

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM X



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

December 2, 2013 City Council Meeting

Subject: Other Business

A. Committee Reports

B. City Manager's Update



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City Council Meeting December 2013

Date: November 25, 2013
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:

\$8,000 was received from the Webster Lake Association for the completion of the storm water improvement work on Lake Shore Drive. This work was part of the overall storm water and wetland replication work that was funded by the NH Dept of Environmental Services, the NH State Conservation Moose Plate program, and the US Dept of Agriculture's Natural Resource conservation service office. The work is now complete.

Franklin Mayor's Drug Task force update-

There is a new face in the Coalition Coordinator's office at the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force, but it is a familiar one for many area residents. Brandy Underwood, a Franklin resident and local business owner, has accepted the position and is eager to start making a difference. Brandy's office is now located at the Bessie Rowell Community Center.

**The Task force is in the early stages of planning the "Bow-Wow" Ball this winter -as the next major fundraiser for the Police dept K-9 program.

NHDOT Speed study NH Route 12 (Old South main street)-

Attached is a report from NH Dept of Transportation indicating that based on the traffic and engineering investigation they have determined that the existing 50 mph posted speed limit is appropriate for this highway segment.

Planning/Zoning & Assessing Office move:

The Planning/Zoning and Assessing office is moving are moving to the Proulx Center [the former Recreation Department office] on Memorial Street, right at the arches leading to Odell Park. The offices will close at Noon on Monday, December 16th and will re-open for business on Friday, December 20th.



Christmas Tree Lighting: Friday December 6th at 6pm join Santa Claus and watch as hundreds of lights are lit at the tree lighting ceremony in Scott Marceau park, downtown Franklin, sponsored by the Franklin Christmas lighting committee.

Brownsfield project update 599-601 South Main Street-

November 7, 2013 Update from Director Lewis:

Since the last update the City has been working hard on advancing this project. Our consultant, Nobis Engineering, has prepared numerous reports that were submitted to EPA and NH DES. A key document was the Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives. A fully noticed public hearing was held on this document during the summer. Once that step was accomplished, Nobis initiated work on the quality assurance plans that help to define the extent of the cleanup and abatement activities, the methodologies that are used, and the measures that will be put into place to protect public health, safety, and welfare. At the same time, Nobis stated work on the draft specifications necessary to bid the cleanup work.

A Request for Proposal was issued and 3 proposals were submitted. The firm of Spears Brothers was selected, and a contract has been signed. The City, Nobis Engineering, and Spears Brothers have been coordinating activities, and today mobilization efforts will begin. The first steps in the cleanup process will be the removal of the asbestos containing materials [flooring, roofing, some windows, and the burned debris from the June 2012 fire in the apartment building] located on the property. In the coming days, other debris piles located towards the rear of the property will be removed, contaminated soils will be excavated and transported from the site, and eventually the garage building will be demolished. The barn structure, located to the rear of the garage will remain, and our hope is to find a community, a firm or an individual who is interested in removing and recycling the barn since it contains some valuable old timbers. The Town of Belmont has expressed an interest in the barn structure.

Given the limited size of the property and the strictures, the overall cleanup, abatement, and demolition activities can probably be accomplished within a 3 week period. The site will be fenced off to help protect the public and specific work zones will be properly managed to protect the on-site workers. Nobis engineering will be on site throughout the process to provide oversight and management of the work. City staff will visit the site on a regular basis as well.

Again, the long term goal of the City of Franklin is to see this site cleaned up and redeveloped so that it becomes a useful commercial property again. This cleanup work is the first step in this process.



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



November 4, 2013

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager
City of Franklin
316 Central Street
Franklin NH 03235

Dear Ms. Dragon:

I have completed an engineering and traffic investigation relative to the speed limit along US Route 3 from approximately Holy Cross Road to the intersection with NH Route 127 (Old South Main Street) as requested by the city council through your office on September 23, 2013.

The engineering and traffic investigation consisted of a formal speed survey along with application of an "Expert System for Recommending Speed Limits in Speed Zones" (NCHRP Project 3-67). The results of both are included in this response.

The speed survey concluded that the 85th percentile speed along this corridor (that speed generally accepted as the measure of a reasonable and prudent value for posted speed limits) was 53 mph. It is desirable to have the posted speed limit be within 5 mph of the 85th percentile speed.

The "Expert System" is a web based application developed through research that provides a recommended posted speed limit based on criteria such as length of segment, highway characteristics, average daily traffic, and crash history. For the subject segment, the recommended speed limit is 50 mph.

Based on the traffic and engineering investigation described above, I have determined that the existing 50 mph posted speed limit is appropriate for this highway segment. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance feel free to contact me at 271-1679.

Sincerely,



William R. Lambert, P.E.
Traffic Engineer/Administrator

WRL:maw

cc: Representative Leigh Webb
A. G. Hanscom, District 2 Engineer
B. Sullivan, Franklin MSD Director
TrackIT #1975

USLIMITS2 Data Output

Road Section in Undeveloped Area

Basic Project Information

User Name - Bill Lambert
Project Name - Franklin, US 3 speed limit review
Project Number - 1975
Project Date - 11-04-2013
State - New Hampshire
County - Merrimack County
City - Franklin city
Route Name - US 3
Termini From - Holy Cross Road
Termini To - Franklin urban compact
Route Status - New
Description - Review of current 50 mph speed limit as requested by city council on behalf of abutters and Rep. Leigh Webb

Roadway Information

85th Percentile Speed - 53 mph
50th Percentile Speed - 48 mph
Section Length - 2.5 mile(s)
Statutory Speed Limit - 55 mile(s)
AADT - 4000
Adverse Alignment - No
Divided/Undivided - Undivided
Number of Lanes - 2
Roadside Hazard Rating - 4

Crash Data Information

Crash Data Years/Months - 8/0
Crash AADT - 4000
Total Number of Crashes - 27
Total Number of Injury Crashes - 15
Section Crash Rate - 92
Section Injury Rate - 51
Crash Rate Average for Similar Sections - 134
Injury Rate Average for Similar Sections - 47



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DECEMBER 2, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Subject: Non-Public Session

Suggested Motion: *“I move that the Franklin City Council enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II d buying, selling, or leasing of property, where public discussion would give someone in the community an unfair advantage adverse to the general public.”*

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call.

Roll Call:

Councilor Cournoyer	_____	Councilor Desrochers	_____
Councilor Trudel	_____	Councilor Dzujna	_____
Councilor Feener	_____	Councilor Clarenbach	_____
Councilor Starkweather	_____	Councilor Boyd	_____
Councilor Giunta	_____		

After session is done, motion is made to come out of non-public.

Motion for sealing the minutes:

Suggested Motion: *“I move that the Franklin City Council seal the minutes of the non-public session because releasing them would make the action taken ineffectual.”*

Roll Call:

Councilor Cournoyer	_____	Councilor Desrochers	_____
Councilor Trudel	_____	Councilor Dzujna	_____
Councilor Feener	_____	Councilor Clarenbach	_____
Councilor Starkweather	_____	Councilor Boyd	_____
Councilor Giunta	_____		