

**City of Franklin, New Hampshire  
City Manager's Economic Development Task Force  
1/18/2024 9am Franklin Fire Department**

In attendance: Niel Cannon, Marty Parichand, Jim Aberg, Seth Creighton, Judie Milner

Milner called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Group reviewed our priority matrix which gave way to various discussion points.

Group discussed:

- TIF timeline for project approvals. Niel asked Judie to send him TIF uses.
- Seth starting RFP for DOT action plan grant as well as parking and traffic studies. Judie to send Seth sample RFP shared by Lucas Siik for DOT action plan grant.
- Judie to add authority to apply for USDA RBDG grant for feasibility of food coop to 2/5/24 city council agenda
- Community connections and importance of keeping dialog open
- Timeline for council education sessions
- Importance of keeping educational sessions short and easy to understand, Marty shared a book he recently read on presenting difficult/complex info in a manner that makes sense
- Need to present how downtowns should be community's profit center. Judie to re-send suburbia is subsidized video to council.
- Progress of city hall/opera house project – Judie to send most recent architectural report to group.
- Marty shared a nice article in Sunday Concord Monitor about the Foothills and bike umbrella for the region.
- Marty invited the group to a meet & greet with the Franklin Falls Business Group at Asian Delight on 3/13 from 5:30-7:30pm

Group settled on the following top 5 priorities for 2024:

- 1) Educational workshops with the council
- 2) White water park
- 3) Safe Routes for All grant plus parking & traffic studies
- 4) Stanley Mill
- 5) City Hall/Opera House

Meeting with Brian Bozak, President, at Franklin Savings Bank 9am 1/25/24.

Next meeting 1/25/24, 10am, Fire Station. Judie to update posting with new time.

Adjourn 11:38am.