

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 3, 2013**

Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall.

In Attendance

Councilor Dzujna, Councilor Sharon, Councilor Cournoyer, Councilor Desrochers, Councilor Feener, Councilor Trudel, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Clarenbach, Mayor Merrifield, and City Manager Dragon.

Presentation by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Mr. David Nelson gave some background on the organization stating they are similar to the Grand Army of the Republic and their organization was founded in 1882; and they are the legal heir to and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Nelson introduced Mr. Stevens who would make the presentation of the flag to the City.

Mr. Dick Stevens, Secretary for the organization presented the City with a flag of the United States. He advised that Mr. Roger Iliff, member of the Union and a resident in Franklin is the one that made some of the arrangements to present the flag. They had noticed the flag in the GAR Hall where they would sometimes meet was not in very good shape and is quite old and probably ready to be burned. Mr. Stevens advised the organization voted to present this flag to the City of Franklin on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Salute to the Flag was said led by City Employee Sue May.

Mayor Merrifield thanked members of the public for their patience in waiting for the meeting to begin. He explained the Council was meeting with legal counsel and went a little bit past the 6:00 p.m. starting time.

Mayor Merrifield called for a moment of silence in recognition of Mr. John Alhman, long-time employee (25 years) of the City and Road Foreman for the

Municipal Services Department never missed a snow storm and unfortunately passed away in April, 2013 from a serious illness and did not get to enjoy his retirement.

Public Hearings

Ordinance #10-13 – this ordinance is a proposed Amendment to Chapter 284, Vehicles and Traffic of the Franklin City Code. Part of this ordinance is for blinking yellow lights at Franklin High School and the School Zone Speed Limit of 20 miles an hour in front of the school. Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing; no one came forth to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Resolution #10-13 – this resolution concerns revising the FY13 appropriations and matching revenue for the TRIP CDBG Grant. Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing; no one came forth to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Comments from the Public

Mr. Stanley Weglarz, resident, South Main Street, stated he has come to the Council to complain about roadside litter in Franklin and the complete lack of the administration in dealing with the litter problem. He stated years ago he approached the people at the Transfer Station and asked if they could deny a truck to empty its garbage if load was not properly covered and secured and was told that is not in their job description. He stated over a period of years he went to Municipal Services and he commented apparently there is some problem with responsibility. Where does the City and State responsibility divide on South Main Street. He stated he is familiar with South Main Street and Route 127 concerning litter but not so much with other roads in Franklin. Trucks on their way to the Transfer Station pick up speed along South Main and if the garbage is not secured it blows off the truck and goes everywhere. He commented there is a volunteer by the name of Judith Kline and she goes around picking up litter on the roads. He stated the worst time is in the spring concerning Industrial Park Drive which is piled with litter and grading and landscaping are deplorable and why would any

business wants to relocate in the park after seeing that. He stated this is the first time he has come before the Council but he will be coming to every meeting until something is done about the litter/garbage problem along the roadsides.

Mrs. Kathy Russo stated she has three items she wants to mention about the minutes. She stated in the spirit of fairness it is important that people have a right to know and last month a letter that was written to Mrs. Russo was submitted to this Council and then submitted to public record and she stated she did not give permission for that to take place. However, she stated in fairness she would provide the initial letter from the Attorney General of her complaint back in October and the Attorney General's letter was March 15th and she submitted a copy of that for the records. On Page 4 of the minutes, the presentation from the School Board Steve Barton presented and that is missing. There was only one page of the presentation that she gave so she provided both pages.

Ms. Melissa Rizzo addressed the Mayor and Council advising she is not only a resident of Franklin but also a community educator at Franklin Region Hospital and tonight she stated she is speaking as the Chair person for the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force. She advised back in April the Franklin Police Department worked with the Tilton Police Department to host one of two yearly Drug Take Back Days in which they collect prescription and over-the-counter medications at the Tilton/Franklin border and it was very successful with the assistance from many community volunteers and Mayor Merrifield. At the recent Franklin Community Day event we had just under 100 community members complete a survey concerning drug use in Franklin and also to see what they know about the Mayor's Drug Task Force. They assisted with the Chem. Free after Prom Party and worked with the High School to hold an assembly that took place pre-prom that focused on the consequences of drinking and driving. This summer they will sponsor three Franklin teens to attend the New Hampshire Teen Institute Summer Leadership training. Both the Mayor Merrifield and Police Chief Goldstein are featured currently on a psa on MIX 94.1 through graduation talking about the social host laws in New Hampshire. They will be sponsoring the summer Fat Theatre Program that will take place in the Opera House. The next

Task Force Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 from 5 pm to 7 pm at Franklin Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Annette Andreozzi, resident commented on Item VII on the agenda concerning the closing of Stone Avenue and she stated there was no information as to why Stone Avenue would be closed. She stated if this is a private function you should consider you would be setting a precedent and that you should be willing to give all residents the same consideration to close the road in front of their house for a private function. If it is a public function, then how does the public function affect all the public, not just a small portion of the public.

Ms. Judy Kline and for the last two years she stated she has been picking up trash and debris along the sides of the roads and she stated she would like to be able to work with the prosecutor and have people who need to do volunteer hours start picking up trash along the roads. She gave Mayor Merrifield pictures showing the trash and debris along the sides of the roads.

Mr. Davidson addressed the Mayor and Council concerning an incident that took place on May 20, 2013 at the School Board meeting located at Paul Smith School where he stated he attempted to speak concerning a student safety issue involving some very violent and particularly confident thoughts documented in a police report. The thoughts were from an 18 year old student, now 19 years old who is a senior who evidently spoke his mind to a guidance counselor, mental health professionals and the Police. The report shows he wanted to rape, and then shoots some specific female high school students in the face. He was also confident that he could get away with it according to the Police report. He stated at the School Board meeting he was denied the right to speak and according to the chairman it was because he did not follow the proper chain of command. On May 14, Mr. Davidson and his wife personally delivered to the SAU and the Franklin High School Official Administration a 4th protective order against the student. We attended Court that morning and acting on his own accord a board member was present in the court room to see the actions taken. At the SAU we requested that Robin Keene place them on the non-public session of the next

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Board meeting as after multiple attempts to discuss the matter with SAU Administration we were not satisfied by the responses. As working professionals with busy schedules we had been communicating through email with the Superintendent Ward and copied board members and FHS Administration accordingly. Prior to that they had met with FHS Administration regarding the call they had received from the Police alerting them that their daughter was mentioned in the student's thoughts and that is well documented in the Police report back in January. Mrs. Davidson has since communicated with the Chief of Police regarding the matter and they had a follow-up meeting with FHS Administration to work out details to hopefully assure student safety for the remaining event scheduled this year. Mr. Davidson email Chairman Yonaitis and requested his policy interpretation as to why he was not allowed to speak at the school board meeting requesting both non-public and public comment and to explain the chain of command that was supposedly not followed. He replied and pointed to board policies (Policies BEDH; KEB; and KE). According to Policy BEDH the Board, when appropriate, could have placed their request on the agenda and evidently some Board members chose not to even after seeing the emails and the attached Police report. They could have listed to us in non-public. Regarding Policy KE, our complaint did not involve instruction or discipline as we were told the parents remove the student from the school setting, not the school yet he still has access to the campus. It also did not include learning materials. Our complaint involved student safety at FHS due to a Police report they legally obtained. Also under Policy KE exceptions are possible for complaints related to board action. The board acted and refused their request for non-public discussion, they could have let them speak. Policy KEB deals with the Superintendent rightfully having time and reasonable opportunity to seek to resolve the complaint and this began back in January. They communicated with Superintendent Ward, copied administration and the board, met with the administration and were assured a plan was in place but just recently had to sit down with the guidance counselor, principal and assistant principal to discuss specific plans to assure student safety, class day parade, graduation, class night. After reviewing the Chairman's email and attached documentation he stated he

still feels his rights as a tax payer and concerned citizen/parent were not properly handled. Councilor Feener asked Mr. Davidson at the school board meeting when told an arrangement would be made to meet with the Superintendent, did that ever take place. Mr. Davidson responded they had tried on a couple of occasions, one being on May 14th after the Court hearing and at the May 20th meeting we were told we could meet with the Superintendent the next day but as working professionals and a daycare situation and two kids to drop off at school and teaching in Henniker and his wife working in Concord they were not able to meet. He also advised that he called to see if they were on the agenda for non-public session and was told by Kathy in the SAU Office that we were not on the agenda. At that point the Superintendent requested to speak to his wife and he stated they had made numerous attempts and had thought they were on the non-public part of the agenda. Councilor Desrochers asked Mr. Davidson if this situation has been resolved as of this date to his satisfaction and Mr. Davidson responded he still has concerns as when he hears the plans for class day parade and graduation. One thing he wanted worked out is when he is going up to present a new scholarship in his Mother's memory which he stated his step daughter has every right to be present at, we get into some legal issues when there is a restraining order/protective order involved. Councilor Desrochers suggested that Mayor Merrifield sit down with the Police Chief and have a heart to heart talk sooner rather than later. Mr. Davidson stated he will compliment him as he has already reached out to Mrs. Davidson.

Mr. Derek Damour, a former Franklin High School student and Football player presented to the Mayor a Council two petitions requesting the Franklin City Council to remove from office School Board Member Ray Yonaitis and School Board Member Kathleen Russo for just cause. They request an immediate hearing on this removal and make this request within the City guidelines of the City Code of the City of Franklin as defined in Article Removal of Municipal Officials, Section 61-4, Petition for Removal.

Mr. Jason Grevior addressed the Mayor and Council stating he does not come out in public much and does not really like doing this and does not like getting

involved in politics. Unfortunately there comes a time when you need to speak. He stated his son was with him when the decision was finally made to speak up because it was told to him that he should not speak if he wanted to coach again and he stated he has coached football for the past 17 years and have dreams of at least coaching his son for the next three years of his high school career, it is very hurtful to be told something like that. He stated he may be giving up a dream of his but at the same time he feels he must show his son what is right and what is wrong. He stated there are many issues at the High School right now; the level of education is not good. To think that Spanish which is practically a requirement for a college education kids is going to be taught by a computer is crazy. There are other issues and he stated to him the Davidson's issue is the most heart wrenching story anybody could ever tell. He stated if that was his child we would not be sitting here. He stated he would be irate; it isn't fair to have to worry about your child's education and what could happen. Look what happened at Newtown, Ct. He stated he is very upset and stated he is usually this City's biggest cheerleader. He stated he loves this City, and he chose to come back to Franklin, his Grandfather and his Father are both here. He stated you have to change this school system. He stated there are many homes available in Franklin but people will not move into this City because of the School system. That you have to worry about your safety; that your child will be taught by a computer. And then there is the football program, the one thing that kept kids excited in this City and the truth as yet to come out. You will lose the program but you now don't have a Coach who is interactive with the kids and who is down there pushing for their grades every day. He said if you would want to talk with him please come to the store as he is there every day. He stated if there is anything the Council can do to help fix this school, please do so. He also stated when you Google Franklin, NH one of top things that comes up that Franklin is noted for its football program. One thing these kids have to be proud of, they are losing. They won a terrific championship this year and no one picked them one week to win a game. He stated his son is hearing impaired and how embarrassing in his senior year to have teammates and students having to tell the Spanish teacher that he is hearing impaired, the teacher did not know. State Law didn't know and we expect that school to

function if they can't handle State Law.

Resident Mr. Marti Russo stated he wanted to bring to the Council's attention concerning the petitions that were just submitted, Article 1, Section 61-4, petition for removal stipulates that only a verified petition may be acted upon by the Council. That means no action, no hearing, nothing can be set or pondered until the petition has been verified. There is no definition of verified in the City Charter. He requested that whatever verification procedures are going to be followed, that they be made public and a true accounting is accomplished for the petitions and that there are 100 signatures and that it is a verified petition.

Student Glen Ford stated last August he broke his neck and the amount of people that had my back surprised me. He stated he had just moved to Franklin the end of his sophomore year and he joined the football team. I was surprised how much the coaches were there for him, Coach Husband had been there from the second it happened and continued to be there. The team supported him even when they could not be there at Dartmouth. The football program is one of the major programs in the school.

Resident Wayne Ives stated reluctantly he steps up to speak because there is a need for a stronger school board and a stronger school system. He stated he came here when his daughter was one year old and it has been a struggle expecting things to improve and instead seeing them rise and fall. It seems that the school board has created this black hole of decision making process that's now locked away for 50 years and a hidden process and a process clothed in personnel issues that are suppose to protect the personnel, not designed to protect the people making the decision making. He stated he finds it incomprehensive that some of these actions have been taken and it should be addressed in more detail and he advised his name is on the petitions. He pointed out there are three rows here of young men and he stated he doubts they would be here tonight if they didn't feel strongly about Coach Husband.

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Ms. Karen Domenech Hildreth stated she was one of the attendees and one of the speakers at the School Board meeting and two things remain in her thoughts, one she stated she advised the School Board that a decision had been won at the Federal level on behalf of her son which was for last year and they have another going for this year. They are not able to follow through or else they are not as qualified as we thought they were when it comes to the needs of our kids. She stated when she heard about the safety issue it perplexed her that the School Board didn't want to hear it because obviously there had been many actions to try to get people to hear it. She stated she is thankful that she does not have a daughter in high school and thankful that she does not have to be worried that someone might be harboring these thoughts. If you think something bad can't happen here, you are wrong, someone needs to stand up.

Student Eric Ives stated he is speaking on behalf of all the seniors and he stated it is crazy all the stuff that is happening. Winning a championship is something that is supposed to be happy and it has been taken away from them. We were not picked once, even by the seniors last year, it was said we would lose every single game, we came, we won, we pushed it and we won the State Championship. And with all this happening all our joy has been taken away, right now there is nothing to be happy about. Our head coach fired.

Resident Allan Davis commented he has been in Franklin for a number of years and began working in Franklin in 1994 and moved his family to Franklin in 1998. After working in the School District he went on to other endeavors but he stayed in Franklin. He said he stated in Franklin for a reason because the people that welcomed him to Franklin when he first arrived in Franklin was incredible whether he was an employee for the School District or just a member of the community and he stated that really touched his heart. He stated his 3 sons went through the Franklin School District and they all graduated. Has Franklin had its issues in the schools, yes they have and Franklin has had some great successes. This all goes way beyond one person, one coach; some of the people in charge of Franklin have gotten to the point where they are hiring people who come into this City with an agenda and they are only here for their own professional

advancement. Then they leave the City and leave Franklin to clean up the mess. He stated it is time for people in this City to start making an investment in this City again.

Resident Mr. Donald Gagnon stated they have a son that was virtually driven out of the middle school after two and half years because of bullying. Finally one of the kids that were harassing him was expelled for one year and then he was back in the school system in the same grade so basically back to square one. And in the year that this student was expelled he was having his friends harass his son. Ultimately they had to pull their son from the school as he was physically attacked in the bathroom. The kid that attacked him is still in school. He stated when he heard about the thoughts of some student he was very glad that he did not have a daughter as if he did he would be completely outraged that this young man would be allowed to come back to school. What can you do when you can't answers from the Superintendent, the Administration or the School Board. He stated they don't have the funds for a private school but they had to pull their son out so they now home school.

Resident Greg Husband advised he will not address his situation but he advised that he took in two children three years ago whose Mother had tragically and suddenly died and what has happened in this school district is a complete and utter disregard for that's child personal safety and his well being. When he was removed from coaching, they hauled all the kids into a room and they told the kids they had to hire that would worry about the personal safety of their kids and worry about sportsmanship. He stated a lot of people know that is two things that he stands for but they included his son who has lost his Mother, has lost his Grandfather, his Father is in prison and physically abused this child and they included him in that meeting with no regard for his personal well being. Mr. Husband advised this young man has a 504 that has not been followed. Mr. Husband stated he has approached the Principal, emailed the Superintendent, and emailed the Chair of the School Board without response. He stated today they respond to him today and tell me the Principal who is part of his complaint will conduct a complete investigation and that is a conflict of interest. He stated

this Council has a severe problem with a lack of policy and follow through on policies from the educational system and somebody needs to take control of it. When somebody is in charge and a complaint is filed against them, they should not be involved in the investigation and is called a conflict of interest. He stated he reminded them of that today and they have not responded. He stated his son has a 504 and he calls him his son because he is his son and he stated he has gone after this teacher for a month with no response to his question. The school policy is 24 to 48 hours, he went last week and no response, he saw the Principal at a game and said something to him. The Superintendent stated he responded and Mr. Husband's response was he still does not have an answer. He stated he is going to a meeting tomorrow morning and he does not really expect an answer and no one that is a part of the complaint will be doing any investigation of my son. He advised the school today that it is going to the State Board of Education. 504 and kids with special needs should be taken seriously in this School District and my son's teachers were not even aware he had a 504 when the year started.

Resident Jason Grevior commented Mr. Finley is the only teacher here tonight, and he stated he feels very sorry for the teachers in the school district right now, many of them are afraid to speak, many of them are nervous to speak, sometime when you talk about what is going on, they simply cry because they are scared. They won't sign petitions. He stated there is a great group of teacher in the school and Mr. Finley is one of them. He gave a speech the other night in front of the School Board and he got my attention. The teachers have gone 4 years without a raise or a contract. What is the Superintendent doing about raises. We need to take care of our teachers. You need to take care of the students, you need happy students.

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council accepts the petitions and no further action is taken at this pending verification of the petitioners' names by the City Clerk's Office. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener. All in favor, motion passes.

Mayor Merrifield commented the signatures will be verified under the regulations of the ordinance.

Choose Franklin

Mrs. Sarah Stanley, Co-Chair of Choose Franklin read the mission statement from Choose Franklin: "Choose Franklin is an inclusive group consisting of residents, businesses and interested parties focusing on promoting Franklin by building on past achievements to facilitate futures successes." She stated if there is anything that Choose Franklin can do to assist with communications between City Council and School Board or anything. She stated obviously we as a group are concerned about communication and concerned about the future of the Franklin community, we all believe in Franklin whole heartedly as many do here in this room.

The next Choose Franklin meeting is June 6th and Todd Workman present information on the Mountain Bike initiative. Choose Franklin does not meet in July so August 1st will be the next meeting and the guest speaker will be Ms. Melissa Rizzo present a public health forum. They are currently writing grants to hopefully replace their tents. Taste of Franklin has been organized by Leigh Webb. June 22nd and June 23rd will be warm water releases. September 23rd Choose Franklin will host Candidates Night here at City Hall.

Legislative Comments

Representative Leigh Webb stated they are into what is called the silly season because the bills have changed bodies and now being amending, concurring or not concurring. HB1 and HB2 will be subject to a Committee of Conference. There are some interesting things happening like an increase on the Senate side for the State Aid Grants. The most important thing that will be disputed is the Medicaid Enhancement Tax Revenues and the figure that is being thrown around is about 287 million dollars. Representative Webb advised that here in this building on July 4th there will be a special presentation from a representative of the New Hampshire Humanities Council on vanished veterans.

City Council Acknowledgement

Councilor Dzujna thanked the Senior Members of the High School Honor Society for their help in coordinating the colors for the flowers and the hanging of the flower baskets.

Mayor Merrifield advised he was invited to the Senior Banquet and made some presentations. The community as a whole was able to deliver \$78,000 to graduating seniors this year at the banquet.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council approves the minutes of the May 6, 2013 City Council Meeting; motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Councilor Feener advised that on Page 17 halfway down the page where a date of March 2013 is shown, the correct date should be March 2012.

All in favor; minutes approved as corrected.

School Board Report

School Board Member Al Warner stated Brian Boynton was scheduled to speak tonight but he has resigned from the School Board. He stated he was very glad to see the involvement tonight with things concerning the school system and he would like to see that 52 weeks a year. He stated he supports raises for the teachers but the time comes and you have less money than the year before so it makes it hard. Councilor Feener asked after what you saw here tonight from the people that came and spoke, obviously there are some big issues the Board needs to address. Councilor Feener stated it is high time the Board decides to address these issues in public as they come about. There is a serious issue with safety and the Davidson's have yet to meet with the Superintendent. They have been

brushed off by the Board at the meeting held on May 20th. The School Board needs to have public participation on any item like the Council does. People don't come to the School Board meetings because they are only allowed to speak about what is on the agenda. He stated it is important to note that there are two sides to every story. He stated all members of the School Board appreciate that safety issues must be paid attention to. The kid had some bad thoughts, he went for help and it all got blown out of proportion and a police report with minors names, addresses and serial numbers was circulated publicly, that is something we also need to pay attention to. Councilor Feener commented it is time the School Board starts listening to the public and making opportunities for the public to be heard at the School Board meetings and open it up to all items, not just agenda items. Mr. Warner stated to Councilor Feener that his comments are duly noted and that he only has one vote but for everyone that feels that way should contact a School Board member in their Ward. Councilor Desrochers commented when he was at that School Board meeting a week ago and people were not allowed to speak for whatever reason but that seems to be happening at several School Board meetings that he has attended. If someone has a problem with the school system, they can't talk to the School Board because it is not on the agenda and if they start to speak on something that is not on the agenda, the School Board Chair holds his hand up and stops people from speaking. People have a right to speak and if they can't be heard at the School Board meetings, where do they go with their grievances. The meetings need to be opened up and let the public be heard. Mayor Merrifield commented that he too has seen the School Board at times seemingly restrict the public from speaking about certain subjects.

Ordinance #10-13 – this ordinance concerns amendment to Chapter 284, Vehicles and Traffic of the City Code.

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council adopts Ordinance #10-13 by a roll call vote; motion seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Councilor Clarenbach inquired if the School has the funds for the purchase/installation of the blinking lights in front of the school. Manager Dragon

stated she believes they do as they had stated they have the funds in their budget and requested that the change be made in the ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Clarenbach – Yes

Councilor Starkweather – Yes

Councilor Sharon – Yes

Councilor Desrochers – Yes

Councilor Feener – Yes

Councilor Trudel – Yes

Councilor Cournoyer – Yes

Councilor Dzujna – Yes

All in favor; Ordinance #10-13 is adopted.

Resolution #10-13 – this resolution the CDBG Grant for the TRIP Center.

Motion made by Councilor Trudel that the Franklin City Council approves the adoption of Resolution #10-13 revising FY13 appropriations and matching revenue for the TRIP CDBG grant by a roll call vote; motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Clarenbach – Yes

Councilor Starkweather – Yes

Councilor Sharon – Yes

Councilor Desrochers – Yes

Councilor Feener – Yes

Councilor Trudel – Yes

Councilor Cournoyer – Yes

Councilor Dzujna – Yes

All in favor; Resolution #10-13 is adopted.

Rescheduling of July City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach that the Franklin City Council reschedules the July City Council Meeting from July 1 to July 8, 2013; motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

Adoption of Tax Deeded Properties

Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach that the Franklin City Council accepts the tax deeds on the following parcels:

***526 Salisbury Road
Map 044 Lot 002-00
Mobile Home & Land***

***Munroe Street – Lot 3
Map 134 Lot 270-00
Land***

***705 South Main Street
Map 102 Lot 006-00
Land & Building***

***Hill Road (3 Properties)
Map 090 Lot 006-00
Lot 007-00 & Lot 008-00
Land***

***Hill Road
Map 095 Lot 047-00
Land***

***Gile Pond Road (3 Properties)
Map 128 Lot 044-00, Lot 055-00,
Lot 61-00 Land***

***Thunder Road (2 Properties)
Map 099 Lot 001-00, Lot 029-00
Land***

***161 Lake Shore Drive
Map 015 Lot 010-00
Land & Building***

***50 Range Road
Map 096 Lot 082-00
Land & Building***

Motion seconded by Councilor Sharon. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach that the Franklin City Council considers the matter of accepting tax deeds on the following parcel:

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**13 Trail Street
Map 078 Lot 006-07
Mobile Home**

**6 Ring Street
Map 078 Lot 006-02
Mobile Home**

**8 Rose Lane
Map 096 Lot 062-52
Mobile Home**

Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach to table consideration of the Mobile Homes. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

Authorization for the Closing of Stone Avenue on July 4, 2013

Councilor Feener stated he moves for discussion purposes that the Franklin City Council approves the closing of Stone Avenue on July 4, 2013 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Mayor Merrifield stated the closing of Stone Avenue does not land lock any homes. Councilor Dzujna asked if the street is closed, would the park be accessible. Yes, you could get to the park if you park on View Street. Councilor Feener commented this has been done and this is a one house street and he stated he does not believe anyone is being inconvenienced by doing this. Councilor Clarenbach commented that the City Council has authorized block parties before and closed off roads for neighborhood parties.

Motion passes, there was one no vote.

Other Business

Committee Reports

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Councilor Clarenbach advised that an MSD Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12th at 9:00 am at Municipal Services. The topic on the agenda will be solid waste disposal. This will also be placed on the June 24th workshop agenda.

Councilor Desrochers commented that a couple of items were requested to be made part of the minutes and before that is done, he requested that all Councilors receive copies of the items for consideration.

City Manager's Update

Manager Dragon advised in the contingency grant line \$300 was received from Merrimack County for the Ride-a-Long grant, \$1,400.02 from the State of New Hampshire for fire training. She reminded the Council that Watts Water Technologies are getting ready for their ribbon cutting if you would be interested in taking part in that. The ribbon cutting will be on June 21st at 10 am. She advised she attended the annual NRA meeting where she accepted an award on behalf of the City for most tonnage recycled through NRA per capita in 2012.

Manager Dragon commented we try very hard to work with the Welfare Department in terms of putting people in the workfare program if the City is giving them assistance. We had an unfortunate incident where one of the workers has potentially removed some items from one of the offices. Thanks to the very fast and effective work of our Police Department they were able to address that matter; great job on the part of the Police Department.

If you haven't heard, last week a lot of time with a videographer working on the new video that will be on the front page of the Franklin website. She thanked all her department heads for their help and the School District for their help. She also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Finley for getting kids to the Opera House practicing the Wiz so they were in costume on stage. Many businesses up and down Central Street were very cooperative. She stated she is very much looking forward to the final product. She stated we even had Councilor Dzujna showing off his tennis

skills down at the park. With this project she complimented on how quickly the departments heads would come up with whatever was needed. She noted the night before the filming was to begin she mentioned to Brian Barry that the carpets out in front of City Hall looking pretty ratty and with the video person coming it would be nice to have new mats in City Hall and not only did he replace the mats but came in on the weekend and scrubbed the floors and pulled weeds in the gardens out front of City Hall.

Late Items

Crossing Agreement between the State of NH and the City of Franklin

Motion made by Councilor Feener and seconded by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council authorizes City Manager Dragon to sign the Crossing Agreement between the State of New Hampshire and the City of Franklin for an underground utility crossing on the NH DOT Railroad corridor between Kimball Street and Chance Pond Road in Franklin. All in favor, motion passes.

School Board Resignation

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council acknowledges the resignation of Brian Boynton from the School Board with regret. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

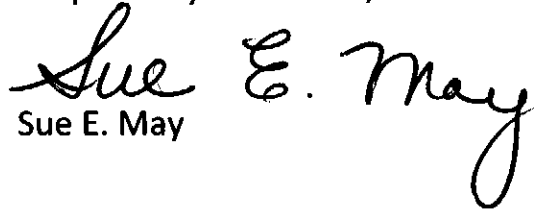
Councilor Clarenbach inquired if this vacancy would be placed in the newspaper or on the website. Mayor Merrifield commented we don't normally do that. Councilor Feener suggested that there is a meeting next Monday and make it part of the meeting that the Council make an appointment then. This gives anyone time that would be interested to come in and fill out a prospective appointee profile form. It will also be put on the website.

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All in favor of acknowledging the receipt of Brian Boynton's resignation from the School Board.

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Desrochers, seconded by Councilor Feener.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,


Sue E. May