



**City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 12, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.
Upstairs at the Franklin
Public Library**

Council in attendance: Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Vincent Ribas, Councilor Valerie Blake, Councilor Ted Starkweather and Councilor Bob Desrochers.

Absent: Councilor April Bunker

Others in attendance: City Manager Judie Milner, City Clerk/Tax Collector Michelle Stanyan, and members of the public.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at the Franklin Public Library at 6:01 p.m. and stated that this would be a quick meeting to decide on which option would be best to proceed with going forward.

Agenda Item I: Ward Line Change Discussion

City Manager Milner stated that there were pros and cons added to the fact sheet in the provided packet. She explained that the pros and cons were compiled from the last two meeting discussions on the ward line change. The packet also has the 7 map options, which were also displayed in the library, along with the current Charter language (Chapter C) pertaining to Ward I, II and III. This handout is attached to the bottom of these minutes.

City Manager Milner mentioned that she has the Assessor, the City Attorney and the cartographic mapping people on standby for the decision tonight so that changes to the language can be made and a public hearing can be set for next Monday or the following, which will keep them within the timeline needed. So there needs to be a decision made on the Ward line change tonight.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any public comment.

Resident Tamara Feener, Moderator for Ward II, was looking at the displayed maps and mentioned that she likes option #3, which moves the bottom section of Pleasant, Oak, Orchard, pine Highland and Elm from Ward III into Ward II.

Resident Janet Desrochers, Ward III, stated that she would like the simplest option possible.

Public comment was closed.

Mayor Brown went through each option separately to get comments from the Council on their

opinions. A discussion ensued and the council all agreed that the simplest option would be preferred and option #2 was considered to be the cleanest and simplest Ward line change.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council direct City Attorney Fitzgerald to draft the language to amend the city ward lines with map option 2, to move the riverside of New Hampton Road to the Sanbornton line (43.490400, -71.642931) and both sides of New Hampton Road and the New Boston Road (43.483052, -71.634342), which would take effect on January 1, 2023. Councilor Zink also moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing on the charter ward line change at the City Council meeting at City Hall on June 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

All in favor; motion passes.

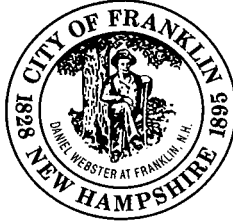
Agenda Item II: Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Ribas and seconded by Councilor Starkweather. All in favor. Motion PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Jones



City of Franklin Ward Line Change Proposals Fact Sheet

These options can be seen on printed maps that are color coded by ward and are on display at Franklin City Hall.

Option 1: Move Mountain View Estates from Ward 3 to Ward 2

PROS: Mayor Brown/Dave Testerman/Paul Doucette-moving Mountain View Estates would be the simplest area to shift. Testerman and Doucette also suggested to survey the residents. There were several residents that thought this was the most logical to move street wise.

CONS: None stated

Option 2: Move the Ward 3 boundary line to include the river side of New Hampton Road and both sides of New Hampton Road after New Boston Road to Ward 2

PROS: Councilor Zink stated this option is the cleanest in her opinion, it would also allow for room for growth in Ward 2 as the population changes.

CONS: None stated

Option 3: Move the bottom section of Pleasant, Oak, Orchard, Pine Highland & Elm from Ward 3 into Ward 2

PROS: None stated

CONS: Leigh Webb, who lives on Orchard Street did not think this would work well.

Option 4: Move upper Prospect Street and upper Pleasant Street to the Northfield line beyond Kelly Road from Ward 3 to Ward 2

PROS: Leigh Webb supported this.

CONS: Upon further review of the census blocks, this one will not work.

Option 5: Divide Central St down the Middle with the upper portion on the map moving to Ward 3 and the lower portion on the map moving to Ward 2

PROS: None stated

CONS: Janet Desrochers pointed out this one will result in a city property needing to be “cut out” to have a polling location for Ward 2, since City Hall will be in Ward Three.

Option 6: Make changes to all the Wards, changing Ward 3 (upper Babbitt Road/Sanborn) to Ward 2 and one census block in Ward 1 (South Main Street – River side after Punch Brook Road to the Boscawen line) to Ward 2

PROS: None

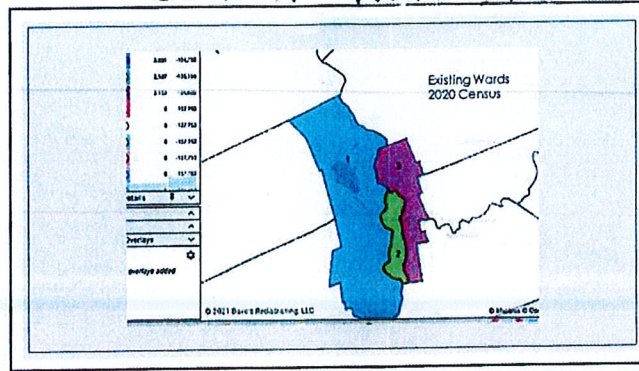
CONS: None

Option 7: Remove all Ward Lines and have all Councilors and School Board members represent the City of Franklin as a whole versus just a Ward

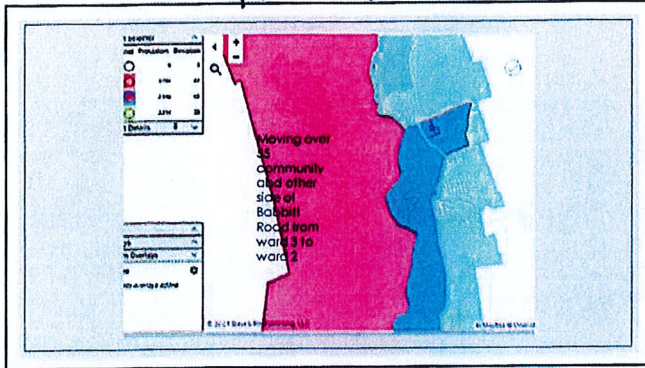
PROS: There were no pros stated during the May council meeting. Yet, during the workshop there were several individuals that were in favor of option 7. Various pros were will be the voters are able to vote for any candidate, potentially one polling location, few election workers, and easier to fill some one the elected positions, and is more cost effect for the city.

CONS: Three were residents that reached out to some of the councilors that did not like this option. Testerman stated this option would make it costlier for individuals running for elected positions within the city. Also, it would potentially make it so the candidates have a harder time campaigning. This may also result in representation coming from one part of the city verses a balance of elected officials from the city as a whole.

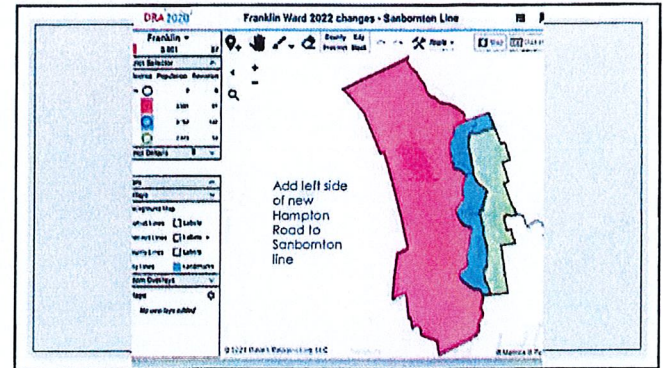
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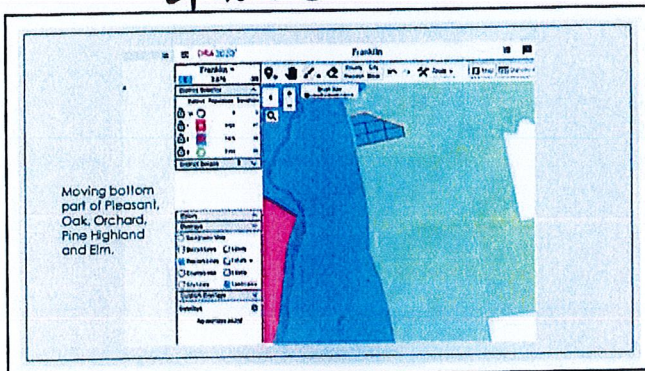
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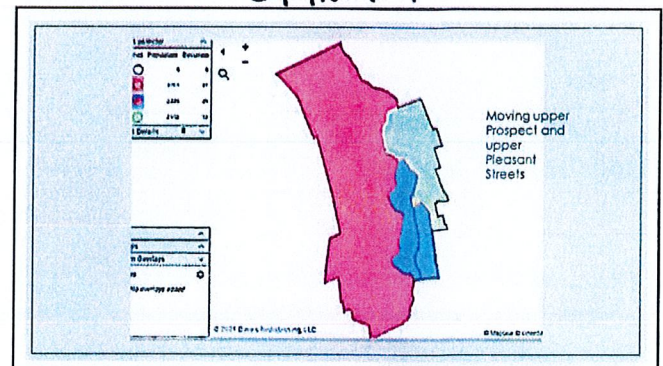
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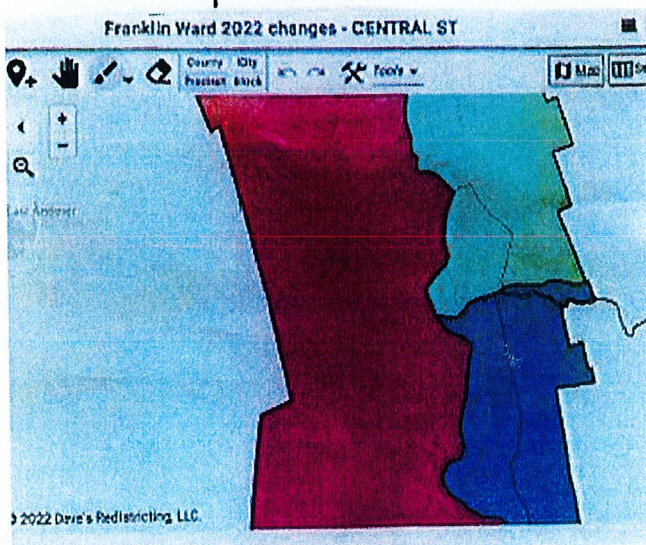
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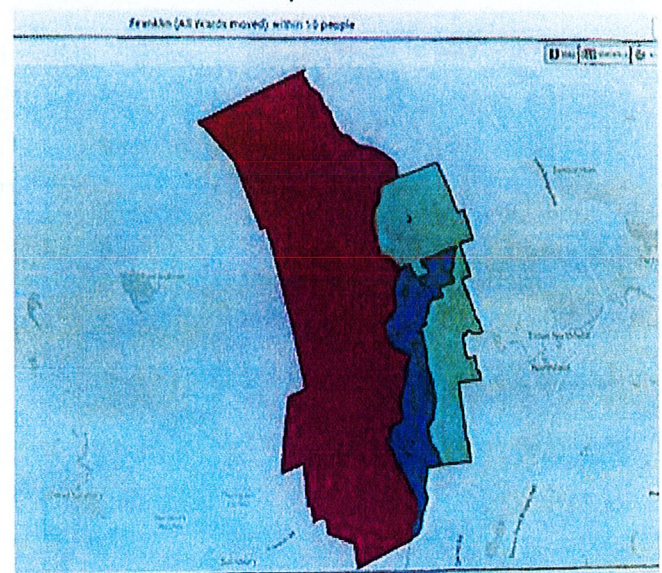
Option 4



Option 5



Option 6



Chapter C. Charter

§ C-2. Wards.

[Amended by Ch. 355 of the Laws of 1973]

Said City of Franklin is hereby divided into three wards, which shall be constituted as follows, namely:

- A. Ward 1 shall include all that portion of said Franklin located west of the Merrimack and Pemigewasset Rivers.
- B. Ward 2 shall include all that portion of the City of Franklin within the boundary commencing at the intersection of Babbitt Road and Victory Drive; then westerly to the Pemigewasset River; then southerly along the Pemigewasset and Merrimack Rivers to the Northfield town line; then easterly to Prospect Street; then northerly along Prospect Street to Central Street; then easterly along Central Street to Sanborn Street; then northerly along Sanborn Street to a point marked by a drill hole on property owned by the City of Franklin and currently occupied by the Franklin Middle School, so called; then turning and running N 78° 35' 01" W 81.27 feet to a point at a rock wall; then turning and running N 78° 16' 32" W 60.43 feet to an iron pipe in said wall; then continuing N 78° 16' 32" W 53.80 feet further along said wall; then turning and running N 77° 56' 13" W 50.19 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 78° 14' 54" W 699.98 feet to a point; then turning and running N 78° 52' 56" W 15.26 feet to a highway bound; then turning and running S 60° 58' 38" W 82.90 feet to a highway bound; then N 04° 51' 02" W 52.66 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 06° 13' 52" W 5.90 feet to a point; then turning and running N 06° 13' 52" W 77.41 feet to a point; then turning and running N 06° 13' 52" W 157.57 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 10° 07' 28" W 12.86 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 05° 19' 13" W 85.94 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 05° 26' 42" W 81.16 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 04° 59' 23" W 35.09 feet to a point; then turning and running S 84° 39' 09" E 121.92 feet to an iron pipe; then turning and running S 86° 17' 40" E 129.59 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running S 82° 14' 29" E 133.53 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 82° 45' 25" E 290.51 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 82° 50' 50" E 27.07 feet to a point; then turning and running N 82° 50' 50" E 0.87 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running N 84° 34' 50" E 330.51 feet to a point; then turning and running N 84° 34' 50" E 99.26 feet to a drill hole at a rock wall; then turning and running N 84° 04' 36" E 67.21 feet to a drill hole in said wall; then turning and running S 07° 37' 30" E 400.03 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running S 22° 33' 28" E 284.11 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running S 59° 54' 55" E 170.28 feet to a granite bound; then turning and running S 78° 18' 30" E 189.40 feet to a drill hole set in a stone wall on the westerly side of Sanborn Street; then northerly along said Sanborn Street to Babbitt Road; then northwesterly along Babbitt Road to the point of beginning.

[Amended 11-28-1995]

- C. Ward 3 shall include all that portion of the City of Franklin remaining after the formation of the above-indicated lines for Wards 1 and 2.