

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2013**

**Call to Order**

Councilor/Chair Feener called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM in the GAR Hall, Franklin City Hall.

**Member in Attendance**

Councilor Feener

**Absent**

Councilor Boyd and Councilor Cournoyer

**Others in Attendance**

Mayor Merrifield, Councilor Dzujna, Planning Director Lewis and City Manager Dragon.

**Panhandling**

Director Lewis stated that Concord adopted an ordinance concerning panhandling and have had no problems with it. You may still see some panhandling but the Police cannot be everywhere. Manager Dragon commented that it is just beginning to be an issue in Franklin. Director Lewis will have Chief Goldstein and Attorney Fitzgerald review the proposed ordinance and bring it forth on the November 4<sup>th</sup> agenda to schedule a public hearing.

**Camping on City Owned Property**

Attorney Fitzgerald had advised that there was a state property court case but he felt that would not be applicable to City owned property. A memo was sent to all department heads inquiring if they had input concerning this proposed ordinance and there was no additional input expressed. Councilor Feener stated we need to protect the citizens that use these areas as well as giving officials the ability to

enforce the ordinance. Director Lewis will check once again with Chief Goldstein and Chief LaChapelle for their input and then bring this proposed ordinance forth at the November 4<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting to schedule a public hearing.

### **Ordinance #61**

It was suggested to remove anything that states the City Council has authority to remove school board members. Mayor Merrifield commented he had felt that the requirement of 100 signatures on a petition was too low. It was expressed that this part of the ordinance should be dropped all together and the public comment section in the Council agendas would handle grievances; however, they decided to wait and hear comments from Attorney Fitzgerald on the matter. The indemnification language does need to be clarified. This issue will be brought back to the Legislative Committee after information is received from Attorney Fitzgerald.

### **Basketball Hoops located in Roadways**

Manager Dragon advised that the Municipal Services Department sends out letters to residents that are obstructing the trash/recycling trucks in their ability to pick up at the curbside as well as anything obstructing snow removal. Director Lewis will use this letter and incorporate the basketball hoop issue stating you can't impede right-of-way

### **Sanger Street Update**

Manager Dragon advised that a letter was sent to everyone who resides on Sanger Street advising there is "No Parking" on Sanger Street and to-date no further complaints have been received.

**Therapeutic Cannabis**

There will be four locations in the State of New Hampshire. Director Lewis commented at this time there seems to be many unknowns. They could fall under the regulations for pharmacies which can be located in Zones B1 and B2. Director Lewis stated perhaps he would write a letter to the Commission expressing the City's concerns. The State Legislature has accepted DHHS process which would be approximately 14 months; then there would be the application process so nothing will be developing soon. However, clarification and a specific definition are needed. Councilor Feener commented that he has heard vacant bank buildings would be a good locations for dispensers. It was requested that Director Lewis continue monitoring this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue E. May