



City Council Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019, Council Chambers

Non-Public Session - 5:30 PM

Public Session – 6:00PM

Call to order

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 5:47PM

City Council in attendance:

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Kathy Rago, Councilor Karen Testerman, Councilor Paul Trudel.

Others in attendance:

City Manager Judie Milner

Absent:

Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Vince Ribas, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Starkweather

Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council enter a Non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3, II (I) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Roll Call to enter Non-Public:

Councilor Brown	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Absent</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Lauer-Rago	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Ribas	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>

Motion PASSED.

Non-Public Session began at 5:47PM

Motion to leave Non-Public Session and return to Public Session was made by Councilor Testerman.

Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Public Session reconvened at 5:49PM

Motion made to seal the minutes by Councilor Dzujna because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Councilor Rago.

Roll call to seal the minutes:

Councilor Brown	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Absent</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Lauer-Rago	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Ribas	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>

Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta asked Director Brian Sullivan to lead the Council in the Salute to the flag. All in attendance applauded for Brian as he just recently returned to work after a year-long illness. It was a very joyous moment.

City Manager Milner welcomed Brian back to work on a part-time basis. Further jubilant applause was heard.

Public Hearings

Opened at 6:04PM

Resolution #16-19, regarding the Appropriation and Expenditures of NHDOT TAP Grant Funds for the Construction of a walkway over Trestle Bridge.

Leigh Webb, ward 3 resident asked if there will be an opportunity for public input with regards to the trestle, the platform, walkway on top, etc.

City Manager Milner responded stating that yes there will be an opportunity for public input and planning to have a meeting after the engineers have an actual plan for the bridge to share with everyone.

Mr. Webb asked if there will be any of this discussed at the April 22nd meeting. Milner stated that there will be some brief discussion but not the focus of that meeting because there isn't an engineering design completed just yet.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any further comment on Resolution #19-19. There were none.

Public Hearing on Resolution #16-19 closed at 6:08PM.

Rescission of a Discretionary Easement Granted to One Yellow Rose LLC.

Mayor Giunta asked the public if there was anyone who wishes to provide comments or questions to the Council. There were none.

Public Hearing for the Rescission of a Discretionary Easement Granted to One Yellow Rose LLC.
Closed at 6:08PM.

Mayor Giunta stated that the third Public Hearing regarding the: Extension of the Masonic Lodge Payment Agreement In lieu of Taxes would be REMOVED from the agenda.

Public Hearings closed at 6:09PM

Comments from the Public

Jen Weaver, ward 2 resident and school board member stated that she hopes the Teacher's Contract can be ratified this evening. She stated that it would be nice to send all the teachers some happy news and not an April Fool's Day joke. She stated that the memorandum was put in and hopes that will suffice.

Debra Brown, ward 3 and school board member thanked the Municipal Services for fixing the pothole on rt. 127 and also inquired when the water issue on that road will be addressed. City Manager Milner stated that there isn't a date as of yet. Deb Brown also stated that she would like the Teacher's Contract to come off the table and asked the Council to vote to approve it. She stated that the contract was updated to where it is agreeable to both sides and it's important to move forward as part of their budgeting process and upcoming Joint Finance Meeting.

Kandyce Tucker, the Mayor's Drug Task Force Coordinator provided the following updates to the Mayor and City Council:

- Community Coalition Restart Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 at the Library
- April is National Alcohol Awareness month and the FYI kids are writing and recording a PSA
- FYI performed their medicine safety play for Tiny Twisters and will be performing for Paul Smith School soon
- Annual Community Coalition Survey is live. The link is available on our Facebook page.
 - Whoever completes the survey will be entered to win a \$25 local restaurant gift card.
 - The drawing will be April 15th
- Drug Take Back Day is Saturday April 27th from 10am-2pm at CVS
- The Raffle Calendar Fundraiser sales will begin on May 1st
 - If you would like to donate an item or gift card, Kandyce is looking for donations until April 29th.

Chief Goldstein updated the Council on work that he's been involved in with the Drug Task Force. He stated that the Task Force will inform the Legislative Committee that the age allowed to purchase and possess tobacco products should be changed to 21. This will include vaping. Many other states and communities are already doing this.

Councilor Dzujna stated that we currently have a No Smoking Ordinance in the park and asked if this includes vaping. Chief Goldstein was not sure but will bring it to the next Legislative Committee meeting to discuss. Mayor Giunta asked Councilor Brown to include this in the next Police Committee Meeting.

There were no further questions or comments.

Annette Andreozzi, ward 3 resident announced that tomorrow in the Franklin High School Library at 3PM, the 1st meeting of a new group called the "Franklin Team" will participate in the Granite State Challenge. Any 8th - 11th grader that qualifies can participate in the Granite State Challenge. This is similar to the game, Jeopardy. The first test, which will determine if the student qualifies, will be in November. If anyone has questions, they can contact Annette Andreozzi, the High School Principal Carrie Charette, or the Superintendent Dan LeGallo.

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

Public Comments closed at 6:16PM

Legislative Comments

Representative Werner Horn, Merrimack County 2nd District, voting wards 1 & 2 of Franklin and the Community of Hill stated that he serves on Finance 2 at the State House and if anyone has questions regarding any recent headlines, he would be happy to answer them.

Horn mentioned that when he was absent from a House committee meeting, while addressing a Bill in another part of the State House, a vote was taken to remove the Governor's entire 3-year Capital Infrastructure Revitalization Fund Project. He further explained that there are two pools of money that the budget deals with. Ways and Means is "expected" money and if revenues come in above those, that money will also be spent. The other pool of money is budget surplus money and designated in the CIFR fund; a shopping list that the state would like to do. If there is only \$100M in that fund and the item at the top of the list costs \$100M, then there is no item number two because there's no funding for it. If Franklin's request is last on the list, the odds of getting it fulfilled depends on the revenues that state brings in. In reference to Franklin's White-Water Park, what happened was that it was one of the very last items on the list and not guaranteed money.

Representative Horn stated that he pointed out to the Finance Committee that this process is intellectually dishonest and hypocritical. The budget will be presented to the House on Wednesday, April 10th and will be voted on the week after.

City Manager Milner asked Representative Horn when crossover is and he replied that, technically, it is supposed to be this week but will be a week later this year.

Councilor Rago asked Representative Horn what the community should do to put pressure on those who it needs to be placed on. Should we write Letter to the Editor? Representative Horn stated that at this point, the Finance Committee members who would have been inclined to restore the CIFR, but lack the votes to do it. At this point, he's not sure if the recent development with the removal of \$1.5M can be put back in. The language was pulled from HB2 and without that language in there, he doesn't know if the Senate could act on it. Representative Horn stated that the Senate has different rules that he is not fully familiar with. Horn suggested that Rago reach out to Senator French and ask if the CIFR can be restored to HB2 when the Senate receives it.

Representative Horn stated that he thinks that the budget will be vetoed. This budget has a lot of bad language in it and Horn doesn't believe it is being built on any solid plan. The County budget was approved in March and shows a 2% increase in County taxes. At the start of the budget process, there was actually a 3% increase in County taxes however the diligent agency department heads went through and eliminated 1% of spending which allowed a 2% increase instead of the 3%.

Councilor Dzujna stated that a few months ago, the governor made 27 cities and towns, Opportunity Zones. How will the recent Capital Gains tax affect Opportunity Zones? Horn replied that he doesn't know how this would affect the Opportunity Zones however; Timberland Association is concerned because in timber cutting, the logging industry is directly impacted. Logs are considered capital gains. The logging industry will see a significant impact. Councilor Dzujna asked Representative Horn if the Opportunity Zones were brought up at all. Representative Horn stated it was not brought up or even mentioned.

City Manager Milner stated that this was the first thing that came to her mind as well because Opportunity Zones take advantage of Capital Gains tax. There are billions of dollars in the United States that is just sitting there, unrealized, because no one wants to sell the asset and get hit with a Capital Gains tax. Opportunity Zones are a Federal Relief from the Capital Gains tax if someone invests in Opportunity Zones and Franklin, in its entirety, qualifies as an Opportunity Zone. This may make people rethink about investing in an opportunity zone because they won't see the same tax relief unless the state follows the opportunity zone rules for the Capital Gains tax. Milner stated that we will be keeping an eye on this.

City Council Acknowledgements

At Councilor Desrochers's request, Mayor Giunta recognized Veteran Ray Bacon who passed away on March 9th. Mr. Bacon served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from March 18, 1952 to March 15, 1955.

Councilor Trudel thanked all of those involved in the Franklin Animal Shelter Fundraiser recently. The volunteers and board members participated in the 15th Annual Saving PAWS Triathlon that was held at Fun Spot in Laconia. This is the first year the Franklin Animal Shelter has participated and took home 3rd place!

Councilor Trudel also sent a thank you to Northfield Police Chief John Raffaely and his wife Christine, whom were also part of the Franklin Animal Shelter Team.

Councilor Trudel also gave a special Thank You to Starr Lawton the owner of Funspot and who also hosted the event. Thank you to Fred Caruso, who was the Master of Ceremonies. Fred recommended the Franklin Animal Shelter be a recipient of the funds raised during this event.

The fundraiser collected over \$57K. The Franklin Animal Shelter came in 3rd place and will receive 25% of that amount. Trudel asked the board members and volunteers of the Franklin Animal shelter to stand.

Tom and Lisa Seymour, Christopher Hebert, Sharon Trudel, Donna VanderClute, Tracy and Samantha Wood, George and Christine Dzujna, Anne Howe, JJ Winters, Amy Pariseau, Chuck North, Scott Burns, and team cheer leader Jeff Brewer. Applause was provided from all in attendance.

Pawsome Foursome team members, Northfield Police Chief John Raffaely, his wife Christine Raffaely and Sharon Trudel.

Councilor Dzujna stated that he spoke to Starr Lawton who complimented the Franklin Animal Shelter on their improvements and growth.

Councilor Brown gave a shout out to Franklin's Footlight Theatre Production of Singing in the Rain. She expressed her joy and excitement on how professional it was and that she thought it was one of the best performances she has seen here in Franklin. Councilor Ribas was a cast member in the play and did an incredible job.

Councilor Ribas recognized Dan Darling who always does an amazing job as the Franklin Opera House Director. Dan brings in many wonderful productions which attract many people from outside of Franklin into our beautiful City. Mr. Darling also sought the attention of the Concord Monitor's front page Arts section which helped attract people here and most notably, people from Massachusetts. A highlight of the Singing in the Rain production was how Mr. Darling made it rain on stage! Thank you for sharing your talents Dan Darling.

Councilor Testerman thanked the Franklin Fire Department for providing a tour, ride along, and a glimpse of how the team trains. She encouraged everyone to visit the station and see first hand what the fire department faces every day.

Mayor's Update

While returning from his Florida trip, Mayor Giunta noticed an attractive brochure about Punta Gorda, Florida inside a magazine. The more he looked through this brochure, the more he realized how much it mirrored our own Franklin's LEAN process. It called out all their strengths, described reasons why people should visit Punta Gorda, it also had a Vision Statement. The Mayor was very impressed by this brochure and gave it to the City Manager in hopes it will bring inspiration and creativity as Franklin considers doing something similar.

Agenda Item I

Council to consider the minutes of the February 25th Special City Council Meeting, the minutes of the March 4th City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the March 15th Special City Council Meeting.

**Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the February 25th Special City Council Meeting, the minutes of the March 4th City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the March 15th Special City Council Meeting.
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

Councilor Ribas requested amendments to the minutes. There were no objections to the amendments that were provided to Audrey Lanzillo.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

**Motion - Councilor Brown moved to take the Teacher's Contract off the table_and open a discussion on this subject.
Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

Councilor Brown stated that she, along with Councilors Testerman, Rago, and Dzujna met with School Board Chair Tim Dow, School Board Member Deb Brown, Superintendent Dan LeGallo and Business Administrator Jefferson Braman to discuss the contract process and concerns from both sides. Brown stated that it was a good meeting and felt that everyone walked away with an understanding of each other and made progress working through items together.

Councilor Rago discussed several concerns that pertain to the Teacher's Contract. She read aloud excerpts from the Memo of Understanding which led her to review the City Charter C-5

and Chapter 82-1. In summary, the City Council is fiscally responsible for Franklin School District. Rago stated that she is in full support of the teachers of Franklin and also has a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Franklin as a City Councilor. Rago also stated that her main concern is not the Janus issue but rather the financial piece. She asked the school district how they can afford an increase of \$221K in teachers' salaries. Student population is down to 870 students and the school district expects to be \$335K in the red at the beginning of the year. Rago requested the calculations of the salary increases from Business Administrator Jefferson Braman and based on those calculations, it appears that the school district can afford those increases. Braman stated that there is a \$650K Fund balance. Still, concerns were expressed because of the expected \$335K in the red come the new budget year FY2020. Rago requested further explanation from Superintendent LeGallo and Business Administrator Jefferson Braman especially since the City Council has new members and the public that weren't part of that meeting.

Mayor Giunta requested that Superintendent LeGallo and Business Administrator Braman break down the numbers mentioned and discuss what the balance sheet would look like.

Business Administrator Jefferson Braman explained to the Council that the \$650K is part of the recognized savings of the current teacher staff. There is approximately \$478K of budget savings with the current staff. The Health Insurance Costs showed a savings of \$245K for the year. This is approximately \$723K of expected savings. Braman stated that the little extra should be held for unexpected expenses especially since Health Insurance can be somewhat fluid if a qualifying event should occur during the year.

Councilor Rago thanked Business Administrator Braman for the explanation and commented on Article 12.3 in the contract which also states that the Teacher's Contract should be posted on the SAU Website for transparency sake. Rago requested from Superintendent LeGallo and the School Board to allow Braman to send their school district budget to the City in an excel spreadsheet format. Rago further expressed hopes that next year, a few City Council members could sit in and observe the contract negotiations for the simple reason that the City Council is ultimately financially responsible for both budgets. If a Council member were allowed to have sat in on this past negotiation, it may not have been tabled for a couple of months. She concluded stating that she was in support of the teacher's contract.

Business Administrator Braman replied stating that he would have to find out if Council members can sit in on contract negotiations and he also mentioned that the application used for the budget only seems to allow it to be exported in a PDF format but possibly Finance Director Frank Lossani can help figure out a good way or format to share this with the Council.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further questions or comments for Superintendent LeGallo or Business Administrator Braman. There were none.

Mayor Giunta asked the Council for their vote of taking the original motion for approval of the Teacher's Contract in front of us as if it had never been on the table.

Councilor Testerman stated that she served as a teacher and supports the work they do. She does not oppose the pay scales or benefits. She stated that she has a number of concerns regarding this contract. She commended those who included section 14-1 that reassures the public that there would be no loss of classroom time due to lockouts or strikes. The new website is impressive and congratulated those who were part of its' redesign. Testerman continued to state how important transparency is as stated in section 12-3.3 and by putting a copy of the contract on the SAU website. She stated her concerns as her fiduciary responsibility to the City's taxpayers. Because of the Janus wording in the draft form of the contract, she stated that she would not vote to support the draft form presented at the February City Council Meeting. She also mentioned the current version contains items that were not in the first draft of the contract and is missing some financial information that was present in the original draft copy. The additions and omissions raised questions in her mind. A main concern of Testerman's is that any teacher's voluntary absence from class should not fall on the taxpayers of Franklin. She concluded by stating how disappointing it is that more care was not taken in reviewing it first prior to presenting the contract to the City Council both in December and in March.

Mayor Giunta asked the Council if there were any further questions or comments relating to the Approval of the Teacher's Contract. There were none.

7 in Favor. 1 Opposed. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II

Superintendent LeGallo provided a monthly update to the Council. He stated that the second LEAN session will be held tomorrow evening on April 2nd at 6PM at the SAU office. LeGallo also stated that he has been in touch with the School lawyer regarding the Con Val lawsuit and the lawyer will be meeting with the board before their April Board meeting to discuss possibilities. Information that comes from this meeting will be shared with the Council.

LeGallo invited the principals of each of his schools to provide a quick update and overview of how their schools are doing.

The principal of the Paul Smith School Sue Blair provided an update to the City Council. The school data does not show what kind of lives the children lead. It is not known what their experiences are when they walk in the door from school. This impacts everything that is planned for the students at Paul Smith School. She referred to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and teaches her staff to understand the outside, after school things that can happen and cause a student's behavior to be different. Blair continued to explain that this process of learning happens the moment they walk in the door. Are they excited and ready to be there and learn? If they are not, the school helps them through whatever it is so they can be excited and ready. Principal Sue Blair provided the Council with data which included up to the first six months of school this year as well as information from the heart. She encouraged the Council to review

the information in the folder and invited the Council to visit at any time to see what they are doing first hand.

Principal Sue Blair also provided the Council with information on the different tiers and their meaning. She also explained how the new reading program begins. It starts off using Fountas and Pinnell and then later incorporates Leveled Literacy Intervention. Blair recognized Mel ? who is a candidate for Teacher of the Year 2020. Mel is one of thirty-eight possible winners and Principal Blair expressed her joy of seeing how the process unfolds for the teacher of the year contestants. Blair further informed the Council that Paul Smith made it to stage 2 as School of the Year and honored to be one of five schools that made it to stage 2.

Mr. Ken Darcy, the Principal of the Franklin Middle School updated the Council on his efforts in making a seamless transition from Paul Smith to the Middle School and then to the High School. One way he is doing this is by providing a consistent environment of shared leadership. Decisions are made as shared leaders. He shared a daily schedule and explained what WIN means to the school and the students. These are scheduled intervention instruction times that won't interfere with what is going on in the classroom. Darcy provided a reading report and stated that just under 20% of students have increased their reading level in a short time. In Math, more than 20% of the students showed improvements. Testing happens three times every year (Fall, Winter, Spring). Principal Darcy asked the students if they can offer reasons of why their scores increase. The students stated it was because they know the teachers and staff actually care about them.

Carrie Charette, Principal of Franklin High School shared some information on the Running Start program at the High School which provides the students with college credit opportunities. She shared that the numbers of students who were awarded members of the National Honor Society have increased. SAT and PSAT scores were shared with the Council. Principal Charette concluded with how proud she is of the Robotics Team and will be sharing their latest successes and what it means to be part of this team to the Council. Karma Corner holds new and used clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and laundry detergent. The High School has partnered with the Twin Rivers Food Panty so they can now make food available to the students and also be included in the back-pack program.

Charette stated that the Robotics team partnered with Sears and Franklin Savings Bank and will be receiving two brand new clothes washers and two brand new clothes dryers. This team is changing the culture simply by showing how much they care about one another.

Following suite with Paul Smith and The Middle School, The High School plans to implement "What I need Now", an advisory block remediation time which will help so that students aren't falling behind.

Councilor Rago asked Principal Charette how many students have been invited to the Saint Paul School Summer Advanced Studies Program. Charette replied that based on last year, there were 8-10 students who applied.

Councilor Testerman commended Principal Sue Blair for dedication and collaboration between the schools and she further added that when she was a student, she was part of a laboratory school where the teachers would get together on a regular basis to discuss the progress and shortfalls of the students and work together to help students who need it.

School Board Tim Dow expressed his gratitude and feeling honored to serve on the school board with the current administration. The Council and taxpayers want to see results from the schools and ask every year what we are getting for the funding provided. He stated that the teachers and staff work tirelessly for the students of Franklin. Test results show improvements in our schools. There are plans to further discuss implementing a similar "academy" program that Paul Smith and The Middle School are using and move it all the way through High School. Dow thanked all the teachers and administrators for all their amazing work. He further expressed his gratitude for the Council ratifying the Teacher's Contract tonight. Dow postponed his planned vacation departure so that he could be here tonight and speak on behalf of the teachers and administration.

Councilor Brown stated that she observed the program at Paul Smith and was impressed at how much the kids were involved and engaged. She added that we are on the right track and retain the good teachers. She requested that we all focus on helping and growing the kids all the way through the system and to the best extent that is possible, meet them where they are educationally and grow from there. She stated how much she enjoys attending the School Board meeting to hear about the good things that are happening.

Mayor Giunta thanked Councilor Brown and asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none. Mayor Giunta agreed with Councilor Brown stating that there are many good things happening in Franklin and the local businesses want to be engaged and help move the City forward.

Principal Sue Blair shared that she was approached by a principal and others in education while she was in Concord NH recently. They were all genuinely impressed and asking questions about what was implemented at Paul Smith and how they can learn more and possibly begin the same program at their schools.

Mayor Giunta transitioned from one good topic to another and was excited to welcome the Robotics Team to share all the great work they have been doing.

Agenda Item III.

The Robotics team introduced themselves to the Council as follows:

- * Elizabeth Guillotte FHS sophomore and Robotics Team Captain
- * Daniel Watts, FHS sophomore and Robotics Safety Team member
- * Richard Mazur, FHS sophomore and Robotics Drive Team member

- * Xiomara Head, FHS sophomore and Robotics Coding, Building, Business, and Drive team member
- * Pierre Guillotte, FMS 8th grader and Robotics Drive Team and other Tristen Ellen, FHS grade and Robotics Safety Team.
- * Team Mentors: Leda Guillotte, Randy Dickson, and Emily Daniel

Team Captain Elizabeth Guillotte began a slide show depicting how the team works together and what they are working on. Each of the students took turns providing commentary on each of the following slides.

Franklin Robotics Team 7314



After being approached by Ian McCraig of Team 1721 (Concord Tidal Force), Franklin High School started their own team last year.

He worked with the FHS principal to apply for the state grant to start a team. We received a DOE start up grant, a FIRST hardship grant this year of \$3500, and sent mailers out to seek additional community sponsorship.

We faced many challenges, but we learned how to put more financing in place.

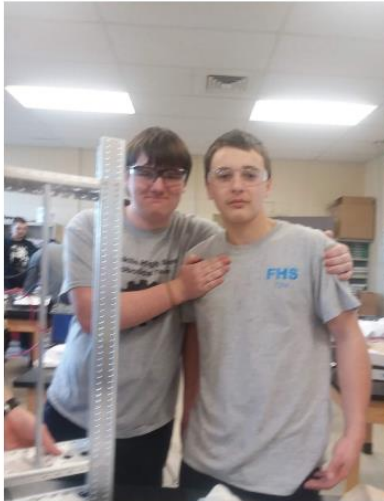
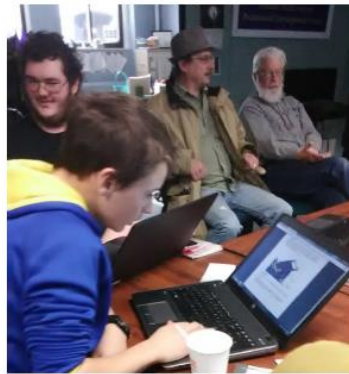


Major Sponsors

- FIRST Robotics
- Team 1721
- Watts
- EEI
- Franklin Savings Bank
- Sears
- Benson Auto
- Tilton AutoServ
- C and C Auto
- Franklin Elks
- Walmart
- Hannaford
- Franklin McDonald's
- Private Citizen Donors
- Other Community Donors

The School District has also been helpful in offering tech support, SAU coordination, administrative support, van access and school board support.

Team development and bonding



Our Biggest Obstacle

- Getting a rather eccentric gathering of students part of a team, but also of part and something more global.

How We Achieved This?

- The institution of mandatory team dinners.

Once attending meets, they saw the concept of coopertition and gracious professionalism in practice and things became much more real for them.



Important FIRST Terms

“At FIRST, **Coopertition** is displaying unqualified kindness and respect in the face of fierce competition. **Coopertition** is founded on the concept and a philosophy that teams can and should help and cooperate with each other even as they compete. **Coopertition** involves learning from teammates. It is teaching teammates.”

-Dean Kamen

“**Gracious Professionalism** is part of the ethos of FIRST. It's a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. With **Gracious Professionalism**, fierce competition and mutual gain are not separate notions.”

-Woody Flowers

Community Mentors

- Watts has provided a safety mentor and upcoming robotics engineer, donated tools and supplies.
- LRCC has offered us 2 capstone students for next year from their brand new Advanced Manufacturing Degree Program. They have reached out to offer FHS additional running start classes that coordinate with the needs of our robotics program.
- Amanda Berquist, previous business admin has taught students business planning.
- Business liaison and parent mentor Roxanne Mazur assists with organization, fundraising, and team feeding.
- Tim Dow's wife has made team t-shirts, which he delivered at 6 a.m. the morning of our 1st event.



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Chris Drever from PSU network department has worked diligently with our students. He is sharing his knowledge and guidance.

➤ Home grown engineering graduate and Franklin Alum Emily Daniel is working with our programming students.

➤ Tech teacher Randy Dickson has given his time and space working with students. He teaches them tool usage and safety.



➤ Principal Carrie Charette has been a great supporter and gets right in working with the participants.

➤ Dan Legallo has been very accommodating in supporting last minute travel arrangements and might even have been seen at his own son's robotics events wearing a Franklin T-shirt.

➤ Paul Childs, CAP teacher, who shared his knowledge of First



"It's not just about the robot" -Dean Kamen

First Participants...



Outreach

First looks at the whole student. They look to develop well rounded, empathetic human beings. As participants, they require outreach of all their teams.

Karma Korner

Students have painted, stocked, supplied, and maintained this space while networking with both corporate and community sponsors to do so.

Space is available to all students just asking ANY staff member. No identifiers taken. Safe and confidential. Meeting the needs at FHS that students don't have access to other wise.

Food, clothing, coats, blankets, toiletries, school supplies, shoes and more can be obtained free of cost.



Feed the Need

- We started a weekend food program
- Startup of \$100 from 1721
- Thank you Interfaith Food Pantry
 - Sustainability grant
- First 250lb delivery was on the 12th
- Thank you Brenda Patelle in food service
 - Ensuring anonymity



Karma Korner's Newest Addition

- We sent letters to community members
- Goal; two sets of washers and dryers
 - Due to lower student attendance
- Thank you Sears and FSB for your donations
 - Sears sold to us for cost, FSB gave us a \$1500
- April 3rd is the tentative delivery date

Recognitions



Last June, our team was asked to go to the state house to represent First NH as we were awarded the Rookie of the year award and the High Seed Rookie awards at the UNH District event.

Elizabeth Guillotte, was asked to speak to the assembly of the top 50+ grossing STEM related industries in NH. She spoke of the impact of First Robotics on students.

She also spoke on the shift in strong women in STEM fields. She noted how First has impacted her vision of her desire to enter the engineering field in college and the confidence it has imparted to her. She presented both Governor Sununu and Dean Kamen with team shirts at this event.



Recent Achievements

- Weekend of the 15th- Bedford Event
 - Judges Award
- Last weekend UNH- Elizabeth Guillotte Dean's List

This is a small (7 member) team, but they are doing amazing things in and for their community. We look forward to seeing what these amazing individuals will contribute to our futures.

This was the conclusion of the slide presentation.

Principal Carrie Charette stated that the team was invited to go to the State House last June since they won many awards last year as the rookie team. Many of the other teams had adults speaking on their student's behalf but for Franklin, Elizabeth Guillotte took the lead and spoke to over 100 people of her passion and how much she has grown since joining this team. Elizabeth spoke with the Governor and others, answering questions and providing them with Robotics team t-shirts.

At the Bedford Event, the students received the Judges Award – this award isn't always given out so this is a special award given to a team which shows unique effort, performance or dynamics. Charette further explained the detailed qualifications of being nominated for this type of award. Grand applause was given to the students. Principal Charette also stated that Elizabeth was recognized for the Dean's List and will be working with other schools to help get them started with their Robotics Programs. She read a description of the characteristics of a Dean's list member. Participation in these types of groups opens up the opportunity for additional scholarships.

Principal Charette concluded by stating how very proud she is of the Robotics team and what a pleasure it has been watching them grow and come out of their shells. She also added that there is no longer grant money to fund the First Robotics team which means all of the students have to find sponsors and fund their own projects.

Team Captain, Elizabeth Guillotte lead the presenting of the team's latest creation; a robot named Charlie Titan.

Councilor Dzujna commended Team Captain Elizabeth Guillotte and the entire Robotics Team.

Councilor Trudel was also very impressed and stated how wonderful it is to see creative young men and women in our own community. He also stated that he is a big fan of Battle Bots and hopes to see the Franklin Robotics team on TV someday.

Councilor Brown asked Team Captain Elizabeth Guillotte if she could speak to a question that the Airforce Academy asked the Franklin Robotics Team. Elizabeth responded stating that First Robotics is held to a very high standard and an Airforce Academy Interviewer ask a very specific question of whether the student is a First Alum. If they are, they receive precedence over the others since they don't have as much experience.

Mayor Giunta advised Elizabeth to reach out to Vitex and tell them about what the team is doing. He then shared a story of his college days and always curious as to why the answers were always in the back of the book. His professor told him that the reason for this isn't about the answer itself, it's about getting the student to think. Mayor Giunta also stated that creating the robot is amazing but even more important, is working together and problem solving as a team. He praised the team for their efforts and told them how proud he was of all of them.

Team Captain Elizabeth Guillotte explained the requirements of the task and the rules of the current game. This included the timeline in which the robot must be completed by. The entire team then gave a hands-on introduction of Charlie the Robot. Applause was provided by all.

Councilor Testerman asked Elizabeth if the game changes when the team participates internationally. Elizabeth responded stating that the robot stays the same but the other challenges would be different and the teams they encounter are more advanced. Testerman also asked Elizabeth what the biggest challenge was this past year and Elizabeth replied that the biggest challenge was the low team numbers and low mentor numbers which can also make it hard to delegate like the larger teams can.

Councilor Ribas asked what the average size of a team is normally and Elizabeth replied that there are many different sizes and some teams even large enough to fill Council Chambers.

Mayor Giunta asked if Director Sullivan was still in the room but he was not. Mayor Giunta stated that if he were, he surely would be asking the team to come down to the garage and look at some of his equipment. Laughter was heard in the room. Mayor Giunta thanked all of

the Robotics Team for presenting tonight. Applause was given to the entire Team including their mentors Leda Guillotte, Randy Dickson, and Emily Daniel!

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #16-19, relating to the Appropriation and Expenditures of NHDOT TAP Grant Funds for the construction of a walkway over Trestle Bridge.

**Motion - Councilor Brown moved that the Franklin City Council vote to approve Resolution #16-19, for the acceptance of a NHDOT Transportation Alternatives Program grant, in the amount of \$512,000.00, and approve these new revenues, along with a required match of \$128,000.00, and the expenditures of these funds for engineering and construction work associated with the pedestrian walkway over the Trestle Bridge to connect the Mill City Park and the Winnepesaukee River Trail, together with other pedestrian safety improvements. I further move that the 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 Dzujna.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion to the motion.

**Motion - Councilor Ribas requested an amendment to the motion stating that the wording in the Resolution document needs to be fixed on page 2. The correct numeric amounts stated do not match the written amounts in the description beside the numbers.
Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion to the amended motion. There was none.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any further discussion to the original motion. There was none.

Roll call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Absent</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Lauer-Rago	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>Absent</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider approval of the Rescission of a Discretionary Easement granted to One Yellow Rose LLC.

**Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that Franklin City Council rescind the discretionary easement granted to One Yellow Rose LLC in August of 2017 and recorded in January 5, 2018.
Seconded by Councilor Brown.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Clarenbach stated that for the sake of Public knowledge, One Yellow Rose LLC is the Mojalaki Country Club.

Councilor Rago requested a status of where Mojalaki stands with the City. City Manager Milner stated that she believes there is a purchase and sales on the table and the City hasn't had any pushback on the rescission of this property. She stated that there was always a couple of holes on the Hearst property and an easement from them for the holes on their property but that is all.

Councilor Testerman asked if the City Manager knew the intent of the new buyers but there is no information to share on that at this time.

Councilor Clarenbach wants to know if the discretionary easement, that was previously in place, was similar to a current use easement. If it stays in discretionary easement, would the new buyers have to pay to get it out if they were to make it a housing development or something like that? If the City Council rescinds this tonight, would the City have undone a benefit that the Community could receive. Will this be jeopardizing the City by not collecting the monies that would have been collected for previous years.

City Manager Milner responded stating that she reviewed the Discretionary RSAs and didn't find anything with a penalty like what is seen on Current Use RSAs. She continued to explain that rescinding the easement going forward, if it is sold for anything other than a golf course and it wasn't rescinded tonight, it wouldn't follow them forward. In the RSA, there isn't a provision for a penalty like you see in the RSA for Current Use.

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

A roll call vote is not required for this action.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VI.

Masonic Association Extension of Payment in Lieu of Taxes – this topic was removed from the agenda.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider waiving the vendor fees for the annual Community Day event on May 11th at Odell Park.

Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for the Farmers Market at Marceau Park.

Seconded by Councilor Testerman.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Ribas asked what arrangement have been made to address Liability and other use of the park with co-locating businesses.

Parks and Recreation Director Krystal Alpers replied that all of the vendors that are participating have to provide a certificate of insurance.

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

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for the Winni Rivers Days in Trestle View Park.

Seconded by Councilor Brown.

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

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Other Business

1. Mayor Appointments: Mayor Giunta re-appointed Tim Flaherty as an Alternate Member to the Planning Board of Adjustment (seat PB10), term of service is 3 years to January 2022.
2. Committee Reports:
 - a. Councilor Trudel informed the Mayor that a Legislative Committee meeting is being ironed out with several items possibly on the agenda and is working with Executive Secretary Audrey Lanzillo to get it scheduled sometime in May. He also stated that Chair Councilor Desrochers is away and will be back on May 1st to help create the agenda.
 - b. Councilor Testerman is scheduling a Police Committee Meeting and will be inviting Fire Chief Foss since he is the Emergency Response Manager. This

meeting is mainly in response to the recent Presidential Executive Order regarding Electric Magnetic Pulse Dangers. It would be devastating if the entire state lost electricity. This committee meeting will be held on April 10th, 5:30pm at the Police Department.

Resident Leigh Webb requested to speak to Mayor Giunta stating that he believes that part of the discussion from Agenda Item VI regarding waiving the fees for Community Day didn't occur but is in the packet.

Council stated it was discussed and approved at last month's City Council Meeting.

3. City Manager's Report:

- a. Council members, please sign the frame matts on the table next to Audrey for new businesses Dominos and Vulgar Brewing.
- b. Contingent Grant Line Activity for the month – received \$1,000 from Albert C. Jones for the EMS 360 Sponsorship Program.
- c. The Education Trust Fund holds a total of \$69.26.
- d. Thank you, Chief Goldstein who presented a great segment on Managing First Responder's Stress during the City Manager Milner's, first ever, hosting for the Lakes Region Managers Group Meeting.
- e. Thank you, Downtown Coordinator Neil Cannon for spending 80 hours during his vacation to write the City's \$750,000 grant for the CDFA's Tax Credit Application.
- f. Thank you, Planning and Zoning Director Dick Lewis for spending numerous hours on the USDA World Development Application for the City's Opportunity Zone Grant.
- g. Testimony update – Milner testified on March 11th at the Lakes Region Community College on Adequate Education Funding (House Bill 709). She was accompanied by the Berlin School District. On March 18th, written testimony was submitted due to waiting all day to verbally testify regarding the Mill City Park one-time appropriation in the budget. She also testified in writing on House Bill 97.
- h. The Governor held a press conference on March 21st. Mayor Giunta, City Manager Milner, and Marty Parichand attended. When Marty spoke about one-time appropriation, people in the audience took notice and began to realize that this will actually make money and pay back and continue paying back. There were people standing behind Milner and Mr. Parichand and were leaning over to them while at the microphone at the Statehouse, saying what a neat project this is.
- i. Now the bad news. The House Finance Committee voted to remove the appropriations. The one-time appropriations were in the budget with one-time revenues. Milner continued to state that the disappointing piece of all of this, is that it is being politically lumped together with other projects around the state. This project is a project that the Downtown Development Group brought to the Governor through Commissioner Taylor Caswell. The City brought it to the

Statehouse before the one-time appropriations was ever even known. Milner stated that it's a great idea for the state to partner with the City on this because the state would receive funding in return and other communities would benefit as well. This is why this project was in One-time Appropriates; because it makes sense and because it would be funded with One-time revenue. Milner stated that the City will continue to push this. Reporters contacted Milner immediately after the information was made public and she stated that she was unsure of what to say but to her surprise they didn't want information for a news story but rather asked how they could help. Lobbyists provided advice on what Franklin can do to get the message out there. Editorials will be published but spread out over time from members of City Council, City Manager Milner and Marty Parichand. Milner sent a letter requesting support to the Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBIDC) and will be sending information to the City Council on how reach out to the Senate Finance Committee. We need to pitch how this \$1.5M would be paid back to the State of NH within seven years. Possibly with room and meals tax from business generated from this project. A Mill City Park Update will be held on 4/22 at 6PM. This will be in addition to the regularly scheduled LEAN workshop meeting. If anyone would like to show support and needs information on who to contact and how, please call the City Manager Judie Milner. Milner also stated that Richard Ellert will be attending the City Council Workshop on Monday night in support of the LEAN update portion of the meeting.

- j. City Manager's Office 5s exercise: Milner stated that she hopes everyone has stopped by to see it and feels the office flow works much better. She apologized if anyone has seen the tables of supplies and old office items out in the lobby. It was quite messy while progress and re-organizing was happening. There will be 2-3 more Fridays set aside to finish up the LEAN process in the City Manager's office.
- k. Director Lossani and City Manager Milner were invited to speak to Choose Franklin. The topic was Budget 101 and was very well received. Milner stated that quite a few people approached her after the meeting and told her that they had no idea what went into the municipal budget process. She thanked Choose Franklin for inviting her and Frank to speak at their meeting.
- l. On March 13th, City Manager Milner accompanied Drug Task Force Coordinator Kandyce Tucker to help deliver Community Partner Awards to participating Pizza Box Sticker Shock locations as follows: Tilton House of Pizza, Al's Pizza, Pizza Chef, and JJ's.
- m. Mill City Pak Annual Dinner was held on March 16th where our very own Krystal Alpers won the Volunteer of the Year Award! Applause was heard from all.
- n. City Manager Milner attended the American Council of Engineers Companies Award Event, where Stanley Mill won an award for the engineering with regards to the current Brownfield clean-up project. This award was given to Novis who has been assisting the City with the \$2M clean-up project. At the event, each

company shared before and after photos of their project and what it meant to their community. Mayor Giunta shared a large photo of Franklin's Project and will be located at the Planning and Zoning office for anyone who would like to see it.

- o. Amy Slattery from Annie Kuster's office visited on March 28th to discuss projects going on in Franklin. Milner stated that she pointed out many things that are now completed which means that she remembers and it makes Milner feel good because she may have forgotten to bring something specific ahead. The City will receive assistance for the USDA Rural Development Grant for our Opportunity Zones.
- p. The City Clerks Office will be closed at noontime on April 16th to complete the LEAN process for their office. They will also be closed all day on April 3rd, for a Tax Collector's Workshop and also closed on May 8th for a Clerk's Workshop.
- q. The FY2020 Budget: Milner stated that the City's budget will be presented to the Council on May 6th. The Superintendent asked if the School Budget Review can occur on May 7th instead of May 8th. The City Council was ok with May 7th.
- r. Milner reached out to Superintendent LeGallo regarding setting up the Joint Finance Committee Meeting for Tuesday April 16th at 6pm at City Hall.
- s. The NH Supreme Court Hearing on the Northern Pass Appeal is scheduled for 9am on May 15th. The Council is welcome to sit and listen only. There is no speaking role for the City at this meeting. Milner stated that she is planning to go and listen to this hearing.
- t. The City Manager's Community Pride Contest: There were 9 fantastic submissions. And the Winner is...Colby Morrill who created Kayak Man. The community can put this together with 11 Kayak donations. We hope this will be a photo opportunity. Colby won the \$100 gift card to be presented to him at the next City Council Meeting.

Councilor Trudel apologized and made a correction to his comment from last month with regards to a newspaper article that was published in the Laconia Daily Sun. He stated that the School Board's Books were in disarray and that they wouldn't be straightened out until March or April. School Board Chair Tim Dow informed Councilor Trudel that when the School Board was presenting this information to the Council, what they were referring to was the Fund Balance which wouldn't be straightened out until April or May. He thanked Chair Dow for letting him know of his error.

Councilor Testerman asked if there is a manual to guide City Councilors on proper meeting protocol etiquette with regards to Public Hearing Notice, who must be invited and where the meetings must be held. She has a few questions on that nature.

City Manager Milner stated that the information can be found in the City Charter on the City's Website and/or in Robert's Rules. The 91A Workshop through the New Hampshire Municipal Association is valuable and all are welcome to take that class since we are members of NHMA. Milner stated that she can send that information to Testerman.

Any Committee meetings that need to be scheduled should go through Audrey Lanzillo. She can coordinate availability with the applicable department head and the City Manager or other key members to make sure they are available.

Director Alpers requested that the Council return back to Agenda Item VII. Because there did indeed need to be another motion to waive fees for Choose Franklin's Community Day.

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for Franklin Community Day 2019.

Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

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

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Councilor Dzujna asked City Manager Milner to mention the May 7th Main Street Academy which will be held by the UNH Cooperative Extension. The Main Street Academy is going to three downtown areas that are showing development progress. May 6th – Day 1 will be in Concord, May 7th – Day 2 will be in Franklin, and May 8th – Day 3 will be in Bristol. Milner stated that the academy charges a \$425 fee to attend the three-day class. The May 7th, meeting here in Franklin will have speakers in the morning and after lunch, there will be a walking tour. The Downtown Committee was invited to join them for lunch and have some introductions on what is being planned and who those contacts are. Todd Workman and Neil Cannon will stay in the Opera House with those who do not want to go on the walking tour and will discuss Opportunity Zones with the group. After the walking tour, there will be break-out tables for interviews by the participants and key folks in the City.

Councilor Dzujna stated that UNH is looking for entrepreneurs in the City to attend as well. All City Council members are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity for Franklin to shine.

Councilor Rago asked City Manager Milner what time on May 7th would she like City Councilors present. Milner replied that after lunch around 1PM would be great.

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

Motion to adjourn was made at Councilor Clarenbach. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo