no.2.
Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

Mayor Giunta read aloud Resolution #11-19

RESOLUTION #11-19

A Resolution Relating to the Authorization to Borrow to Replace Ambulance No. 2.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin recognizes the need for two ambulances to provide Emergency Medical Services to the community members of Franklin, **and**;

WHEREAS, the Franklin City Council recognizes ambulance 2 has been out of services often this fiscal year with repair costs of \$10,400, from July to November, **and**;

WHEREAS, the Franklin City Council recognizes the appropriation for the expiring debt service payment for ambulance 1 will fund the debt service for ambulance 2 in the FY2020 budget, **and**;

WHEREAS, the Franklin City Council wishes to finance the purchase not to exceed \$250,000 over a 7-year term, **and**;

WHEREAS, the Franklin City Council recognizes that a grant application has been filed with USDA to help offset cost of this purchase and that any grant funds awarded for this purchase will decrease the amount to be borrowed, **Now;**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, February 4, 2019, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution No. 11-19 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a 7-year note, not to exceed \$250,000, through the entity with the most favorable interest and terms quoted for the City and sign all the necessary paperwork thereof.*

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any grant funds awarded for this purchase will decrease the amount to be borrowed.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	_____	Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Ribas	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Dzujna	_____	Councilor Testerman	_____
Councilor Lauer-Rago	_____	Councilor Moquin	_____	Councilor Trudel	_____

Agenda Item III.

Council to consider setting a Public Hearing for Resolution #12-19, granting the City Manager the authority to file a loan/grant application with USDA Rural Development for Water Main Improvement Projects and to grant authority to accept the loan/grant.

**Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council set a Public Hearing date for 6:00PM on February 4, 2019, for Resolution #12-19, granting the City Manager the authority to file a loan/grant application with USDA Rural Development for Water Main Improvement Projects and to grant authority to accept the loan/grant.
Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

Mayor Giunta read aloud Resolution #12-19

RESOLUTION #12-19

A Resolution Granting Authority to file a Loan/Grant Application with USDA Rural Development, for Water Main Improvement Projects, and to Grant Authority to accept the Loan/Grant.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, after thorough consideration of the nature of its drinking water system needs, hereby determines that in order to continue further improvements to the water distribution system, it is necessary and in the public interest, to apply to USDA Rural Development for a loan/grant application for \$4,655,095 to continue improvements on New Hampton Road, West Bow Street and East Bow Street, **And;

WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin, authorizes the acceptance of the grant/loan with USDA, not to exceed \$4,655,095 and that any grant funds award for this project will decrease the amount to be borrowed, **Now;

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, February 4, 2019, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby authorize Judie Milner, City Manager, to file a loan/grant application with USDA Rural Development for \$4,655,095, to continue water improvement projects on New Hampton Road, West Bow Street and East Bow Street, and;*

***THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Judie Milner, City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a loan agreement with USDA, for an amount not to exceed \$4,655,095 and term not to exceed 20 years, and that any grant funds awarded for this project will decrease the amount to be borrowed and to sign all the necessary paperwork thereof.*

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	_____	Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Ribas	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Dzujna	_____	Councilor Testerman	_____
Councilor Lauer-Rago	_____	Councilor Moquin	_____	Councilor Trudel	_____

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider approval of a 5-year permission term for the Lakes Region Snowmobile Club to obtain access to the City’s property and road crossings and authorize the City Manager to sign the permission form of behalf of the City of Franklin.

Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council approve a 5-year term Snowmobile Trail Permission for the Lakes Region Snowmobile Club’s trail access to the City property and road crossings and authorize the City Manager to sign the permission document on behalf of the City.
Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Ribas stated that there are more than 30 road crossings and we're not requiring any fee. He expressed concern regarding wear on our roads since we already have trouble maintaining them. We should think about imposing a fee.

There was no further discussion.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PERMISSION

Permission is hereby granted to Lakes Region Snowmobile Club
(Name of club or organization)

to provide public **Snowmobile** access on my property. It is understood that use of my property, for said purpose, in no way holds me liable or responsible for accidents which may occur as a result of others using my property as provided for in Chapter 212, Section 34, Laws of the State of New Hampshire (RSA 212:34 Duty of Care).

There shall be no fee for the use of this property. The above named organization agrees to mark, sign, and maintain the property in a proper and safe manner.

The State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails shall also provide a landowner liability insurance policy with coverage of \$2,000,000.00 for trails within the Grant-In-Aid Program.

This agreement shall have a term of:

- ☐ 1. Indefinite
- ☐ 2. 1 year upon approval
- ☐ 3. 5 years upon approval

*THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED FOR ANY CAUSE, BY EITHER PARTY,
UPON THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTIFICATION.

Dated this _____ day of _____ Year

Signature Section

Landowner (Print name)

Address

Zip Code Telephone

Lakes Region Snowmobile Club
Organization or Club Name

Maxwell Duncanson
Organization Officer (Print name)

PO Box 480
Club Address

03235
Zip Code

Landowner Signature

Franklin
Town/City

Trail Administrator

Title (President, Trail Administrator, etc.)

Maxwell Duncanson
Organization Officer's Signature

Franklin
Town/City

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider support of the letter written by the Lakes Region Planning Commission to the FCC correcting cell phone coverage maps and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council support the letter written by the lakes Region Planning Commission to the FCC to correct the 4G LTE Cell Coverage Maps for the region and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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December 10, 2018

RE: Correcting 4G LTE Cell Service Coverage Maps in the Lakes Region - FCC MF-II Challenge

New Hampshire's Federal Delegation, Public Utilities Commission, and Interested Parties:

Poor quality or non-existent telecommunications services are jeopardizing the health and safety of our residents and are constraining economic development in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. Many of our communities in Belknap, Carroll, Merrimack, and Grafton Counties have expressed interest in participating in the Federal Communication Commission's MF-II Challenge. Staff from the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) provided leadership and technical assistance to the Lakes Region Planning Commission who provided equipment and coordinated data collection activities to several municipalities in their efforts to participate in the Challenge process already.

Despite our best efforts, insufficient equipment and technical resources were available to support our communities within the restricted time frame of the MF-II Challenge. This was due in large part to the onerous 75% coverage of each grid cell requirement which would have necessitated extensive use of off-road vehicles in our rural area.

However, because this is such critical issue to our 31 communities located in the geographic center of our state, we are continuing to perform testing in the Lakes Region with the expectation that the FCC will pay attention to the data we are collecting.

Data collected to date suggests the following:

1. Service availability by the major carriers in the Lakes Region area is overstated. Even the major roads in the area, such as Routes 104, 25, 3, 109, and 25 have service below the 5 Mbps as required by the FCC.
2. Given the rural nature of the area, coverage to 75% of each grid is prohibitive especially within the time provided. Many areas are difficult to access due to wetlands, thick growth, and terrain.
3. Many residential areas show little to no service.

Just as telecommunications providers were required to supply landline service decades ago, wireless service has become the "life line" replacement for wired services. The requirements of outdated technologies must be carried forward to the more modern replacement technologies. Failing to do so has serious and well- established safety and economic concerns.

Therefore, we appreciate whatever assistance our federal delegation, PUC and others are able to provide as we, the undersigned communities, advocate for more accurate 4G LTE coverage maps and better cell service for the Lakes Region.

Please sign and return the attached signature page.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Hayes, LRPC Executive Director

December 10, 2018

RE: Correcting 4G LTE Cell Service Coverage Maps in the Lakes Region - FCC MF-II Challenge

Signature Page for the City of Franklin

City of Franklin, Mayor

Agenda Item VI.

1. Committee Reports – None.

2. City Manager Update:

- a. Welcome and Congratulations to the new Fire Chief Michael Foss. Mike was Deputy Chief for the City. His prior roles were Captain and Master Firefighter for the City of Franklin. The official swearing in and badge pinning ceremony will be at the next City Council meeting on February 4th.
- b. Contingent Grant Line Activity:

- We received \$250 in Book Club donations from the Lions.
 - \$195 for the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force was received from Hannaford.
 - There is a zero balance in the Trust Fund for School Funding
- c. Community Partner Highlight – City Manager Milner wanted to recognize certain partners in our community each month. This month, Andrew Curland deserves public mention. Andy is the CEO of VITEX. Andy reached out to the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force and attended a leadership meeting. He is assisting with the concept of bringing together other businesses/partnerships to contribute to the Task Force. We are in the ninth year of a ten-year grant and we are seeking to sustain this effort. Part of the sustainability would provide these businesses training for their supervisory staff and employees in exchange for a fee. Mr. Curland has offered to organize this coalition to support the Task Force. Milner sends a big Thank you to our new partner!
- d. Regional Economic Development Efforts: The Town Administrators of Tilton and Northfield joined Milner to start a monthly meeting since we are all working together in the Economic Development of all our communities. The White-water park is going to affect Tilton and Northfield. Northfield is already calling themselves the Greater Three Rivers Area. The communities are looking at things like hotels for our 100k+ visitors we expect to see. We are also looking to connect the mountain bike trails of our connecting towns as well. The governing bodies of each City/Town will receive updates together as these activities are planned.
- City Manager Milner asked the Council if they would agree to a joint governing meeting as needed. The Council agreed.
- e. LEAN Process Update – During the last meeting on December 18th, three months of tasks were laid out on the Roadmap. A public presentation of the Roadmap, Vision, and Mission Statement is planned for the February 4th City Council Meeting. LEAN expert Richard Ellert will be attending.
- f. Manager's Community Pride Contest: As the City undergoes many transformations, we are looking for funding for a few projects that are planned. We are currently working with and continuing to see funding through private investors and various Federal Grants. In order for us to "pitch" Franklin to investors, we are looking to roll out a Community Project that will show Franklin as a community worth investing in. Milner is creating a contest asking residents to come up with a Community Project Idea. Milner is donating a \$100 gift card for the winner of the contest. The idea doesn't necessarily need explanation of how to fund it although suggestions are welcome on how to fund the project. Complete details, explanation, and submission form are available at the City Manager's office or on the City Website. This Contest is open to everyone. If under 18 years of age, approval from parent or guardian is required. This is a great way to contribute to our Community!
- g. Belmont High School is hosting a NH 101 Forum (like the Pittsfield forum) on January 17th at 6PM. Contact City Manager Milner for more information if needed.

Councilor Dzujna was very happy to hear the news about the regional efforts coming with Tilton and Northfield. During the First Day celebration, Councilor Dzujna spoke with many different people. One woman from Tilton is looking to kick off a Tilton Downtown Committee.

Dzujna asked Milner to give an idea of what she is looking for regarding the Community Pride Contest. Milner replied that anything big or small but that shows great pride of each other and our community. All are invited to read our Mission Statement to help with ideas. She is open to anything.

Mayor Giunta stated that there is still an open Council seat and asked the Council if they can come back together in a meeting to interview and vote on filling the seat next Monday, January 14th at 6PM in Council Chambers. Council consensus was to hold the meeting next Monday.

The 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule was distributed to the Council and they agreed to adopt the new meeting schedule.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Clarenbach.

Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo