

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2012**

Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall. Salute to the Flag was said.

In Attendance

Councilor Dzujna, Councilor Cournoyer, Councilor Desrochers, Councilor Feener, Councilor Trudel, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Boyd, Councilor Clarenbach, Mayor Merrifield and Finance Director Milner.

Absent

City Manager Dragon, and Councilor Sharon.

Public Hearing

Resolution #16-12 – this resolution concerns the ambulance funding in the amount of \$230,000 through Norway Bank for 7 years at an interest rate of 1.83%.

Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing. No one came forth to speak on this resolution, the public hearing was closed.

Comments from the Public

Mrs. Andreozzi stated she is here to make a suggestion to the City Council as many people in the audience tonight are interested in Agenda Item V which concerns the Fact Finding between the School and the Franklin Education Association and many people are confused and have conflicting information and she stated she does not think the Council has all the information unless they received information other than what was in the on-line packet. She suggested the Council hear what the proposal is and then open it up to the public to comment.

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Mayor Merrifield asked if a councilor would like to make a motion for that.

Councilor Desrochers made a motion that public comment be opened concerning Item V after the proposal is presented and public comment concerning any other issue would be heard now. Motion seconded by Councilor Boyd. All in favor, motion passes. All in favor, motion passes.

Mr. Bill Grimm, Ward I commented on the great job the Franklin Fire Department did in handling a fire on his property in West Franklin and it turned out that it was started by kids. The firefighters were there very quickly, the condition of the grounds were very dry as it was before the rains had begun. The Fire Department were very organized and well prepared. The Police Department was also there to investigate and learned how and who had started the fire and resolved the issue. He thanked both departments for a job well done.

Parks and Rec Director Alpers advised the City Council that this past Friday the City of Franklin was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award by the Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health. The City received this award due to all the accomplishments that have been achieved by the City in conjunction with many organization related to active living and healthy eating. Mayor Merrifield commented that this award was actually for Director Alpers as an individual and he thanked her for all her efforts.

Ms. Ruth Bowey stated she is representing herself as an animal owner. She stated she is very disappointed to hear that the shelter will be closing or contracted to a different group. She stated she has drawn up a proposal and has given it to the Mayor. One thing she suggested is possibly taking on other towns that do not have contracts with other shelters such as Hill and Tilton. She stated she feels there are some other options rather than closing the shelter that could be explored.

Chief LaChapelle stated the Franklin Fire Department was awarded 2011 EMS Provider of the Year. It was specified that the team work at the Fire Department

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in providing EMS care to the hospital and the services that the department offers during the day at the hospital.

Choose Franklin

Mrs. Andreozzi, Co-Chair stated on June 12th Franklin had another successful Community Day. She advised they are selling a coupon booklet that the coupons can be used at the Franklin restaurants all summer long. Their upcoming meeting June 7th will be discussing economy development. She requested that they be able to use the Council Chambers the last Monday of September (September 24th) which is reserved for the City Council for the Candidates Forum.

Mrs. Sarah Stanley, Co-Chair advised there is a very brief summary in reference to Odell Park usage on the back counter that people can fill out. She advised they have now been successful in arranging a summer white water release which is scheduled for Saturday June 9th.

Motion made by Councilor Dzujna that the last Monday in September, 2012 be reserved for the Candidates Forum, motion seconded by Councilor Clarenbach. All in favor, motion passes.

Legislative Comments

Written information had been provided by Representative Rago.

City Council Acknowledgement

Councilor Dzujna expressed thanks to Marcia Rawlins, SAU Office and Krystal Alpers, the Parks and Rec Director for a successful Community Day.

Mayor's Update

The Mayor advised that Director Milner is sitting in for Manager Dragon who is not feeling well. He also stated that he has learned Councilor Sharon is in the hospital. He stated he has received notice from the Lakes Region Community College stating the organization has honored Ms. Kerri Cook, Math Teacher at Franklin High School for her work promoting the Running Start Program. He also acknowledged the birthdays of Councilor Dzujna and Councilor Feener.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Dzujna that the Franklin City Council approves the minutes of the May 2, 2012 City Council Workshop Meeting and the May 7, 2012 City Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener. All in favor, minutes approved.

Representative from Senator Shaheen's Office

Mr. Matt Leahy with Senator Shaheen's Office introduced himself and left business cards where he could be contacted if anyone had any questions or needed information.

Presentation on Bullying

Students from the Middle School gave an outstanding presentation on bullying.

School Board Report

School Board Member Keith Lohmann advised the 8th graders completed their Science NECAP on May 9th and the 4th grade also took their Science NECAP on May 14 through May 17. The block schedule at the high school will begin next year and is a change from a 7 class period day to a 4 x 4 block schedule. Students will have 4 classes each year and these classes will be 70 to 90 minutes long, the

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school year will be divided into semester, fall and spring and some classes will meet for the fall semester only and some for only the spring semester, there will be a few classes (some math and science classes) that will meet for the entire year. Students should be able to have a copy of their schedule for next year prior to departing for summer vacation.

City Council to consider the Fact-Finding between the Franklin School Board and the Franklin Education Association - NEA-NH

Mayor Merrifield advised he spoke with the City Attorney and what is being brought before the Council is a fact-finding report between the Franklin Education Association-NEA-NH and the Franklin School Board, there is no agreement between the two parties, they have reached impasse and turned to fact finding. When a public labor union and a public employer, in this case the Franklin School Board, reach impasse and go to fact-finding, if one of those two parties rejects the fact-finding (resolution that is offered by the fact-finder), by State Law that fact-finding report has to go to the governing body of the community; in a town that would be the town meeting, a city it is the City Council. The Council is obligated within 30 days of receipt of the fact-finding report to accept or reject the report. Mayor Merrifield commented this is a first for him after 8 years on the School Board, 7 years as a Councilor and now almost 5 years as Mayor.

Chair of the School Board Ray Yonaitis advised the fact-finding report came before them, it was discussed, and there are facts in the report that are not correct and the report was unanimously declined by the School Board. He advised that last year the Association walked out on negotiations and were willing to accept a 0% increase when a 2% increase was offered for this year. So this year they were flat-lined on their salary and actually got less because of insurance costs increasing. He stated what the Board is trying to do is just not automatically give an increase but go to a merit program. The Association was not willing to discuss a merit program in the past year and half. He advised mediation day was quite disappointing on the Board, the mediator sat in an office away from everyone, the Board had a total discussion with the mediator about 20 minutes and most of that

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time was not really discussion but the mediator getting refreshments. On the Errata Sheet provided by the School Board, the numbers that were provided was to correct what was in the fact-finder. Item No. 3 states that Franklin School Administrators received an average of a 7% raise for 2011-2012 and Mr. Yonaitis advised that is not true, he stated what happened is they had two Assistant Principals go from 200 days per year employment to 260 days, it was not a pay raise, they were now doing 25% more work. On Page 10 of the fact-finding it states the \$72,000 is the teachers' salary fund and Mr. Yonaitis stated it is not, it is the district's money that was available to give for raises or other services that were needed in the District. He stated they offered the Association would have cost about \$64,000 and use \$8,000 for another union but he stated they see as their money and their money only. Their request to receive a step at the beginning of the year and a step at the end of the year comes out to a 6% pay raise. He stated we are not performing up to what we should be in the District. He advised they lost the Ed Jobs Fund of \$212,515 but it was figured into the budget but another setback took place on May 18th wherein the grant called 21st Century Grant that the District had received for several years is now gone. Over the years very few schools qualified for it, however, this year 72 school districts were available for the funds and the Franklin District lost the funds. Some adjustments have been made in the budget but some services will be lost because of the loss of this grant. He stated if the Council were to decide to go along with the fact-finding and does not allocate any other funds for it, what it means to the District is for a loss of up to 5 positions.

Mr. Mike O'Neill, Business Administrator for the School addressed the Mayor and Council concerning what the extra costs to the District would be if the fact-finding is accepted. He advised on Page 12 of the fact-finding there were some inconsistencies on the calculations. The cost of the proposal is actually \$129,383 and that is the cost of issuing one step plus the \$10,000 that would be given to the people at the top of the steps. There is also an impact at the end of the year when everyone else is issued a step, even though it has no fiscal impact in the 2013 year, it essentially starts the district off approximately \$130,000 in arrears in the next year because the first day of the next year they would have

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received an increase for the 2012-2013 and not the 20-13 -2014 year. So they would be getting two years worth of increase. The final reconciliation where they come up with a net cost and deducting the \$73,000, when the budget was considered and matched it up with the funding we were expecting from the City, there was an amount indicated but it was not put aside for that but was put aside for anything that might come up, and there was an issue with the loss of the 21st Century grant. The net budget cost to the District is still going to be about \$90,000 when you take away the savings on the health care concessions plus the union parody which will require additional money to be paid to other unions because their increase would be greater than what the other union received.

Mayor Merrifield commented if the Council were to move to approve the fact-finding report, which set of numbers would be applicable as there seems to be disagreement between the fact-finding report and the District. Mr. O'Neill commented if you look halfway down the Errata Sheet under Recommendations Page 12 of 12 the cost of the proposal is \$129,383 and what that represents is \$119,383 for the step increase, \$10,000 for longevity, and that number would be reduced by the savings on health care of \$34,612 so you would net those numbers to come to what the District cost and it would also cost \$10,000 for union parody. The cost of the union parody would be a result of the fact-finding so Mr. O'Neill stated you would be looking at \$139,000 net of the \$34,000 brings it to \$105,000 which would be the budget impact. Mr. O'Neill commented and don't forget the step at the end of the year even though it would not be a budgetary cost, it would be an impact going forward.

Councilor Cournoyer inquired why some of the positions were increased from 200 hours to 260 hours and Mr. O'Neill stated he understands that was something that had been considered for some time but he could not speak to the exact reasons. Councilor Feener commented that the reason seems to be for the fact-finding that they are looking to get step increases taken care of and take care of the rest of the negotiations on down the road. He stated he read in the report there were circumstances regarding the delay. What were those circumstances and where did they originate from, did it have something to do with the

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discussions about merit increases versus steps. Chair Yonaitis advised when they began negotiating this year, the association was not in a rush to set dates because they stated it does not come before the council until this time of year and we were pressing to get negotiations underway earlier just in case. He stated two of the meetings were cancelled due to emergencies and that pushed things out further.

Councilor Feener brought attention to page 2 of the fact-finding report and stated he resents in the last paragraph the statement the Franklin School District is a "captured" district, they are not a captured district but a dependent district. Mayor Merrifield commented there are a number of statements in the fact-finding report that are not accurate or not properly written.

Mr. Yonaitis stated Concord just came to an agreement with their contract; they had a three-year contract where the total increase over that time was 3.75% and the first year the association taking a zero pay increase. He stated in the end Concord due to medical increases will end up taking home less pay. He stated this is why the district wants to go to the merit based program.

Ms. Debra Norwood, President of the Franklin Education Association stated she would like to make note that the Fact finder that they had present this year was recommended to them by Attorney Upton, the attorney for the School District and at this suggestion the association accepted the fact finder that he had recommended. Mayor Merrifield inquired if the Board agreed with that choice. She responded that both the Board and the Association agreed with Attorney Upton's recommendation. Ms. Norwood stated later the Council will be asked to approve the Fact-finding report and recommendations concerning the collective bargaining agreement between the Franklin School Board and the Franklin Education Association. Negotiations during the 2010-2011 school year resulted in the FEA declaring impasse and proceeding with mediation which was unsuccessful. As a result the teachers in the Franklin School District have worked without a new collective bargaining agreement during the 2011-2012 school year. After resuming negotiations in December of 2011 parties ultimately declared

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impasse and proceeding to mediation and then fact-finding. On May 31, 2012 the Franklin Education Association voted to accept the fact finder's report and recommendation. Without the support of the City Council, the teachers in Franklin will enter a second school year without a collective bargaining agreement. This will mean another year without any increase in compensation while insurance and retirement increases result in second year, of reduced take-home pay for Franklin Teachers. If adopted this one year agreement includes concessions in health insurance which will help pay for experience step corrections, if not adopted the wage schedule for Franklin teachers will remain unchanged for the third year in a row. She stated we ask that the Council support the teachers in Franklin by voting to accept the fact-finding report and recommendations. With the Council's support, she stated they will return to the bargaining table and hope to bring back a multi-year agreement for approval in the next budget cycle.

Mr. Jack Finley, Ward I and the lead negotiator for the FEA and referred to the Errata Sheet that was provided and he stated he would like to maintain the fact-finders report where differences are listed. The cost of one step in 2012-13 budget year is \$96,487, the cost of one \$550 off-step payment for each eligible teacher would total \$8,000 and neither of these numbers includes fixed costs as they are straight salary. The new co-payment fund cost \$3,000 for a total of \$107,487; the savings from the change in insurance is \$34,612 with a grand total of \$72,875. The additional step that would take place at the end of the year that will occur in the 2013-14 budget. He stated the teachers do not feel they are responsible for the parody agreement with the custodians. Regarding negotiations, the stated lack of urgency on behalf of the FEA is unfounded and he stated they followed correct protocol and agreed on dates to meet and two of those dates were cancelled by the Board and he stated they did not walk away from the table as was stated, we are more than willing and ready to come to an agreement as we want was it is best for the teachers, the kids and the community.

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In accordance with an earlier motion, the Mayor opened this specific issue to public comment.

Mrs. Jule Finley, Ward I and Teacher with the Franklin School District. She has been a resident of Franklin for 6 years and a teacher in the high school for the last 18 years. She has received many, many award including English teacher of the year and in the top 3 for New Hampshire Teacher of the Year. She stated over the past 18 years she probably could have gone elsewhere to teach and made more money but she chose to teach in Franklin. She stated one very important thing that needs to happen is teachers need your support. She commented she is now making less money than she was two years ago and barely making ends meet and she stated she does understand that is the way the world is right now. She stated her main motivation for teaching is the kids and she chose to remain in the Franklin District where there are some that don't have all the advantages that kids in other districts have. She stated everyone needs to work together.

Mr. Brian Boynton, Ward I spoke in favor of the teachers stating he has served on the School Board and also have one student that graduated and another in the district. He stated without teachers you have nothing, education is very important and give the teachers what they deserve and respect what they do for our children.

Mrs. Toby, resident stated she supports the teachers but realize with the tax cap there are some realities that have to be considered. She asked where the monies would come from to support the needs that were listed and stated the school budget can't afford all the needs expressed here tonight without the help from the City.

Mrs. Judith Ackerson stated she was employed by the School District until November when she resigned and is now retired. She stated she has a lot of respect for the teachers and their dedication. She commented that the teachers are constantly being scrutinized and she would like to know if the administrative staff is being as scrutinized through an evaluation process. She stated that if the

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teachers are going to be evaluated on merit that it should be the same for the administrative staff. She commented on her recently received tax bill and stated only 25% of the taxes for to the school and she stated she feels that is a little low.

Mayor Merrifield stated one point he would like to make is in regard to the tax rates for the municipality versus the school; the Franklin School District is one of the largest recipients in the State of State Aid and the City's municipal departments do not receive any State support.

Mr. Davidson stated he has lived in Franklin for 36 years, Ward I, and stated in fairness to the Franklin teachers, there should not be a comparison to Concord because they make a lot more than the teachers here in Franklin make. He stated to make things happen for the teachers it would seem that it could be a small amount on all the tax bills.

Franklin School District Student Brian Pickowicz stated he has been a student for the last 5 years and was the President for the 2012 class and a member of the National Honor Society and he stated he would not be any of the places he has been without the teachers behind him; the teacher staff in Franklin is sky high and should high behind the students and they are absolutely there to work for the students.

Ms. Bennett, student that has been in the school district for 5 years and currently a junior stated she is the secretary for the State of New Hampshire National Honor Society and is a member of the Franklin School National Honor Society. She advised she attended Manchester school district prior to coming to Franklin and when she came to Franklin she was not a number but a name. The teachers in Franklin truly care about the students and this school year she stated she has never seen teachers work harder not only trying to please the people looking down on them and telling them to do better but to make sure the students got everything they needed. They are doing their best and are doing an amazing job. She stated if it were her choice, she would give the teachers a million dollars.

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Mr. Ben Heath, son of Peter Heath, stated he has been in the school district for 9 years, and he stated it is the teachers that shaped him into the person he is today. He stated all the teachers deserve much more than they are getting for a salary.

Mrs. Annette Andreozzi spoke in favor of the teachers stating they are the most important part of education and they deserve to be recognized and paid appropriately and treated with respect. She asked what happens if you vote no on the fact-finding and what happens if you vote yes. Mayor Merrifield advised according to State Law that if the City Council does not accept and approve the fact-finding, negotiations would reopen between the two parties and mediation maybe requested by either party. Mayor Merrifield advised the City Council has only two options, accept or reject the fact-finding. Mrs. Andreozzi asked what happens if the Council approves the fact-finding? Mayor Merrifield responded it would be approving the cost items as if it were a contract in place.

Ms. Donna Hann stated she began working in the school district in 1989 and she stated she has worked with many wonderful Franklin teachers. She stated in 1989 the district couldn't keep teachers, they used Franklin as a stepping stone and then left and went to another district. She now there are teachers in the district that are being asked when will you be retiring. She stated she understands right now is hard times, however, everyone should receive zero pay raises or pay cuts together, no one should have salary increases or benefit increases including administration at the highest of levels. She stated the treatment of the teachers at the high school is toxic, that the teachers can't do anything right. She advised she has resigned as a teacher with Franklin.

Mr. Bob Beach, lifelong resident of Franklin, taxpayer since 1969 and he stated if he understood correctly from the Chair of the School Board, Franklin is under performing school. He stated it seems a raise has been given to the person who the buck should stop with if the school is under performing. He commented the wrong people got the raise and the right people are being left out. He stated as a taxpayer he would be willing to pay a couple bucks more if that is what it takes to reward the teachers for what they do.

Motion made by Councilor Dzujna to allow public comment to continue for 2 more speakers. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

Mr. Peter Heath, resident of Franklin all his life, stating he has been a Councilor and has sat on the School Board. He stated he is very proud to have his children go to the Franklin schools and Mrs. Hann has done everything possible to help his kids along, Mrs. Finley, the drama has been outstanding and he commented the recent play was great. He stated those are just two teachers that are keeping kids in school. He stated it is due time that the teachers be compensated for what they have earned, deserved and will continue in the years to come to teach.

Mr. Leigh Webb, resident of Ward III commented he greatly respects the job teachers do and as a former State Representative he stated he knows the cost of education but even more so the cost of a poor education. He commented the Council has a difficult job in approving or rejecting the fact-finding with different figures coming from different sources and how to determine which is correct. He also stated he does not believe a raise for teachers should be linked to a raise in salary for custodians.

Mayor Merrifield commented that the Council is obligated by State Law to accept or reject within 30 days of receipt of the fact-finders report. Councilor Clarenbach asked if the Council received the fact-finder this evening or on the date it was given to the City Manager. It was stated it was given to the Manager the Friday before Memorial Day. Councilor Feener commented we are not approving a contract; the Council would be approving the fact-finding report. Mayor Merrifield answered that is correct.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves the fact-finder report for the 2012-2013 school year between the Franklin, NH School Board and the Franklin Education Association –NEA-NH. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

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Councilor Desrochers commented he appreciates how hard the teachers work and also how hard the staff works. He stated he does not feel the Council should be put in a position of second guessing another governing body in the City who knows their budget far better than the Council. He stated if the Council goes along with this fact-finder, we would be opening a door for people to walk away from negotiations in the future. He stated the Council is a governing body in the City but he does not feel it is right to over ride the School Board.

Councilor Dzujna stated he knows the value of teachers and he stated he knows the morale in the school system is terrible. He stated he as a member of the Council does not like being put in this position. He stated how can he vote on this when he doesn't even know what the final numbers are.

Attorney Upton, attorney for the School District stated there seems to be some confusion because the numbers are correct in once instance and are in error in another and the error result because the fact finder did not calculate FICA, retirement and other benefits into the numbers. The \$96,000 is the actual cost of the raises but does not include the other items as mentioned.

Councilor Trudel commented he tends to agree with Councilor Desrochers perspective on what has transpired this evening, the Council is being put into a situation where we do not have the knowledge that the School Board has. We have a School Board for a reason and we should not second guess what the School Board's job is. He strongly recommended that the School Board and the Teachers Union sit down, make concessions where needed and come to an agreement.

Councilor Feener commented he feels if the Council were to approve the fact-finding report, we would be undermining the efforts of the School Board. He stated it should go back to the School Board. Councilor Boyd stated he agrees this should go back to the School Board and the Teachers Union.

Councilor Feener commented that he has heard tonight that there seems to be a lot of resentment between the teachers and the administration in the district and hopefully the School Board can make efforts to solve this problem.

A request was made for a roll call vote:

***Councilor Dzujna – No
Councilor Feener – No
Councilor Trudel – No
Councilor Starkweather – No***

***Councilor Cournoyer – No
Councilor Desrochers – No
Councilor Boyd – No
Councilor Clarenbach – No***

Motion fails.

Resolution #16-12 – This resolution concerns funding for the Fire Department Ambulance

Motion made by Councilor Starkweather that the Franklin City Council approves Resolution #16-12 by a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Councilor Feener abstained from voting.

Roll Call:

***Councilor Boyd – Yes
Councilor Clarenbach – Yes
Councilor Cournoyer – Yes
Councilor Desrochers – Yes
Councilor Dzujna – Yes***

***Councilor Feener – Abstained
Councilor Sharon – Absent
Councilor Starkweather – Yes
Councilor Trudel – Yes***

Motion passes

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FY13-28 Capital Improvement Plan

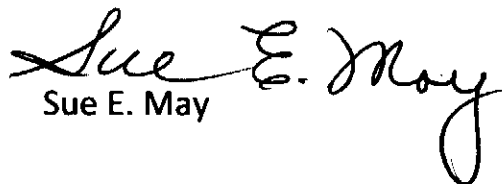
Motion made by Councilor Desrochers to approve the FY13-28 Capital Improvement Plan, motion seconded by Councilor Cournoyer. All in favor, motion passes.

Other Business

Committee Reports – None
City Manager's Update – Attached
Scheduling of July City Council Meeting and Public Hearing for the Budget was set for Monday, July 9, 2012/

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Desrochers, seconded by Councilor Clarenbach. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue E. May



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
City Council Meeting June 2012

Date: May 30, 2012
From: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Subject: Manager's Update

Contingency Grant Line Activity: The City received the following in the contingent grant line this month: \$254.92 from CCNTR for signs at Daniel Park.

Bessie Rowell Community Center update:

Currently Tiny Twisters is under construction and preparing for their move at the end of the month. Tiny Twisters, City officials and Head Start representatives have been attending the weekly construction meetings (communication between the organizations has been great with the addition of these meetings). Details regarding the Tiny Twisters & Head Start playground are being finalized. Bid documents are almost finalized for the Head Start project and I expect to be out to bid for this project soon and under construction hopefully sometime in July or early August. Now that the other two projects are well on their way- more regular planning meetings are expected to begin with the TRIP center.

Fire Dept promotion: Robert Goodearl II was recently promoted to Deputy Fire Chief. He has been with the fire department since 1979. He started at the age of 14 as a fire explorer and became a call firefighter in 1984. He was hired as full time firefighter in 1986. He has been a captain since 2002. He will officially become Deputy on June 12, 2012. Congratulations!!

Brownsfield Clean Grant- I am excited to share that Franklin has been awarded a \$200,000 Environment Protection Agency (EPA) clean up grant for 601 South Main Street. Franklin and Tilton were the only two NH communities to be awarded grant funds this round. These grants are provided to communities to help clean up and redevelop contaminated properties and boost local economies and create jobs while protecting public health. We have already received funds for a brownsfield assessment phase I and II study on this property which was taken for taxes a couple years ago. Clean healthy communities are where people want to live and work! While, I freely admit this project has been an ongoing burden to staff- including myself, municipal services (grounds), the planning director, police and fire. In my opinion, by tackling this project the Mayor & City Council has provided great leadership and dealt with a problem piece of property that is contaminated. What is even better is we have accessed grant funds available to do so. With time, creativity, persistence, lots of determination and hard work we will now be able to improve the environment and prepare this site to go back on the tax rolls in the near future- no longer a burden to the community or the neighborhood.

Memorial Street parking spaces: Due to difficulty navigating the turn onto Memorial Street from Central Street with larger equipment, RD pavement requested we eliminate or block off the first two parking spaces on Memorial Street Across From City Hall. This was discussed at the

most recent municipal services department committee meeting and recommended as an immediate course of action until a permanent solution could be found. Therefore, I worked with the municipal services director and police chief in regards to creating a temporary traffic order and blocking off the spaces. Since then, I have been speaking with planning director and municipal services director about creating a pick up and drop off location for the Winnepesaukee transit system (bus). This is the closest thing we have to public bus system in the city. There are limited stops in Laconia, Tilton and Franklin. However with greater ridership (more revenue) in the future more stops could be added. I thought with more visibility ridership could be increased in the future and therefore I was attempting to bring them closer to Central Street (currently they drop off/pick up at the TRIP center). Since we need to shut down the first two spaces on Memorial Street, Director Sullivan has recommended this could be a location for the bus stop. The bus stops only briefly to drop off and pick up at the location however the spot needs to be marked "no parking" all the time. This location is very visible and centrally located with new sidewalks. This would allow us to continue to utilize those two spaces without impacting RD paving. This is one option we are considering. Permanently changing these spaces would require a change to the traffic ordinance in the future. (Bus info attached)

Winnipesaukee Transit System

◆ Laconia ◆ Franklin ◆ Tilton

Fares

	2 Towns 1 way	3 Towns 1 way
Age 5 thru 12	\$.50 cents	\$1.00
Seniors Age 60+	\$.50 cents	\$1.00
Age 12 thru 59	\$1.00	\$2.00
Senior Multi-Ride Pass		\$5.00
Non-Senior Multi-Ride Passes		\$8.00

Snow Days

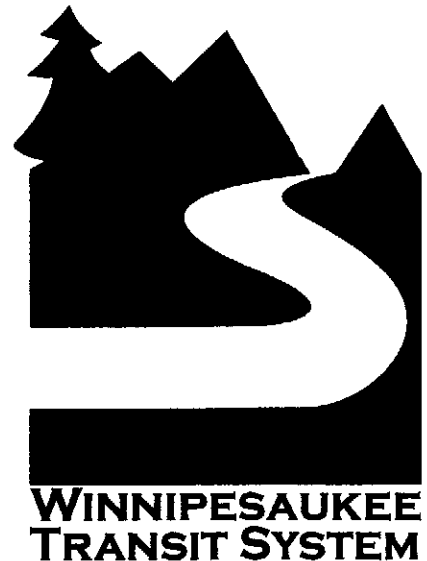
Service may be delayed or canceled due to severe storm conditions. Please call 528-2496 to confirm service during weather emergencies.

Rules of the Road

- ◆ No smoking
- ◆ No eating or drinking
- ◆ Volume on radios & cell phones on low
- ◆ Passengers should remain seated until the bus makes a complete stop
- ◆ Passengers in wheelchairs are required to be secured by the driver.
- ◆ Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Bus Schedule



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Appointment Call:**

603-528-2496

1-800-294-2496

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All times listed on this schedule are departure times and are subject to weather, traffic and route deviation

Laconia to Franklin							
Train Depot A	LRG Hospital B	Vista Food C	LRC College D	Belknap Mall E	Tilton Walmart F	Belle Peabody Apt G	Westside Healthcare H
8:15 am	8:21 am	8:23 am	8:26 am	8:33 am	8:56 am	9:06 am	9:20 am
10:57 am	11:01 am	11:03 am	11:08 am	11:15 am	11:38 am	11:48 am	12:02 pm
1:25 pm	1:29 pm	1:31 pm	1:36 pm	1:43 pm	2:06 pm	2:16 pm	2:30 pm
4:01 pm	4:05 pm	4:07 pm	4:12 pm	4:19 pm (Back to Train Depot last stop 4:30)			

Franklin to Laconia									
Westside Healthcare H	Belle Peabody Apt G	Tilton walmart F	Belknap Mall E	Train Depot A	Lake Village I	LRG Hospital B	Train Depot A	Blueberry Lane J	Train Depot A
9:20 am	9:34 am	9:49 am	10:09 am	10:26 am	10:36 am	10:42 am	10:46 am	10:51 am	10:57 am
12:02 pm	12:16 pm	12:31 pm	12:51 pm	1:00 pm	1:10 pm	1:14 pm	1:16 pm	1:19 pm	1:25 pm
2:30 pm	2:44 pm	2:59 pm	3:19 pm	3:36 pm	3:46 pm	3:50 pm	3:52 pm	3:56 pm	4:01 pm

