



## City Council Meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

### **Call to order**

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

### **City Council in Attendance:**

Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Vincent Ribas, Councilor Robert Desrochers, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Oliva Zink.

Absent: Councilor Steve Barton, Councilor Paul Trudel

### **Others in Attendance:**

City Manager Judie Milner

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Desrochers

**Mayor introduced the New Executive Secretary Audrey Lanzillo to the City.**

### **Public Hearings**

#### **Discretionary Barn Easement - 916 south Main Street - Tax Map 104-002-00:**

Annette Andreozzi shared information regarding the historic location of the barn. It is a prominently viewable barn and a win/win for the City. If we could get every building to qualify for this tax credit, it would be a win/win because it requires the owner to keep maintaining their building giving them a small tax break. The assessor's comments mention only A & B of the RSA but it may not be realized that they also qualify for C as well. Due to its location at Webster Place (across from the Daniel Webster home; Franklin Historical Society, and also near the orphanage) it's already a national registered house and contributes to the atmosphere of the history of the area and street it's on. The grant for the easement needs to be done for this house.

Leigh Webb, Ward 3 stated that he echoes Annette's sentiment. Mr. Webb provided some history stating that the building that goes with the barn was built by the same person, William Haddock, who built the Daniel Webster Home. William (Bill) was also Daniel Webster's brother-in-law. At a very small loss of revenue for the City, it will help guarantee that the property will be maintained. Leigh expressed his support of the easement.

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

**Public hearing on the Barn Easement closed at 6:08 p.m.**

### **Pilot Agreements:**

City Manager Judie Milner provided a summary of the Pilot Agreements. These agreements were created in 2015 along with a few leases on the City owned land for these solar arrays. The leases are for 20 years and still in good standing and the pilot had an expiration date of 2016. Due to a change in

legislation, the lessee was not able to build in a timely fashion so the agreements are coming back to City council for \$3,500 for each of the five properties. City Manager Milner stated the lease income for the following properties are: ASHFILL SOLAR, LLC for \$13K per year, Lakeshore DRIVE SOLAR, LLC for \$13K per year, TOWN SOLAR 1, LLC and TOWN SOLAR 11, LLC for \$17k each per year for a total of \$60k a year in lease revenues. We have rescinded the Power Purchase agreement.

#### **Comments from the public:**

Resident Leigh Webb asked the council if the City has derived any lease revenue and if no, when does that revenue begin? Milner replied that we currently do not and we will not obtain any lease revenue until the construction is complete on the projects.

Resident Annette Andreozzi expressed her concern over the Potential Adjustment of Pilot Payments, she believes the agreement to mean that the "Pilot will be terminated if the facility is not operable". Andreozzi stated that the agreement doesn't state, on what basis though. And if the company should just walk away, is there wording in the agreement as to monies held in escrow in case they just walk away where then possible clean-up costs would be needed. Also, in any property leased or owned, if you walk away from it, taxes are still owed whether its being used or not. Andreozzi stated that there is no provision in the agreement for that either.

City Manager Milner responded that the pilot agreements have expiration dates of 12/31/19 and if construction isn't complete by that date, since the pilot and lease agreements will be tied together, completion of both at the same time need to happen by the expiration date otherwise they will both be terminated. The Mayor stated that someone will always pay the taxes. If the project is abandoned, the financier/bank will pay.

#### **Public hearing on the Pilot Agreements closed at 6:14PM**

#### **Public Comments**

Ward 2 resident Jen Weaver, expressed deep concern regarding the school budget. Stating that it is estimated that 18 school employees/teachers will be eliminated. She stated that as a mother and a teacher, that even just one elimination would be detrimental to the Franklin School System. The class size for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders is 27. The student/teacher ratio is not adequate. She also stated that our High School is lacking many electives. There isn't a computer teacher and in this day and age, that is unacceptable. As a community, we have a responsibility to offer our students an adequate education. The pride of our community needs to extend more than just what is happening downtown. She added that our children are the true heart of our community and hold many of the jobs where we are sitting right now and tell them that they are worth the investment. This is more than saving 18 jobs. Children of Franklin deserve an education from well trained teachers. It's time to stop playing the blame game and sit down and figure out a way to fix this ongoing problem. Ward 2 resident ended with thanking everyone stating that she is aware it's a hard job and asked the City Council to fully fund the school budget.

Paul Doucette, Franklin resident and member of the school board spoke about the operational budget crisis we are currently dealing with. We are not asking for fluff or extra money. He stated that many of the people speaking tonight are highly conservative people and this problem needs to be solved. The City has relied on the State of New Hampshire to supply the budget but that money is no longer there. He offered the idea of considering breaking the tax cap. The school needs \$1M to stay viable and even

with this \$1M, we are still nowhere near as competitive as our surrounding school districts.

Kim Daniel, Franklin Resident expressed her concerns on the school budget and lack of funds for the teachers. The last time job cuts were made, it eliminated a lot even at that time. Our kids don't deserve to lose another 18 teachers (about  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the staff in the same school year same budget. She asked the Council when was the last time the City pink slipped  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the City's employees? She stated that the split is not fair. People will not want to live here, move here, buy homes, or start businesses here because our school system stinks. Legally, we should be giving our kids the best education possible. She stated that our teachers are already making do with practically nothing and it's not fair to ask them to make do with less. There's nothing left. We need to look at how the tax revenue is being divided. If the school is making cuts then what is the City looking to cut? The more we harm our school system, the more we harm this City. She concluded by stating that this isn't fair to the students, teachers, or anyone in our City.

Al Warner, Ward 3 resident and previous member of the school board, thanked the City Council and congratulated the City Manager Judie Milner. Mr. Warner spoke toward the school budget issues and is in agreement with the previous resident's comments. He commented on the budget continuing to get worse and worse. There's a lot a finger pointing going on. The Concord Monitor ran a couple of articles recently about the Claremont Case and Warner stated that its time we hold the legislators accountable to do what the supreme court says they are supposed to do. Although it will take some time and litigation is expensive, there is another option. He stated that our legislators should stand up and initiate some action to help Franklin. Mr. Warner stated that he wants to hold his legislators accountable asking them specific questions about what is going to be done or what is the outcome? We need to start asking them and demand some answers of what is going to be done. This is critical, our children's education is critical as they are the future law makers of the state and this needs to be addressed now. Adequacy at \$3,600 per student is not enough. Mr. Warner respectfully thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.

Ed Prive, Ward 3 Franklin resident stated that he believes in our schools because without them, we won't have a future. Period. Ed stated that he has two sons, one served in the Army and was wounded on his second tour. His being wounded was due to fighting for rights of our children to have a good education. His younger son is in the Air National Guard and graduated from Franklin with a decent education. Mr. Prive asked the public whoever wants to get together and rally in Concord for the sake of Franklin's children, to contact him. We can point fingers, scream and yell at one another or we can come together and go fight in Concord and tell the Governor that Franklin is worth it and we need some money. The answer is down there. He mentioned that the dollar has been stretched so far and the City is doing all it can. Our kids are just as important as any other town, especially the wealthy towns. Our kids matter and deserve a good education just as much.

Werner Horn, Ward 2 taxpayer and homeowner stated his knowledge of the budget problems going back from when he moved here less than six years ago. He isn't calling fault of blame on any of the departments here stating that everyone is doing an admirable job. Mr. Horn mentioned that two years ago, tax payers lined up and offered to give the school more money. If tax payers don't have it to give, there is a solution in the Charter and the City Council did not say yes to it. After 90 minutes of discussion, 20 or so teachers were laid off last time, some hard work and good accounting saved a good amount of those positions but now we're here again discussing the same thing. Even if we were able to do some accounting now and only save about 12 positions, we still aren't solving the real problem. Mr. Horn described this as kicking the can down the road and letting the next person(s) in charge to deal

with it in the future. He recognized Councilor Bob Desrochers working on these issues for the last 3 years. As a taxpayer, he offered to pay an additional tax bill. If this is the only way to come up with what the schools need, as a taxpayer, I expect the City to take my offer. It will not be cheaper to send our kids to other schools. There will be transportation and tuition costs. Mr. Horn further expressed his expectation that the people he voted for to make the hard choices and send that extra tax bill so our schools meet the needs of our community. In the end, in a sense we are stealing from our future to pay for the mistakes that people made in this community. He finished saying how unhappy this makes him.

Jen Gardner, Ward 2, lives and worked in Franklin for over 20 years. She was a teacher in the past who had the pleasure of teaching our previous Mayor Merrifield's children and Councilor Desrocher's children. She asked that her child, now 8 years old, have the same opportunities as their children had. She spoke about the cost being more when we send our kids to another district to complete their required education credits. We will be paying more per student than we do now. There will be even bigger financial issues, she stated. Jen concluded by stating how much she wants to see our community do well.

Tristen Allen, High School Student and first time attending a City Council meeting. He stated how upsetting it is that school is in disrepair. Maintenance wise, soap dispensers are not working so he asks the teachers if he can have some hand sanitizer. It's not sanitary after using the bathroom. The water fountains are broken and leaks aren't fixed for weeks at a time. Ceiling tiles fell in a classroom due to leaks and in other areas, parts of the ceiling tiles are missing and exposing the original ceiling. He is unhappy that budget cuts affect the appearance and maintenance of the school.

Desiree McLaughlin, resident of Franklin, business owner, and previous member of the school board. She shared her concern on the end goals and asked where the facts are about what is going on downtown with the revitalization of our City and at Steven's Mill. There is speculation on more low income apartments or mixed used in the mill, she is not sure what is going on if that is the case with parking and would like to access the facts instead of going to Franklin's Talking. She appreciates that Annette Andreozzi and Leigh Webb bring light to issues that most people don't know or think to call out. She is impressed with the high school student who spoke tonight and expressed his concerns about the school maintenance issues. She also stated how glad she is that people come together to help when it's needed.

The Mayor asked City Manager Judie Milner to provide an update on J.P. Stevens. Milner mentioned that at the recent Choose Franklin meeting, it was discussed that there are slides available on the Choose Franklin Website. The J.P. Stevens Building was purchased in December by Chinberg Properties. The apartments coming available will be market rate housing and some mixed use. The Mill Project investment is 20M and expected to bring in over 500k in tax revenue to the district. Milner stated that there are surveyors doing their due diligence and figuring out the right mix to put in the Mill so that it works out the best possible way for Franklin. It's expected to take approximately six months to provide the assessment of what the build plan will be. Milner encouraged everyone to look at the Chinberg Builder website (<https://chinburg.com>) and look at their work from Newmarket. It is stunning to see. Milner also responded to where someone can go to get information on what projects are planned or currently going on. There currently is a video on the home page of our City's website ([www.FranklinNH.org](http://www.FranklinNH.org)). Chris Kontoes created the amazing videos on the homepage. She added that we're also currently working on a section of the City's website that provides updates on projects as they progress. Milner requested folks to sign up for the News and Announcements section so when something is created in a specific area, an email will be sent out to those subscribers.

## **Public Hearings closed at 6:53PM**

Mayor Giunta requested that Jayden Torres step forward to the front of the room and based on overcoming challenges, excelling in Basketball, named to the All-State Senior Basketball team, and an official member of the elite 1,000 Point Club. Franklin High School honored Jayden with his name on the rafters and was presented a Proclamation today naming this Day, Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as JAYDEN TORRES DAY. Congratulations to Jayden!

Coach Sylvester commented in place of Coach Darnell who could not attend tonight by stating what a joy it has been to watch Jayden play basketball. Mayor Giunta also pointed out that Jayden's older brother is also a member of the 1,000 point club. Congratulations to them both and the entire Torres family.

### **Legislative Comments:**

Representative Werner Horn, represents Merrimack County 2<sup>nd</sup> district, the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> voting wards for Franklin and the community of Hill. Representative Horn addressed criticism by the people saying he is a one trick pony and only cares about education because his wife is a teacher. Horn responded to the accusations by letting the community know that whatever the big issues are in the City, he would educate himself on codes and laws and work to find solutions. Because the biggest problem today is education funding, this is the reason he is working on this current issue. Horn wanted it clear that he did not vote for the stripping of 6M away from Stabilization; Franklin's portion is 160K cut per year and another 160k in the next year. He added that he supported the legislation to stop the Stabilization cuts. And until 201 state representatives agree that the Adequacy funding formula needs to be fixed, this problem will not go away. Horn invited anyone to join him and help fight against Stabilization cuts.

Representative Dave Testerman opened with a question he is always asked, if the student population is going down, why are expenses going up? Stabilization needs to be fixed and Testerman has a report to the State of NH where it is saying there must be a means to help support the small communities. The main suggestion is to look at the SAU based on a study done in 1993. It looks at the size of the school against the size of the SAU and possibly changing a full-time superintendent to part-time or superintendent services by combining services so that money can go back into the schools. The money for the school needs to come from the state or within the school but it should not be going back to the City asking for money from them.

Mayor Giunta asked Rep Testerman what happened to HB 1358 in regard to Northern Pass. Testerman replied that he has not heard anything with regards to the Northern Pass in the House. Mayor Giunta last heard that it was tabled when it went to the full House. Rep Horn confirmed that it was tabled (178/148) and neither himself or Testerman were on the prevailing side.

### **Mayor's Update**

Mayor Giunta welcomed all the Students attending for Youth Government Week and asked all participating in Youth Government to stand – **meeting attendees applauded all the students.**

Mayor Giunta spoke about his visit to Watts Water Technology and enjoyed their event. The Mayor presented Watts a Proclamation. Also attending the celebration were a group of graduates who recently

received Certificates in Advanced Manufacturing. It was a great event for all participants.

#### **Agenda Item I**

**Motion: Councilor Dzujna moved that the City Council consider approval of the meeting minutes for the March 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Special Meeting and for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Meeting.**

**Motion seconded by Councilor Clarenbach**

**All in Favor, One Abstention (Councilor Desrochers), Motion Passed.**

#### **Agenda Item II**

Superintendent, Dan Legallo provided the monthly School Board Report. Mr. Legallo thanked the Mayor for allowing the City to speak tonight. Legallo then congratulated the Robotics Team for receiving the All Star Award which allowed them an overnight to Boston MA and participate in a National Competition. Energy Auditors sponsored the trip for the students. Legallo then focused on the school's accreditation. There is a lengthy report on the school website but summarized in a letter that Dan was sharing during the meeting. We are currently fully accredited (since 1951). The school did receive a warning based on community resources. This has been a known struggle for Franklin. Legallo expressed concern that the warning could become more serious and potentially cause loss of accreditation. He stated that next fall, the school must provide a report where this will be under review. Strategic Planning is moving forward and scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. Legallo would like City Councilor Heather Moquin present if possible. The Energy Contract was signed this afternoon and work beginning the following week. Controls will be handled by ENE Systems of NH. Graduation for Franklin High School Students will be June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

Superintendent Dan Legallo spoke briefly on the FY18/19 budget. The School Board and City Council will meet on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to review the full report. There is a deficit of \$967k, this amount is a reduction of the previously stated 1M due to an update in revenues and due to other savings on the school's side. This translates to 16 RIFs (7 support staff and 9 teachers) to be handed out on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Legallo mentioned that every year enrollment size is looked at and teachers are affected based on this number this is different than these layoffs. Thursday's layoffs are catastrophic to the school. Councilor George Dzujna thanked the Superintendent for explaining the layoff breakdown.

### **Agenda Item III**

City Council to consider adopting Resolution #20-18 Authorization to Borrow Up To \$1M in Bonds to Finance the Franklin Falls Mix Use Tax Increment Financing District.

**Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the City Council consider adopting Resolution #20-18 Authorization to Borrow up to \$1M in bonds to Finance the Franklin Falls Mix Use Tax Increment Financing District by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

**Roll Call:**

Councilor Barton <u>absent</u>	Councilor Desrochers <u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas <u>yes</u>
Councilor Brown <u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna <u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel <u>absent</u>
Councilor Clarenbach <u>yes</u>	Councilor Moquin <u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink <u>yes</u>

**All in favor, Motion Passed.**

### **Agenda Item IV**

City Council to consider a Discretionary Barn Easement for 916 South Main Street, Tax Map 104-002-00.

**Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the City Council consider a Discretionary Barn Easement for 916 South Main Street, Tax Map 104-002-00. Motion seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion with regards to the Easement. There were no comments.

**All in Favor, Motion Passed.**

### **Agenda Item V**

City Council to consider 5 Pilot Agreements for the City Solar Project.

**Motion: Councilor Jo Brown moved that the City Council Consider approval of the 5 Pilot Agreements. Motion seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion on the 5 Pilot Agreements. Councilor Clarenbach shared concerns on the original land lease which outlined a total of \$60k of revenue potential. The concern is that no money is received until the complete the solar farm on each one of the pieces of property. The

company has already held the land for three years and haven't done anything with it and could a number more years without anything being done.

Clarenbach stated that he is not against the agreements this year but if there is nothing built on these properties by the extinguishment of this pilot agreement, it should not be allowed to move further without dismantling the first agreement. There could be another potential contractor interested in the property. Councilor Desrochers agrees with Councilor Clarenbach and would not be happy if the property was tied up for another 3-5 years as soon it won't be good for farming either due to the trees taking over.

Councilor Olivia Zink referenced section 4 of the Pilot Agreement where it states a March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 date. She mentioned that it appears the language is left over from the 2015 agreement and section 4 needs some rewording stating the current date of when the work is going to begin. Her comments were duly noted. Mayor Giunta stated that City Manager Judie Milner will make the corrections to the dates. Mayor Giunta asked if there was further discussion. There was none.

**6 in favor, One Abstention (Councilor Desrochers), Motion Passed.**

#### **Agenda Item VI**

City Council to consider disposition of City Owned Equipment.

**Motion: Councilor Zink moved that the City Council consider the Authorization of Disposition of City Owned Surplus Equipment at the May 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 State of New Hampshire, Surplus Property Auction. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Councilor Dzujna asked the council if a dump truck and generator are being held for Jim Jones. City Manager Milner replied with regards to the dump trucks where they were supposed to be traded in at Irwin but the City would only get \$2k for them and we can get \$4k from White Farm so that's what we will do because we need to make up the \$4k for the trade-in that we didn't end up doing. Milner spoke with Jim Jones and offered to reach out when the next one becomes available. Milner confirmed that the generator is not part of the disposition. It is a grant that we are going for and we do not yet have the grant so the generator is not ready for disposition yet.

Councilor Ribas pointed out that the supporting materials (letter) is from 2 years ago and next year we should get the current letter for supporting materials.

Mayor Giunta asked for further questions or comments. There was none.

**All in favor. Motion Passed.**



### **Agenda Item VII**

City Council to Consider Adoption of Tax Deeds.

**Motion: Councilor Clarenbach moved that the City Council consider tax deeds on the following parcels, Motion seconded by Councilor Ribas:**

**Map/Lot #083/007/000 (Land & Building)**

**Map/Lot #095/007/000 (Land & Building)**

**Map/Lot #097/046/000 (Land & Building)**

**Map/Lot #099/055/000 (Land & Building)**

**Map/Lot #135/132/000 (Land & Building)**

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had questions or comments.

Councilor Desrochers asked how many of these will be resold and how many demolished. City Manager replied that Steve Reale provided a report on them and according to that initial report, it looks like 2 of them can be reused and the rest will be secured and assessed by Rocky Marsh, our Buildings and Grounds Foreman. But since we don't own the property yet, we haven't been able to get in and assess their condition. Desrochers requested a follow-up on this and asked if we have the funds to demolish the ones that will need to be. Milner replied that there is a list and in this year's budget, it will only cover the River street demo. We will tackle what we can every year.

Councilor Dzujna asked City Manager Milner how many tax deeded properties there were this year. Milner replied that there were 68 on the list and we got it down to only 5. Mayor Giunta stated that people are having trouble paying their taxes and owe the City tens of thousands of dollars. We try to work with them to allow them to pay. Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none.

**All in Favor, Motion Passed.**

### **Agenda Item VIII**

City Council to Consider Waiving Vendor Fees for the Farmers Market at Bessie Rowell Community Center and for Winni River Days in Trestle View Park.

**Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the City Council waive the vendor fees for the Farmers Market at Bessie Rowell Community Center and the vendor fees for the Winni River Days in Trestle View Park. Motion seconded by Councilor Brown.**

**All in Favor. Motion Passed.**

### **Agenda Item IX**

Community Action Program Lease - Postponed to a later date.

### **Agenda Item X**

#### **Other Business**

##### **1. Committee Reports:**

Councilor Paul Trudel is not here tonight therefore City Manager Judie Milner provided an update on the April 17<sup>th</sup> Joint Finance Committee Meeting. Both the Finance Committee and City jointly discussed the need to come under the tax cap. The Adequacy issue was also discussed as well as the split and sources of income. They also talked about the layoffs. Wednesday's meeting will review the school budget in greater detail. Milner mentioned the minutes for the April 17<sup>th</sup> Joint Finance Committee Meeting are available on the City's website.

Councilor Dzujna commented on the liaison meeting in April where Strategic Planning was the focus. The school discussed ways to attract and retain students. There are a couple of new school board members who haven't seen City Manager Milner's PowerPoint presentation on this. Dzujna would like copies to share with those who haven't seen it. He also mentioned that we need to get Primex to work on the survey soon. We need the City Council to agree as well so a meeting can be scheduled with them. Dzujna asked the Council if this is something that we want to do. Mayor Giunta asked the Council if City Manager Milner could schedule a meeting with Primex and she agreed.

Councilor Olivia Zink updated the Council on the Tilton, Northfield, Franklin, Sanbornton Cooperative Fire Committee continues to meet and has drafted an MOU that will go to the communities' attorneys and hopefully will come back to the council for approval.

**2. City Manager Update:** Judie Milner stated that the continued grant line this month received \$500.00 from the Thrift Closet for Books Club and \$2,000 from the Elks for field renovations. Reminder that the City Clerks Office will be closed for the Annual Clerk's Conference and Training on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Audrey Lanzillo! Youth Government Week is beginning and City Manager Milner is looking forward to getting together tomorrow morning at 9am to kick off the activities for the students. She also thanked the Principal, Carrie Charette for adjusting Youth Government week so the students receive community service credits and ELO credits. The mock City Council meeting for the students will be held at the Elks on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Please RSVP to Audrey by EOD Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Milner provided an update on Northern Pass stating that the SEC will hold hearings on Eversource's appeal at 49 Donovan St. in Concord on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for supporters of the project to be present.

Milner stated that we haven't heard back from Eversource but when on the phone with the assessor, he agreed that Eversource wasn't pushing us for a denial, but we felt that they wanted it. The City has denied the abatement request and set aside the money in the budget in case they come back and ask for a recalculation of their numbers for next year. She mentioned that we have a conservative pick-up in the budget for this year and this doesn't include the new pick-up for Eversource.

City Manager Milner provided a brief update regarding Changing Franklin's image one step at a time and

hopes everyone saw the two very nice articles in the local papers. The City is using FBIDC, the newspapers, twitter, online media releases to get the word out there. There are articles on the wall in the City Manager's office in case anyone wants to look at them.

Milner provided information on the Tax Deeded Property bids; several on Hill Road will be merged into one. Sean Bean, an abutter on Hill Rd won the bid for \$15,500 and Jim Lintner won the 72 Pine St. bid for \$76,100 (\$46,100 will be returned to the previous owners due to within 3-year rule).

Finance Director interviews will begin next week, confirmed Milner. She also recognized the traffic issues at Haynes Brooke and thanked everyone for their patience during the urgent and necessary replacement of the culvert.

Milner recapped Governor Chris Sununu's visit to Franklin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of his visit was to announce that Franklin has been chosen as one out of twenty-seven communities designated as an Economic Recovery Zone. This means the IRS determined that Investors who invest in the community will not be required to pay capital gains tax. Instead they can re-invest in another project. This is a huge win for our City.

Franklin Dog Park Association has started a 501(c)(3) and is looking at locations for the dog park in Franklin. Prep to get this in front of City Council will be happening. Keep an eye out for this new dog park.

City Manager Milner stated the need for a non-public session either tonight or tomorrow night regarding Economic Development; Acquisition of Property update.

Milner provided an update on the Budget Proposal which can be viewed on the City's website. The budget this year is a mirror of last year and budget format used was from the Government Finance Office Association to create transparency and for easier lay person reading. Page 1 is the City Manager's Eagle's eye Overview, page 6 starts with specifics which will go in greater detail during each of the upcoming Budget Workshop Meetings. This focusses in 4 sustainability areas (Fiscal Policy, Economic Development, Image and Perception, and Sustainability). The changes in the current City Manager's Budget are Sustainability in LBN Municipal Services Department and the Fire Department; these changes are savings in expenditures and in new revenue. There is a bigger picture however Milner discussed tonight. 1) the need to address the long-term adequacy funding and possibly needing to go out to litigation 2) the second is she feels this is the right time to do a Global City-wide Independent Efficiency Study. Both boards need to agree to work together and allow the independent review. Milner stated that it likely will be expensive, but it will pay back over a very short time by implementing some of the changes that come from the review. This is not part of the budget. Milner suggested use of one-time Fund Balance. Milner stated that the new finance manager will need to go out for Bond next year. Because this is money spent as a forward-thinking step, we would essentially be rated higher because of its use.

Milner mentioned the coming Budget schedule. The School District Budget Presentation will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Municipal Services Department on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and Public Safety will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to see the entire Budget Workshop Schedule, it is posted in City Hall. June 18<sup>th</sup> is the latest date to finalize budgets and prep for the July 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Meeting.

**Motion: Councilor Ribas moved that there is a need to enter into Non-public per RSA 91-A:3 II**

(d) consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Roll Call:

Councilor Barton <u>absent</u>	Councilor Desrochers <u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas <u>yes</u>
Councilor Brown <u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna <u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel <u>absent</u>
Councilor Clarenbach <u>yes</u>	Councilor Moquin <u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink <u>yes</u>

Entered into Non-public Session at 8:00PM

Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved to end the non-public session. Motion seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

Non-public session concluded at 8:14PM.

Entered into Public Session at 8:14PM.

Motion: Councilor Zink moved to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Roll Call:

Councilor Barton <u>absent</u>	Councilor Desrochers <u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas <u>yes</u>
Councilor Brown <u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna <u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel <u>absent</u>
Councilor Clarenbach <u>yes</u>	Councilor Moquin <u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink <u>yes</u>

All in Favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Desrochers, seconded by Councilor Brown.  
All in favor, Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo