



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of January 4th, 2016

Subject: Approval of Minutes

Motion: "I move that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2015 City Council Meeting and the October 5th, 2015 City Council Meeting."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.

The October 5th, 2015 City Council Meeting minutes were included in the November 2nd, 2015 packet but were omitted from the approval of the minutes motion. Therefore, they are included again in this Council packet.

City Council Meeting December 14, 2015

Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Councilor Dzujna, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Desrochers, Councilor Feener, Councilor Wells, Councilor Barton, Councilor Giunta, Councilor Boyd, Mayor Merrifield and City Manager Dragon.

Absent

Councilor Clarenbach

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Boyd.

Public Hearings

Resolution #06-16 - appropriating \$11,000 of reserve funds from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Rescue Squad for the rescue trailer storage barn.

There was no public comment.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT): agreements for seven solar projects being developed by NH Solar Garden throughout the city on both private and public property.

Mayor Merrifield informed that these are payments to the city or revenue to the city's general fund in lieu of taxes.

Mr. Therrien asked, what is the advantage of getting the money vs the taxes for the city people? How does it benefit the public? City Manager Dragon stated it benefits the public the same way as a tax payment would it is a payment to the city. These solar projects and other renewable energy projects fall under a different statute. In that statute, it allows for a payment in lieu of taxes instead of a regular tax payment. The discussion was focused on what should the payment be.

Mayor Merrifield added that these structures, the solar arrays, are considered taxable only through this method in New Hampshire. We are in a sense taxing them through a payment in lieu of taxes whether they are on city or private property and this is additional revenue for the city.

There was no further public comment.

Comments from the Public

Persons wishing to address the Council may speak for a maximum of three minutes. No more than thirty minutes will be devoted to public commentary.

Mr. Brian Lamond of Prospect St wanted to know when the city is going to do something about Prospect St? He is sick of his cars and truck getting torn apart driving up and down over the rutty roads. He picked up a tax abatement form and he is going to apply for tax abatement and is also going to recommend to all his neighbors to apply for tax abatement because the road is lowering the value of his property. He is also thinking of suing the city for damages to his vehicles. Nothing has been done to that street for 20 years and all they do is come up and down and throw coal patch down to fill the holes which is washed out the next time it rains. Mr. Lamond has had to call and email Brian Sullivan a number of times as his wife has to drive to Concord daily past Central St. and that is the worst with pot holes. Director Sullivan had told him once that they used 16 tons of coal patch on the road between the town line and Gile road and Mr. Lamond feels that is costing the city money. He hears people say they do not want the road fixed because then people will be going too fast, people fly up and down the road anyway. Mr. Lamond would like to see a police officer sit in his driveway one day and stop a few people and make some money to fix the road.

Municipal Services Director Brian Sullivan stated that Prospect St. has been discussed on numerous occasions and the problems are not limited to just Prospect St. He has a list from the Capital Improvement Plan that identifies over 6 million worth of road work that needs to be done and we are in this position due to lack of revenues. A schedule has been worked up for bonding as it will cost well over 1.2 million to do the entire Prospect St. properly. Prospect St. has been problematic for over 30 years as it does not have much of a sub base as it is believed to have been a cow path previous. MSD committee is talking about bonding and would like anyone from Prospect St. to attend the hearing for this. As costs continue to escalate Director Sullivan feels that bonding would be the one way to accomplish this.

Mayor Merrifield added that 1.2 million is 10% of what we collect in taxes annually and bonding would be probably the only way to do this.

Mr. Rayno stated 40 years ago Franklin was scheduled to have a second bridge come down Rte 11 straight across Rte 127 with a bypass over to I-93 that got phased out but in the process the State took some land from Mr. Eli Sneider on Riverview Dr. Starting at 3:30 am coming from I-93 in Sanbornton, trucks come down Rte 127 to bottom of Hill right on Central St take another right and go about their business. We need another bridge in town. Anyway we can get the ball rolling on getting another bridge in town north of here?

Mayor Merrifield agrees if anything ever happens to the current bridge the city would be cut in half.

Mrs. Dzujna on behalf of Franklin Regional Hospital auxiliary wanted to thank Choose Franklin for including them in the marketing of the most amazing weekend, last weekend. They had their Lights of Memory event and had about 50 people in attendance and that is the most they have had in attendance in the last 10 years.

Director Lewis gave an update on agenda item #IX. The planning board held their public hearing on Dec 9, 2015 and voted 6-0 with a positive recommendation of this change to the Council. Shifting from a SUP to P doesn't mean restaurants won't be established in the downtown without any review or checklist of significant items. The review process would go through a site plan review process such as heating, ventilation, parking, signage and building review process.

Fire Chief LaChapelle stated that on Nov 23 at 9:07 am they were toned out for a 3rd call, while already out on a MV entrapment and helicopter landing at hospital, city worker Jeremy Cornell was working at Franklin shopping center discussing leaf pick up when he noticed an elderly gentleman leaning on his car fumbling with his phone. Stopping his conversation he went over to the elderly gentleman and asked if he needed help and he stated yes I can't breathe. Jeremy immediately called 911 and summoned the city's ambulance to that location. We had off duty personnel at the station from the previous two calls. Once the gentleman was loaded into the ambulance he went into sudden cardiac arrest, stopped breathing and had no pulse. With advanced life support care the gentleman is alive and believed to be doing ok. It needs to be recognized that without Jeremy Cornell's efforts as an MSD employee and a responsible city employee, recognizing a citizen's need that gentleman would not be alive today. This particular gentleman is also someone who has endured tragedy in the city and lost his family in a fire in 2008.

Fire Chief LaChapelle also stated that our last ISO rating was done 1995. There is controversy across the country as to whether ISO ratings have value or not. Our long standing ISO ratings have been a 4 in downtown district and 9 in rural setting. After reviewing training files, reviewing the upgrades (14 million in water upgrades) we made an improvement to a 3 in our ISO ratings. This is a huge advantage to the taxpayers that the insurance companies do value.

There were no further public comments, Mayor Merrifield closed public comment.

Choose Franklin

Mrs. Jo Brown, Co-Chair wanted to thank everyone involved in the tree lighting ceremony it was one of their best nights as a business owner. It was nice to see the traffic stopping as a native of Franklin. Our First Day will be on January 1 and we will be having Kayaks coming down, for those who don't know we have a new Kayak and bike business coming to town. Owner Marty will be taking people out into the frigid water for those interested. In February, we will be hosting the new Hospital CEO Seth Warren at 8:00 a.m. at the Library upstairs. In March, our

own Superintendent LeGallo will be talking about what is happening in the schools. In April, the Mayor's Drug Task Force will be hosting Dr. Racicot talking about heroin issues.

Legislative Comments - None

City Council Acknowledgements

Councilor Dzujna wanted to thank the people who placed the greenery that is put on the poles (Franklin Regional Hospital Auxiliary, Franklin Regional Hospital gift shop, Franklin Rotary Club, Franklin Library Board, Watts Water Technology).

Councilor Dzujna also wanted to recognize the Morrill Family (Tim and Glen) for putting up and decorating the tree in West Franklin along with the wreaths on the wheel. Thanks to Mark Picard and Beck and Bellucci for the putting up the major tree downtown. Also thank you to the Franklin fire department for coordinating the lighting and bringing Santa to downtown. Also thank you to everyone for their participation in career day at the high school, they did a fabulous job. Finally thank you Jeff and Bev Brewer for winning the Hurst award.

Mayor Merrifield stated we should recognize and thank Councilor Dzujna for his efforts for the tree lighting and Santa's workshop coordination.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Merrifield stated he received a request from the family of the cold case of the Gloddy murder. Banners are currently on private property. We have recently had these banners on city property and they are requesting if they can do this again, on Ward I bridge and the Police Department. Councilor Dzujna asked if this is something that has to go through planning and zoning and this is not in the ordinance. Mayor Merrifield stated he is leaving it to the Council discretion since this is the first they are hearing of this.

Agenda Item I.

City Council to consider the minutes of the November 2nd, 2015 City Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council consider the minutes of the November 2, 2015 City Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener.

Councilor Dzujna stated on page 2, second paragraph, 1st line, it should be Day not Night.

All in favor; motion passes as corrected.

Agenda Item II.

School Board Report

School Board report given by Chair Tam Feener. Copy is attached.

Agenda Item III.

City to consider approval of Resolution #06-16 concerning appropriating \$11,000 of reserve funds from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Rescue Squad for the rescue trailer storage barn.

Motion: Councilor Starkweather moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #06-16 by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Roll Call:

<i>Councilor Clarenbach</i>	<i>– Abs</i>	<i>Councilor Dzujna</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Giunta</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Wells</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Boyd</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Feener</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Desrochers</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Barton</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Starkweather</i>	<i>– Yes</i>		

Fire Chief stated that funds from LRGH healthcare, a grant from 3M and these funds will also be intended to be used as a soft match for emergency management funds to purchase electronic sign board, trailer for 100 cones and barricades that would be used at a time of emergency at no cost to the city.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item IV.

City Council to consider Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements for seven solar projects being developed by NH Solar Garden throughout the City on both private and public property.

Motion: Councilor Feener moved that the Franklin City Council approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements for the seven solar projects. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Councilor Giunta recused himself and removed himself from the table.

City Manager Dragon stated that she used the wording town solar as they mistakenly called us town solar in their lease agreement so she used the same language. Per conversation with Atty Fitzgerald, this statute that allows us to use (PILOT) actually talks about this being done every 5 years and there needs to be a reason for it to be a longer term agreement. These agreements are for every 20 years and the reason why is NH Solar Gardens needs to have the PILOT agreements and lease agreements all be the same terms because the funders who are funding the projects want that guarantee that they know what the numbers and expenses are because some of these have lease agreements to the city, some have lease agreements to private property owners, there is one that has a purchase power agreement and then there is the PILOT so they would like all of them for the same amount of time.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item V.

City Council to consider Tim Morrill to come before the council to discuss proposed art streetscape idea.

Tim presented a projection of his idea to the councilors. Tim wants to get students involved with this project and do designs in four medians around the city. He is to come back to the council with plans, cost, time and design ideas (nothing too bright for distraction) for this project.

Agenda Item VI.

City Council to consider approval of an agricultural lease with Mr. Fife for portions of a city owned parcel not being utilized for a previously approved Solar Project.

Motion: Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council approve the agricultural lease with Mr. Fife for portions of a city owned parcel not being utilized for a previously approved Solar Project for one year. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

City Manager Dragon stated that Mr. Fife called and would like to have this lease for five years not an annual lease.

Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council approve to amend the agricultural lease with Mr. Fife for portions of a city owned parcel not being utilized for a previously approved Solar Project for five years. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather. All in favor of the amendment to the original; motion passes.

The Mayor then called the vote on the original motion as amended. All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VII.

City Council to consider concerns regarding continued voting at the Franklin Middle School for Ward 3.

Vice Principal Finley, as Emergency Director for the district, voiced concerns about school safety when voting happens during school hours to vote. With people having access to the gym, children playing outside during recess, parking problems, etc. it poses a problem at Franklin Middle School.

Councilor Desrochers asked why the school district couldn't make voting days a teacher workshop day so students would not be in school. Mr. Finley stated that is a good suggestion and he would look into it.

Mayor Merrifield stated the Council would take it under advisement.

City Manager Dragon stated that our Ward maps are a bit unclear online so the city is working to make these clearer as to what areas are in what Wards.

Agenda Item VIII.

City Council to consider adoption of pay and classification Grade 1022 adjustment.

Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council adopt the pay and classification Grade 1022 adjustment. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

City Manager Dragon states it changes the range and some employees are frozen at the end of the range. This adjustment changes the beginning and the end of the range.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item IX.

City Council to consider Franklin Planning Board's recommendation to approve an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow restaurants in the Downtown Revitalization District as a permitted use.

Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council approve an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow restaurants in the Downtown

Revitalization District as a permitted use. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener. Roll call vote.

Roll Call:

<i>Councilor Clarenbach</i>	<i>– Abs</i>	<i>Councilor Dzujna</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Giunta</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Wells</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Boyd</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Feener</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Desrochers</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Barton</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Starkweather</i>	<i>– Yes</i>		

Councilor Feener states that Franklin for Lifetime program set up subcommittees and this came out of the housing infrastructure committee program was focusing on downtown and that this needs to change to allow restaurants to come into downtown.

Councilor Dzujna states that this will help show that we want to get businesses here into the downtown.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item IX.

Other Business

- 1. Committee Report** – None
- 2. City Manager's Update**

City Manager Dragon stated there is a 2015 construction summary that is included at the end of this packet and online by the MSD department.

City Manager Dragon advised that the City received the following contingent grant line amount: \$400 VFW & Franklin Lodge for the Book Club; \$253.83 Lights on Nap Sack Grant; \$1,747.00 Comedy Show Proceeds – Drug Task Force; and \$6,864.00 DWI Patrol grant.

We have started an online newsletter thanks to Franklin for Lifetime another subcommittee that has been active in marketing and promoting the community and creating more champions for Franklin. This newsletter is being entirely written by a volunteer. City Manager Dragon just reviews her work and sends her information and the Mayor participates in this as well. So far it has gotten great feedback and has been received well. It has also been added to the website as an online subscription and you can just go on the website and sign up for this where you would sign up for other e-alerts.

The Downtown Coordinator position, the grant that Director Lewis put together through USDA Rural Development, was funded for \$50,000 and we have put out a request for applications. We are in the process of interviewing our top candidate and hopefully working out a scope of duties.

The NHMA conference asked the Drug Task Force back again this year and we coordinated a panel discussion on substance misuse and had great attendance. 49 people attended the session, 6 different panel speakers and many people standing in the back of the room. The room was completely full. We believe we will be invited back again next year.

A legislative update on the curfew ordinance challenge, City Manager Dragon did reach out and everyone was on board in trying to help us. Since the house deadline had passed, Senator Hosmer did work with the attorneys to see if there was some way to purpose a change to the State law that would help us with the ordinance challenge by the ACLU, however in his conversations with the attorneys they were not able to come up with anything that would address the constitutional challenge that the ACLU was bringing forward and so there is no bill currently pending.

Congratulations to Jim Curran who is retiring this week and he will be hard to replace.

3. Late Items

Mayor Merrifield read Resolution #07-16

RESOLUTION #07-16

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2016.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which began July 1, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire has supported the CATCH Neighborhood Housing project at the Riverbend Mill property located at 100 Memorial Street, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin acknowledges receipt of a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Community Development Finance Authority for the CATCH Neighborhood Housing project, Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, January 4, 2016, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt

resolution 07-16 approving the receipt of a community block development grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Community Development Finance Authority and authorize an increase in revenues:

Federal Grants – CDBG CATCH Center Acct No. 14-9-012-33110-433 – Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000),

And an increase in expenditure account Federal Grant Building – CDBG CATCH Account No. 14-9-012-40720-433 in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000),

By a roll call vote.

MOTION: *Councilor Feener moved that the Franklin City Council approve to set a public hearing for Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:07 pm regarding the Resolution #07-16 appropriating of up to \$500,000 of Community Development Block Grant Funding received for the CATCH Neighborhood Housing project. Councilor Desrochers seconded. All in favor; motion passes.*

City Manager received an email from Angela Carey resigning her Ward II school board seat. Per the Council a posting will go on the web to announce this vacancy for the Council to appoint someone for the remainder of her term. Councilor Desrochers would like to have applicant documents prior to the meeting for review.

Councilor Desrochers wanted to say that on behalf of the City Council we wanted to wish the residents of Franklin a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to keep all our service men and women in their thoughts as they give us the right to sit at his table tonight.

City Council to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-a, II a, the Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee.

MOTION: *Councilor Feener moved that the Franklin City Council enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II a, The Dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee, by a roll call vote and Councilor Desrochers seconded.*

Roll Call:

Councilor Clarenbach	– Abs	Councilor Dzujna	– Yes
Councilor Giunta	– Yes	Councilor Wells	– Yes
Councilor Boyd	– Yes	Councilor Feener	– Yes
Councilor Desrochers	– Yes	Councilor Barton	– Yes
Councilor Starkweather	– Yes		

All in favor; motion passes.

MOTION: *Councilor Feener moved to come out of the non-public session and Councilor Desrochers seconded. All in favor; motion passes.*

Councilor Feener moved that the Franklin City Council approve renewing the employment contract for the Police Chief for another 4 years with a merit increase and Councilor Desrochers seconded. All in favor; the motion passes.

Councilor Giunta stated that the City Council in Berlin voted to support Northern Pass Project and he hopes to make a motion to have Franklin City Manager send a letter to the Site Evaluation Committee with unanimous support from this committee supporting the Northern Pass project.

MOTION: *Councilor Giunta moved that the Franklin City Council unanimously supports the Northern Pass Transmission project and the Council authorizes the City Manager to write a letter of support enumerating the many benefits of the project. The letter is to be sent to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee with specific reference to the Franklin City Council's unanimous support and Councilor Boyd seconded. All in favor; motion passes.*

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Desrochers and seconded by Councilor Feener. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauraine G. Paquin

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD REPORT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

QUOTE: "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower" Steve Jobs

- ❖ Audit Update: SAU18 2012 Audit – the Accounting Firm is working with the Department of Education to finish 2012. On December 10th SAU Business Administrator to start work with our Accountants 2013 Audit.
- ❖ The Art Car represented Franklin in the 2015 Plymouth Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 5, 2015. It was a giant success and was well received by the crowd. Superintendent Dan LeGallo drove the Art Car on Friday, December 11th for the 29th Annual WFTN's Cash N Can Drive at Franklin's McDonald.
- ❖ November 19th the National Honor Society had there Induction Ceremony.
- ❖ **Smarter Balanced results were rolled out at the November 16th School Board Meeting – Information Attached and Superintendent Dan LeGallo is present to answer any questions.
- ❖ ***We are working with the City of Franklin and Boys/Girls Club toward applying for The New Hampshire Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Center Program Grant. The 21C Bidders Conference is January 5 – Snow Date January 7. If we are successful to obtain this Grant – it will be about \$125K each year for five years.**

Information Attached for Councils Review:

1. **Smarter Balanced Results and other materials
2. Principal Reports from Paul Smith, Middle and High Schools
3. Notifications from Principal Towne
4. Draft of October 19, 2015 Franklin Board's Minutes
5. Thank you note to Jimmy Howe and the Nightrider Band

***"The program's purpose is to raise student academic achievement through the creation and expansion of community learning centers during out of school time hours that provide students with academic enrichment opportunities as well as additional activities designed to complement their regular academic program."**

Franklin Smarter Balanced 2015

	1	2	3	4
Grade 3 Math	28%	36%	28%	8%
State	19%	28%	35%	18%
Grade 4 Math	21%	49%	26%	3%
State	16%	36%	32%	17%
Grade 5 Math	24%	51%	21%	4%
State	22%	33%	23%	21%
Grade 6 Math	25%	39%	21%	15%
State	21%	33%	26%	20%
Grade 7 Math	40%	31%	20%	10%
State	20%	29%	28%	23%
Grade 8 Math	46%	23%	21%	10%
State	28%	28%	23%	21%
Grade 11 Math	53%	36%	11%	0%
State	37%	27%	22%	14%

	1	2	3	4
Grade 3 Read	33%	33%	21%	13%
State	19%	26%	27%	28%
	1	2	3	4
Grade 4 Read	32%	34%	23%	12%
State	22%	22%	27%	29%
	1	2	3	4
Grade 5 Read	26%	29%	30%	16%
State	17%	29%	36%	27%
	1	2	3	4
Grade 6 Read	20%	29%	41%	10%
State	16%	27%	38%	19%
	1	2	3	4
Grade 7 Read	22%	35%	36%	7%
State	16%	22%	43%	19%
	1	2	3	4
Grade 8 Read	31%	34%	26%	9%
State	16%	26%	41%	17%
	1	2	3	4
Grade 11 Read	27%	22%	33%	18%
State	18%	23%	35%	24%

**ELA/Literacy
FRANKLIN**

**ELA/Literacy
STATE OF NH**

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Percent at Level 3 or Above	Grade	Percent at Level 3 or Above	ABOVE+ / BELOW- STATE AVERAGE
Grade 3	90	30%	Grade 3	55%	-25%
Grade 4	74	34%	Grade 4	56%	-22%
Grade 5	84	44%	Grade 5	63%	-19%
Grade 6	80	51%	Grade 6	57%	-6%
Grade 7	81	43%	Grade 7	62%	-19%
Grade 8	97	35%	Grade 8	58%	-23%
Grade 11	73	51%	Grade 11	59%	-8%

**Mathematics
FRANKLIN**

**Mathematics
STATE OF NH**

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Percent at Level 3 or Above	Grade	Percent at Level 3 or Above	ABOVE+ / BELOW- STATE AVERAGE
Grade 3	91	33%	Grade 3	53%	-20%
Grade 4	74	32%	Grade 4	49%	-17%
Grade 5	84	23%	Grade 5	44%	-21%
Grade 6	80	36%	Grade 6	45%	-9%
Grade 7	81	30%	Grade 7	51%	-21%
Grade 8	97	31%	Grade 8	44%	-13%
Grade 11	72	11%	Grade 11	36%	-25%

Reporting Achievement Level Descriptors

Smarter Balanced Assessments Achievement Level Descriptors (ALD) for the English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics (Math) are described below. Student reports will display which ALD their ELA and Math scores correspond with.

Mathematics Reporting Achievement Level Descriptors

High School	Grades 6–8	Grades 3–5
<p>Level 4 The student has exceeded the achievement standard and demonstrates the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after high school.</p> <p>Level 3 The student has met the achievement standard and demonstrates progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after completing high school coursework.</p> <p>Level 2 The student has nearly met the achievement standard and may require further development to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after completing high school coursework.</p>	<p>Level 4 The student has exceeded the achievement standard and demonstrates advanced progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after high school.</p> <p>Level 3 The student has met the achievement standard and demonstrates progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after completing future coursework.</p> <p>Level 2 The student has nearly met the achievement standard and may require further development to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after high school after completing future coursework.</p>	<p>Level 4 The student has exceeded the achievement standard and demonstrates advanced progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in future coursework.</p> <p>Level 3 The student has met the achievement standard and demonstrates progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in future coursework.</p> <p>Level 2 The student has nearly met the achievement standard and may require further development to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in future coursework.</p>

High School	Grades 6–8	Grades 3–5
<p>Level 1 The student has not met the achievement standard and needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after completing high school coursework.</p>	<p>Level 1 The student has not met the achievement standard and needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after high school after completing future coursework.</p>	<p>Level 1 The student has not met the achievement standard and needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in mathematics needed for likely success in future coursework.</p>

English Language Arts/Literacy Reporting Achievement Level Descriptors

High School	Grades 6–8	Grades 3–5
<p>Level 4 The student has exceeded the achievement standard and demonstrates the knowledge and skills in English language arts/literacy needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after high school.</p>	<p>Level 4 The student has exceeded the achievement standard and demonstrates advanced progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills in English language arts/literacy needed for likely success in entry-level credit-bearing college coursework after high school.</p>	<p>Level 4 The student has exceeded the achievement standard and demonstrates advanced progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills in English language arts/literacy needed for likely success in future coursework.</p>
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High School	Grades 6–8	Grades 3–5
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Paul Smith School Board Report
Nov. 2015

Student Activities

Tiger came down on Nov. 12 to do an assembly about bullying for grades 1-3. We have practiced lockdowns from class and recess and will also practice a lunch time one. The second grade concert had a huge attendance. Our Veteran's day assembly was terrific thanks to Mrs. Blouin, Mr. Hazelton and Mrs. Weaver. Kindergarten is going to a play at the Capital theatre on Nov. 16. Mr. Merrifield came and spoke to the third grade about the mayor's office and elections. Students staged a "Race for Mayor" in studying government.

Parent Involvement.

PTO is Nov. 18 at 6:00. Report Cards are due out on Dec. 4. Parent Conferences have been pushed back to January 22 and will take place all day. There will be a parent Literacy Night on Dec. 2 dealing with how parents can be more involved in their child's reading program. The Title I annual meeting will occur the same night. Picture retakes will be Dec. 3 as well as the end of our annual Cash and Cans program with WFTN.

Teacher Training and Planning

During team meetings we are continuing to look at the Common Core standards and changing over to a Competency-based Report Card. At our monthly staff meeting, Mr. Finley will be leading a training dealing with new security procedures.

Building

We are cleaning up our gardens to prepare for the end of another year. The UNH Cooperative Extension has joined our Garden Committee to provide their support. We have been able to use our stage for many activities and the extended library has been fantastic. Storage areas have been cleaned out by the maintenance staff.



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FMS Principal's Report for November 16, 2015

1. **Math Club:** Scott Maxner and Janine Neggars are offering a math club for our fifth and sixth graders. They will meet every Monday afternoon and also participate in three regional competitions in Meredith.
2. **Student Leadership Council:** The Veteran's Day Assembly went off nicely. The veterans enjoyed the presentation and spending time with the children during the breakfast that was provided by the children.
3. **Honor Roll/ Sports Assembly:** Our first assembly will be on November 19th. Students will be recognized for making the honor roll and participating in field hockey, football, soccer, and volleyball.
4. **TIGER:** The students and staff enjoyed the TIGER presentation. As usual, the performance was well done and the students learned more about bullying.
5. **Important Dates to Remember:**
 - Nov 19th Honor Roll/Sports Assembly
 - Nov. 20th FMS Dance
 - Nov. 25-29th: No School – Thanksgiving
 - Dec 10th Winter Concert @ 6:00
 - Dec 23rd to Jan 3rd No School – Christmas Break

FHS Principal's Report November 2015

1. **Veteran's Day Assembly:** On November 10th 2015 our students attended an assembly dedicated to honoring our military personnel. Students were introduced to veterans from every branch of the armed services and from active duty personnel to veterans from WW2 and all decades in between. Our music department provided patriotic songs, including a stirring rendition of *God Bless America* played by saxophonist Matt Carlson. After the assembly students formed a long line around the gym to personally meet the veterans and thank them for their service.
2. **Community Service Project:** On November 11th 2015 there were 20 students who volunteered to work at Veteran's Memorial Recreation Area here in Franklin. Students braved the rainy cool weather to trim brush on the lift lines all the way to the top of the hill, while other students cleaned and organized the inside of the lodge. A special thank you to the Franklin Outing Club for hosting our student volunteers and providing a good meal afterward.
3. **Internships:** To assist students in finding job shadow opportunities and internships our school has partnered with the "200 by 2020" project. This is a workforce development partnership aimed at engaging at least 200 businesses in providing a full range of experiential learning opportunities for Lakes Region students by the year 2020. This effort has produced the high school internship and job shadow database contained on the website below. This project is aimed at increasing the number of students who complete internships and job shadows during high school. The internship database is available to any business and any school in the Lakes Region, and it is a streamlined process of finding an internship position or a job shadow. <http://www.lakesregioninternships.com/index>
4. **Career Day:** We are in the final stages of planning for our annual Career Day here at FHS. The event will take place on November 23rd 2015 here at FHS. All students will take part in a panel presentation related to careers of interest, as well as presentations by NH Works on job seeking and workplace skills. All 16 career clusters will be represented and nearly all are professionals working in the Franklin area. Students will also be provided information on the programs at Plymouth State University, Lakes Region Community College, and the Huot Career and Technical Center at LHS.
5. **Donations by Franklin Lion's Club:** On Monday October 19th 2015 the Franklin Lion's Club presented the school with several donated instruments that had been collected over the last several months. Included in the donation were several guitars, a flute and a clarinet. This organization also recently paid the entire cost of dry cleaning all of the band uniforms, and just in time for the Veteran's Day assembly.
6. **Incident of Nov. 10th 2015:** At about 12:30pm we received a call from the Franklin Police Department instructing us to place the building into "lockdown" due to an emergency situation on W. Bow St. Due to the events of the incident that transpired afterward we received a second call at about 1:20pm instructing us to engage the "secure campus" procedure until further notice. This plan calls for normal internal activity and prohibiting any person from leaving or entering the building. At 2:05pm we received further instructions to dismiss students as normal. Students and staff were kept informed through overhead announcements, and instructions through email. We engaged our emergency alert phone system to inform parents and staff at every stage of the situation. Local authorities will be meeting with school officials to review our response and communication.
7. **Smarter Balanced Results:** Individual student performance reports for current grade 9 and 12 students will be sent home with report cards on November 13th 2015.

Notification from: **Franklin High School**

Dear Franklin High School Parents and Community Members,

The Music Department of Franklin High School is proud to present a Holiday Concert planned for Monday December 21st 2015. Our Band, Chorus and Guitar Ensemble will combine forces to celebrate the holiday season with musical cheer and songs of winter.

- What: An evening of music including Holiday Songs and songs by the Doors, Santana, Vance Joy and Bill Withers
- When: December 21st at 6:00 PM (Snow date Dec 22nd)
- Where: FHS Cafeteria Stage
- Who: FHS Band, Chorus and Guitar Ensemble

Sincerely,

Richard Towne

Richard Towne <mail@notify.onecallnow.com> Notification from: Franklin High School Dear Franklin High School Parents, Lakes Region Community College is expanding this program for next semester, and is expected to expand the program for next ye

To

Feener, Tamara

Today at 8:06 AM

Notification from: **Franklin High School**

Dear Franklin High School Parents,
Lakes Region Community College is expanding this program for next semester, and is expected to expand the program for next year. All interested students and parents are encouraged to attend this event and contact the guidance office for more information.

Thank you

Richard Towne

Principal

Attachments available for 30 days until Thursday, December 31, 2015:

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Notification from: **Franklin High School**

Dear Franklin High School Parents,

In our continuous effort to reward students for positive actions and behavior we have developed a series of incentives. One such reward is taking place today and was developed by a committee of teachers known as the "Green Team". If a student had attended school for the first thirty days without being tardy, dismissed or absent, they are considered "Triumphant 30", and as such they were invited to a private showing of *Mockingjay Part II* at Smitty's Cinema. There were 78 students who were "Triumphant 30" and invited to take part in this activity today. Please look forward to hearing more about future incentives for positive actions.

Thank you,
Richard Towne
Principal

11.24.15

Join us for an
Early College
Info session

December 5th 2015 10:30am



- The Early College Program is a collaboration between LRCC and local area High Schools.
- Participation is limited to those who have been recommended by their High School.
- Earn both College and High School credit!

Draft

Board Attendees: Tamara Feener, Scott Burns, Robin Gargano, Tim Dow, Chad Carey, Angie Carey, and Peter Heath and Lisa Tremblay

Absent Board Members: Greg Husband

Administration: Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Richard Towne – FHS Principal; Mike Hoyt – PSS Principal; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator; Virginia Doyle – Curriculum Director; Ginelle Czerula – Assistant Principal at PSS; and Paul Borsh – Special Education Director

Others: Some Franklin Residents, Some City Councilors, Teachers, Students, and School Board Clerk – Cathy Viau

6:30 PM – Mike Clifford regarding AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Mr. Clifford shared his reasons for presenting on this topic. He was asked to do so by members of the Mayor's Drug Task Force. Mr. Clifford gave an overview of his past and experiences. He shared packets containing a lot of good information and resources regarding this issue. He also presented two books to the FHS Library to be made available for students and staff. He stated that he may provide more literature and displays for schools and public libraries at their requests.

Call to Order by Tamara Feener, Chairperson, at 7:02 PM.

Salute to the Flag

The posting locations were listed.

Public Participation: None

RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo recognized the Lion's Club who are paying to have the Band uniforms cleaned and hosting an instrument drive which are donated to FHS.

Richard Towne recognized Paul Bourgelais (Music Teacher) received a \$2,000.00 donation from the Grammy's (non-profit clothing store) for the music program.

Angie Carey recognized Corey Nelson for finishing 3rd in this year's Division 4 Individual Golf Championships held at Waukegan Country Club in Meredith, NH.

Angie Carey stated that there is a Football Tackle for Hunger Game at 1:30 on the 24th and requested that everyone bring canned goods.

Peter Heath stated that band may be asked to perform at the Festival of Trees.

Tamara Feener stated that the scholarship committee will be having a 50/50 raffle at the Odell After Dark Event which ends at 8:00 pm on the 24th. She also recognized Robin Gargano, Bob Lucas, Tamara Feener and Scott Burns for all of their efforts.

Tim Dow recognized and thanked Richard Towne for the letter he sent home to parents with information regarding the NH Scholars Program.

Richard Towne explained the changes made to this program as there is two different alternatives and the Program of Studies will be revised to reflect the changes.

Scott Burns stated that there will be a comedy event to benefit the Mayor's Drug Task Force. The tickets will be \$20.00.

PRESENTATION/REPORTS

Student Representative Report

Amy Gargano, Student Representative, presented a verbal report regarding the status of student council membership; the upcoming Friday Movie Night community event; Student Council trip to Waterville; National Honor Society tapping ceremony and induction; upcoming fundraisers – Angel Fair, Rotary Trees; Odell After Dark; recruiting activities for Student Council; Red Ribbon Week; PSA regarding providing minors with alcohol; recognition of the picnic table donations; and the where they are in the process of updating their mission statement.

State Representative Report, Werner Horn – not present

Finance Report (Business Administrator – Amanda Bergquist)

It was stated that they are in the process of working on 2015 for Franklin and waiting on the DOE to report back to the auditors regarding 2012.

No one had questions regarding the expenditure reports.

Update from Superintendent

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo asked Brenda Petelle to be present to answer any questions regarding the chatter about school lunches. Brenda Petelle reiterated that there was never a lack of food for school lunches but there was a five minute wait as there were many more students than usual purchasing. Some of the schools have ala carte and the needs of all students are met. No one is served lunch before 11:00 am. Employees were moved around to accommodate the transitions and budget.

Science NECAP Scores

Superintendent LeGallo gave a presentation regarding the Science NECAP Scores. This test will be given again in May in grades 4, 8 and 11. This is pencil and paper test.

Discussion was held regarding providing the school board with quarterly benchmark asset results. The district is in the process of vertical alignment with teachers to try find and correct any gaps and realign curriculum. Science inquiry is a struggle for the district. The target for 2016 is to reach the state achievement level for all science categories. The scores are to be placed on the school website.

Next month, there will be a Smarter Balanced presentation given.

Superintendent LeGallo attended the Blue Ribbon Ceremony on behalf of the Franklin Middle and Elementary School for their many volunteer hours. We have many great volunteers.

FHS Principal Report

Overnight/Out of State – Adventure Bound Whitewater Senior Trip – June 3, 2016

MOTION: Chad Carey moved to approve the Overnight/Out of State Adventure Bound Whitewater Trip to Maine for seniors on June 3, 2016, seconded by Angie Carey.

Mrs. Shepard and Mr. Hengstenburg stated that the response from the students regarding this trip was great. The park is solely for youth groups and is alcohol free. They will be staying in cabin bunks.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Overnight/Out of State NYC Drama trip – Already approved this was placed on the agenda in error.

Overnight/In-State – Volleyball sleepover November 7-8, 2015 (Mrs. Shepard)

MOTION: Angie Carey moved to approve the Overnight/In-State Volleyball sleepover of November 7-8, 2015, seconded by Chad Carey.

This is for the Varsity Volleyball Team. The team was a part of the Tanger 5K against breast cancer. This year they had the biggest team, Team Sisco. At the Senior Game they presented Mrs. Sisco with their trophy.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

8th Grade Trip to Washington DC on May 7, 2016

MOTION: Scott Burns moved to approve the 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC on May 7, 2016, seconded by Chad Carey.

The cost needed by each student has not been finalized yet as there are still some more fundraising efforts coming up. So far, there are over 30 students signed up.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Mr. Towne shared information regarding the following topics from his written report: Washington DC Trip 2016; PSAT Testing; Career Day 2016; Parent Advisory Committee: Curriculum Mapping; recognition of Corey Nelson; Veteran's Day Assembly; the 8th Grade transition into the High School (lockers, schedules, lunch and unified arts); fundraisers for the 8th grade Washington DC trip and Anime as well as band and chorus.

FMS Principal Report – no one present but a written report was provided

PSS Principal Report

Mr. Hoyt shared information regarding the following topics from his written report: Student activities (Fire Prevention Week, Squam Lake Science Center trip, Gilford Historical Society trip, visit from John Steven Gurney (children's book illustrator), Veteran's Day Assembly, TIGER Program, 2nd Grade Concert); Parent Involvement; Teacher Training and Planning; Pumpkin Fest participation; and the receipt of a grant for \$25,000 and students were able to pick out two books a piece.

Approval of Franklin School Board Minutes for September 21, 2015

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to approve the Franklin School Board Minutes for September 21, 2015 as corrected, seconded by Scott Burns.

Page 3 under Student Representative Report replace “Amy” with “Aimee”.

Motion Passes – 6 in Favor and 2 Abstained (Peter Heath and Angie Carey as they were not present for that meeting)

NEW BUSINESS – none

OLD BUSINESS

NHSBA Call for Resolutions

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to the changes/recommendations from the NHSBA Call for Resolutions as discussed which should be made by the representative sent the delegates assembly – Remove VI:C on page 5 and fight for IX:A, seconded by Robin Gargano.

The reason for the removal of VI:C is that another bill is at the Federal level with a different title which is for the same purpose and could possibly replace.

No additions were made.

These recommendations will be made by the delegates (Greg Husband or Lisa Tremblay (Back-up)).

Motion Passes – 7 in Favor and 1 Abstained (Tamara Feener)

Policy BEA and KJ – no meeting has been held (Angie Carey requested copies of both the district and NHSBA to be emailed to her) The next meeting will be November 16th at 6:00 pm at the Franklin Middle School Library.

OTHER BUSINESS

Overnight/In-State Student Council Waterville Valley Trip on 11/6 & 11/7

MOTION: Angie Carey moved to approve the Overnight/In-state Student Council Waterville Valley Trip on 11/6 and 11/7/2015 as presented by Mr. Towne (FHS Principal), seconded by Scott Burns.

There are approximately 10 students attending as well as chaperones.

Motion Carried – Unanimous

Committee Reports:

Liaison Committee – Tim Dow – Nothing at this time

Buildings/Grounds/Fields – Chad Carey – Nothing at this time

Finance Committee – Greg Husband - Nothing at this time

Scholarship Committee – Scott Burns and Bob Lucas (co-chairs)

Wellness Committee – Angie Carey – working full time and can't make the meetings. Lisa Tremblay is the backup but an email should be sent out to the Board asking for volunteers.

I² Committee – Scott Burns – meeting next Wednesday – agenda should be sent to Robin Gargano, Andrea McFall, Daniel LeGallo, Tamara Feener, Scott Burns, Robert Lucas and principals
Other Committee Reports – None

Public Participation – None

Non- Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:3c (Personnel)

MOTION: Angie Carey moved to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91A:3c (personnel) at 8:28 pm, seconded by Chad Carey.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried - Unanimous

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 8:30 pm, seconded by Angie Carey.

Roll Call Vote – All in Favor

Motion Carried - Unanimous

MOTION: Robin Gargano moved to table the Non- Public discussion and any action until the November 2015 regularly scheduled Franklin School Board Meeting, seconded by Tim Dow.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

Adjournment

MOTION: Tim Dow moved to adjourn at 8:32 PM, seconded by Scott Burns.

Motion Carried - Unanimous

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November 17, 2015

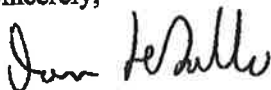
Mayor Kenneth Merrifield
Franklin City Hall
316 Central Street
Franklin, NH 03235

Dear Mayor Merrifield;

We would like to thank Jimmy Howe and the Nightrider Band for volunteering their time at the Spaghetti fundraiser held on Saturday, November 14th. As you know Franklin had the opportunity to have their students design, with the expertise and experience of artist Laurence Gartel, the first Art Car in New Hampshire. With your help the fundraiser was a major success.

Everyone had a wonderful time, good food and great music. Again, we appreciate your involvement in helping out the students of Franklin.

Sincerely,



For Franklin School Board
I² (Innovation and Improvement Committee)

Councilor Boyd stated he would like Director Sullivan to have the opportunity to look at the lights throughout the community and allow him to remove lights that are absolutely necessary. Mayor Merrifield stated he received a request last night to add a light. Councilor Wells indicated the two lights at the old Thousand Acres are a waste of time and money and should be removed.

MOTION: Councilor Feener moved and Councilor Boyd seconded that the City Council authorizes the Municipal Services Director to remove and approves the removal of street lights that have absolutely no bearing on public safety and lights that are essentially lighting areas with no residences visibly in sight.

Councilor Clarenbach stated that this is a task that is unfair to place on the shoulders on the Municipal Services Director.

Councilor Clarenbach was opposed. All others were in favor; motion passes by a vote of 8-1.

Tamara Feener thanked Councilor Feener.

Agenda Item XI.

Other Business

- 1. Committee Reports:** None.
- 2. City Manager's Update**

City Manager Dragon indicated that the City has received the following in the contingent grant line this month: \$447.76 Fire Training Grant.

City Manager Dragon indicated the Council had asked her to speak with the City Attorney regarding allowing the school personnel permission to suspend temporarily the traffic orders at the schools. The City Attorney has responded and indicated that he does not recommend this due to the liability issues that would go along with this. The Police Department has specialized training with regard to traffic control measures that the School does not.

- 3. Late Items:** None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Clarenbach and seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela M. Carey

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2015

Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall. Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Giunta.

In Attendance

Councilor Feener, Councilor Desrochers, Councilor Boyd, Councilor Wells, Councilor Giunta, Councilor Dzujna, Councilor Clarenbach, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Barton, City Manager Dragon and Mayor Merrifield.

Public Hearings

Ordinance #05-16 – Proposed amendments to Chapter 284-24(C.) and (E.), “Vehicles and Traffic”, and Chapter 284-37, “Speed Limits Designated”, of the Franklin City Code.

Mayor Merrifield informed the Council that this hearing is in regards to Agenda Item III. He indicated this clarifies Article II 284-24(c) “Limited Parking/No Parking” relative to parking and no parking areas designated on Spring Street; Adds additional Handicap Parking Spots identified in Article II 284-24(E) “Reserved and Limited Parking”; and, Changes Article VI 284-37 “Speed Limits”. Currently the downtown speed limit is posted at 20 MPH and the proposal is to increase it to 25 MPH which is consistent with the State RSA.

There was no public comment.

Resolution 04-16 – Appropriating \$12,000 of capital reserve money for the Bessie Rowell Community Center.

Mayor Merrifield informed the Council that this hearing is in regards to Agenda Item IV. Mayor Merrifield stated this is appropriating money from the Capital Reserve Money for Bessie Rowell School, in the amount of \$12,000, for the installing of gutters, security cameras, gym fans and gym doors. The Capital Reserve Money comes from the funds charged to the tenants of the building.

Mr. Leigh Webb asked about the reserve fund money and wanted to make sure there was enough in the reserve in case the boiler, roof or any other larger item. It was indicated the larger items would come out of the City Capital Reserve Fund, and that the reserve fund for Rowell is different than that.

Mrs. Tamara Feener, Ward II, asked how much was in the Capital Reserve Fund for Rowell School. City Manager Dragon stated there is \$40,524.59 now, and this would be increased this year by \$20,000 for a total of \$60,524.59.

Mr. Leigh Webb stated he has spoken with a tenant of Rowell Community Center and was informed that the tenants do not really have a say in how this money is spent. City Manager Dragon stated that Krystal meets quarterly with the tenants and they discuss these issues and the needs for the building.

There was no further public comment.

Marjorie Cooper Scholarship – Acceptance of funds for the “Marjorie Cooper Scholarship” in the amount of \$250,000 for the purposes of setting up a scholarship fund.

Mayor Merrifield informed the Council that this hearing is in regards to Agenda Item V. Mayor Merrifield stated that this money would be under the control of the Trustees of the Trust fund.

There was no public comment.

Ordinance #06-16 – Proposed amendments to Chapter 284-20, “Fines”, and Chapter 284-24, “Limited Parking; no-parking areas”, of the Franklin City Code.

Mayor Merrifield informed the Council that this hearing is in regards to Agenda Item VI. Mayor Merrifield stated that this is a change in fines on dead end streets to \$50. It also classifies Parking from 336 Central Street north to the Memorial Street parking lot entrance with one new 15 minute parking space, and adds 2 spaces in the same area to “reserved for Bus Stop parking”.

There was no public comment.

Resolution # 05-16 – Acceptance of Drug Free Communities Grant funds on behalf of the Mayor’s Drug Task Force, in the amount of \$93,750.

Mayor Merrifield informed the Council that this hearing is in regards to Agenda Item VII. Mayor Merrifield stated that this Resolution is in regards to the acceptance of the Drug Free Communities grant. The amount for this fiscal year is \$93,750.

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Persons wishing to address the Council may speak for a maximum of three minutes. No more than thirty minutes will be devoted to public commentary.

Nita Tomaszewski, of Ward I, stated the Edmunds Plant has opened and is doing business. In March of 2011, the Planning Board issued conditional approval for the plant, and not all of those conditions have been met. She stated she is happy to see that they finally paved the road last week, but stated the city needs to monitor them to make sure that all conditions are met. She has a lot of respect for the work that they have done; but stated she would like the conditions taken care of.

Wayne Farmer, Ward II, indicated that he resides on Evergreen Avenue and tonight the Council is going to hear a request to eliminate some lights in his neighborhood. If the City is trying to save money, why specifically are they removing lights in this neighborhood? This is a residential neighborhood where people walk their dogs, there are children here and there is a residential apartment complex in the area. City Manager Dragon stated it is not specifically in this neighborhood and the MSD Committee has put forward a policy for the Council to adopt, which would remove 68 lights throughout the city.

Mr. Farmer added this is a safety aspect. There are four corners within Evergreen Avenue, people speed through the neighborhood; there are two daycares, two bus stops and a park. The Golf course is next door and the river is below this neighborhood. Without these lights the neighborhood would be very dark. They have had break-ins in the past and he stated he leaves an outside light on all night at his house.

Ruth Bowley, of Evergreen Avenue, stated that she agrees with Mr. Farmer. She has had a lot of issues due to her neighbor. The Police Department has indicated they cannot keep up with the rise in crime and drugs in the City. She asked why it would behoove the Council to take away the simplest of security, being the lighting. You cannot have a neighborhood watch in the dark. The apartment complex has disabled persons and children and sometimes some of the problems associated with the neighborhood are due to their tenant’s bad behavior. She stated there must be other ways the city can reduce the electricity, using solar or other options.

City Manager Dragon stated the City Council has approved an LED Conversion for the lights. The conversion will save the city ½ of what they pay on electricity for the lights over time, but not in the first 6 years. Before

they order the LED lights they wanted to take a look at all lights and see if any could be removed as the city will not save money until the LED lights are paid off. If less lights are ordered, due to the one's being removed, then that is less the city will have to repay for the LED replacement.

Councilor Boyd stated that when you have this many residents come to the City Council to voice their concerns about the removal of lights the council needs to listen.

Mr. David Testerman, Ward II, stated he was happy to hear the curfew horn, but it appears it is no longer being activated. He stated he is aware the "I don't have a clue group" are against it, but this should not stop the city. There is a park across the street from his house and kids are there late at night, as a lot of parents are not being parents. The City is not infringing on people's rights by making young children be home by 9:00 on a school night and 11:00 on a weekend night. The park closes at dark and they are still going there. He urged the Council to get the horn going again. Councilor Boyd stated that Mr. Testerman makes a great point. He was there when the horn was first instituted. Eleven and twelve year olds should not be out at 1 a.m. and later into the morning hours. It would be good to be able to handle this professionally. He stated when he was at the police department and juveniles would be returned parents either didn't know their kids were gone, parents were not home or parents were drunk. He stated young children being out that late at night are only out to cause problems.

Matt Dupuis and Gary Lytle were present from the National Guard to speak. Mr. Dupuis stated they are looking at connecting to the radio tower on Pleasant Street. He stated this would improve their Wi-Fi and would allow soldiers to connect to different facilities across the state. He stated the routers would provide a redundant link for communication equipment. All installers are certified. Mr. Lytle stated they are proposing two 4' antennas on the Pleasant Street tower, with one router sending the signal to Kearsarge and one to the Armory for Hi Speed Internet. He then gave the city a booklet outlining all the information on the routers. They have one on the police tower in Nashua, which is in the 4.5 gigahertz range. This will not have any effect on any other tower frequency. Councilor Starkweather stated that he heard this is also another source of communication in a natural disaster. Mr. Lytle indicated it could be, that he is not sure how it would work with other organizations, but in an emergency everyone always pulls together. Councilor Clarenbach asked if the big concerns would be generator load capacity and wind shear on the tower and Mr. Lytle stated that was correct. There are two different types of routers. They have installed these on State Police towers and there are four dishes on Mt. Kearsarge and in other locations across the state. City Manager Dragon stated the National Guard recently met with the Police Chief and a draft MLU needs to be reviewed by the City Attorney, and wasn't going to be done by tonight. Mr. Lytle stated they have others they are looking at putting up and it may be a few weeks before they would be able to place the antennas on the tower, depending on weather and other events. City Manager Dragon stated that she will work with Department Heads and the City Attorney; however, the issue is that the Council does not meet for another month. Mayor Merrifield stated the council will do everything possible to move this forward.

Martin Petzold, of 41 Evergreen Avenue, was present to speak. He stated that first of all he is all for the curfew horn, as lots of kids are out at all hours of the night. He added that it is not a good idea to remove lights on Evergreen Avenue. There are dark spots already and by taking out lights it will be black. He works all hours of the early morning, with plowing and he leaves early regularly for work. His wife is disabled and home alone and when she hears a noise, it is comforting to be able to look outside and see if anything is out there, but if the lights were gone she would only see darkness. He asked which lights are being converted to LED's because those lights are brighter and cleaner. City Manager Dragon stated that all lights are being converted and tonight the council will decide if some lights will be removed before the lights are replaced. He stated people have been behind his house shooting rifles, and things like this could get worse.

Doug Rogers stated he was present to speak for his daughter Karen and his wife Elaine. He indicated his daughter owns a two family home on Proctor Street. She rents out the basement and as the unit has a walk out it is considered an in-law basement apartment. There is a bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and walk out. The unit has been rented for 11 years. A cease and desist was issued by Director Lewis last month. He stated his position is

that the apartment is grandfathered. Director Lewis issued the Cease and Desist without going into the apartment and only after speaking with disgruntled tenants. He stated the apartment is an existing, legal apartment where the only work that was done was they allowed the tenant to change out a single sink to a double sink. He stated he spoke with Director Lewis who indicated he would need to speak with the City Attorney and he spoke with Chuck Bodien, who indicated he cannot discuss this with him until he gets the status from the City Attorney. The tenant is now suing them for rent and they are also losing \$30 a day in income from the apartment.

Mr. Rogers stated his second issue is the vacant lot on Chance Pond Road. The city has taxed this property for years as being .38 acres when it is only .28 acres. He has paid the taxes on the .28 acres, but not the .38. The city has taken the property for lack of paying the taxes. He indicated he is now being informed that the city is auctioning off the property unless he pays the \$3,000 in back taxes. He stated it is premature for the City to auction the property as he is challenging the city in court. The city has taken other properties that are useless to anyone. People dump stuff on the property on Chance Pond Road all the time and no one would pay the assessed value for the property of \$6,500. He stated taking these properties is like stealing. He hoped the City Council would get involved and he stated this is his last attempt to resolve these issues out of court.

Councilor Boyd stated he has met with Mr. Rogers twice and told him he should come to the Council. City Manager Dragon stated the council was provided with all backup information prior to voting to take the property by tax deed. Code Enforcement has reviewed the property and correspondence was sent to the City Attorney on his daughter's issue, which is a zoning issue. The second unit is not grandfathered and legal; this is not a two unit. Mr. Rogers has appealed to the BTLA and it was heard and he lost. Just because Mr. Rogers does not agree with the City, he can't just decide to pay what he thinks he owes without judgement being made. All information has been reviewed by the City Attorney and everything the city has done is correct.

Mr. Rogers stated that the city told the BTLA that the lot was larger than the .28 acres that it is.

Betty Pauwels, of 49 Evergreen Avenue, was present to speak. She does not agree with removing lights in Evergreen Avenue. They put in a security system 3-4 month ago due to a neighbor being burglarized and they were burglarized a few years back. The lights help with security and removing them is a big mistake. Removing security to save money is not a good idea. She is also concerned about the children in the neighborhood, people coming and going from work in the dark, and indicated having the lights allows them to see what is going on outside when they hear a noise. She stated the lights should not be removed and the LED lights should just replace the existing lights which will save the city money in the long run. She asked when the Council would make a decision and if it would be done in private. Mayor Merrifield stated the decision would be made this evening and is open to the public.

Tamara Feener indicated all 68 lights should be maintained. Originally only 11 lights were being removed; now 68 and the savings would only be 5-6 thousand dollars. She stated the issues exceed the money saved.

Brian Sullivan stated that he went to the Mount Washington Hotel two weeks ago for the New England Water Works Association meeting. This is a New England based organization and is the oldest association in America, being 134 years old. There are over 5,000 water works facilities in New England and 800+ in New Hampshire. Two awards were given, one for Utility of the Year for a community under 10,000 and one for utility of the year for a community over 50,000. Franklin received the award for the community under 10,000. Norwich CT received the award for a community over 50,000. The award reads: "Utility of the Year, Presented to Franklin New Hampshire Water Department, for making significant improvement to water system infrastructure, customer service, staff training, and operations. Presented by New England Water Works Association, September 22, 2015."

Director Sullivan stated this is a big deal and is about doing things right for the system and the rate payer. The upgrades and the new facility increase the water quality. He stated he wanted to thank the rate payers because the only way to get these things done is by increases in fees and their support. He stated the people instrumental

in the city receiving this award are: The Rate Payers, 2,300 customers; The City Council for their support; The City Manager and Finance Director; The City Engineers; and the water and sewer department staff for their hard work and many, many overtime hours. Twelve miles of new pipe was laid, which eliminated the iron and manganese problem. He stated he would like to have the award put somewhere. Mr. Leigh Webb stated none of this was possible without Brian Sullivan. It was indicated the award should be put in the new Water Facility.

Tamara Feener indicated she was asked by the City numerous years ago to put together a Neighborhood Watch. The City asked the residents to fund the signage for the neighborhood watch and the slow children sign, which they did, but they were put up by the City. She wanted to thank Brian Sullivan for the new speed limit signs and the new neighborhood watch signs.

Angela Lynch, the Drug Task Force Coordinator, wanted to thank everyone for their involvement in the Rx Take Back Day. They received seven boxes of medications. She thanked the volunteers: Councilor Feener, Councilor Dzujna, the High School, Tam Feener, Assistant Principal of the High School Mike Zmuda, the two high school students from Franklin Youth Initiative (FYI) and the Police Department Volunteers. Glen Feener stated Andrea McFall was present as well.

Ms. Lynch stated there is a fundraiser on October 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. here at the Opera House. Tickets can be purchased at City Hall or from her. The proceeds are going to help compensate the grant writer who helped out with the writing of the grant that the task force just received. Fundraising pays for items the grant cannot be used to pay for, including the grant writer.

Krystal Alpers stated that the 21st is the Lights on After School Harvest Celebration at Rowell School from 4:30-6:30. This event is free and includes: Dinner, Open House, Fun Games, face painting, a presentation regarding "Pick a Better Snack" and Fire Prevention Activities.

Director Alpers stated on Saturday the 24th is the Franklin Halloween Extravaganza. The activities include: 10:00, at the Franklin Studio, Ghost Stories; 2:00-3:00 Trip Center Family Halloween Party at the Proulx Center; 3:30-5:30 Odell After Dark "not so spooky" Haunted Walk around Odell Park with games, contests and concessions for the younger kids; and, concludes with, 6:30-8:00 the Odell Park After Dark "Spooky" Haunted Walk (with concessions being sold) for the older kids and adults.

Wayne Farmer wanted to add that he is 47 years old, and except for the four years he was in the air force, he has always resided in Franklin. He stated you use to never have to lock your doors and keeping the lights is worth the money spent for safety.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Merrifield stated that he has been informed of the passing of a former Mayor, Brenda Elias, and asked for a moment of silence.

Mayor Merrifield then read a proclamation for the Fire Department:

City of Franklin, New Hampshire Mayor's Proclamation National Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, New Hampshire is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Franklin; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed 2,755 people in the United States in 2013, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 369,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep; and

WHEREAS, Franklin residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Franklin residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, Franklin residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Franklin emergency responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Franklin residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

THEREFORE, I Kenneth Merrifield, Mayor of this great city do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2015, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Franklin to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Franklin's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2015.

Mayor Merrifield indicated he has received less than ½ of the Evaluations for the City Manager, so he will push this off to next month. If anyone needs a new Evaluation form please let him know and he will make sure they get one.

Mayor Merrifield stated that the County Officials would like a meeting with the Council and he opted for this to be a special meeting of the Council. He stated there will probably be other business as was previously discussed and suggested having the meeting on the 26th, at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Feener stated the Franklin for a Lifetime meeting is at 6:00 and should last about an hour. It was indicated the meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item I.

City Council to consider the minutes of the September 8th, 2015 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: *Councilor Feener moved and Councilor Dzujna seconded that the City Council approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2015 City Council. All were in favor of approving the minutes as submitted; motion passes.*

It was indicated the City Council Acknowledgements were overlooked and should be done.

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor will recognize any Councilor who wishes to express their appreciation on behalf of the City.

Councilor Boyd stated that he would like to recognize the Municipal Services Director. He went out to the new water facility in West Franklin and the building is gorgeous. The water tank that has been redone is also great and looks wonderful and will last for 30-40 years. He is a great leader and the fact that he can bring these things forward is very important in a good leader. If the council has never been to the Water Facility they should go, he is very impressed with what Director Sullivan has done and stated the plaque should be hung at the water facility.

Councilor Desrochers indicated he would also like to acknowledge Director Sullivan publicly for the removal of stumps on Franklin Street.

Agenda Item II.

School Board Report

Chair Tamara Feener indicated that the Art Car was unveiled on September 14th at the NH State House. She stated it was also unveiled on September 15th at the Franklin High School. Jack Finley will be reporting on the new website for the school each month and she will provide information to the council. New Hampshire School Board Association has tabled their Resolutions until next month and she stated a copy of their letter is attached. She indicated she will be trying to get open enrollment on their agenda for the next meeting.

She indicated at the last meeting she had received Mr. Burns information from Councilor Starkweather regarding a machine he was looking at donating to the high school. The machine has been donated and was picked up on October 3rd. Mr. Burns is willing to donate time as he has 40 years of machine shop knowledge he can pass on and will donate his expertise.

She went on to read her school board report, which is attached to these minutes.

Agenda Item III.

City Council to consider approval of Ordinance #05-16 relative to a proposed amendment to Chapter 284-20 "Fines" and Chapter 284-24 "Limited parking; no-parking areas".

MOTION: *Councilor Clarenbach moved and Councilor Feener seconded to adopt Ordinance #05-16 by roll call vote. There was no further discussion.*

Roll Call:

<i>Councilor Feener</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Barton</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Clarenbach</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Dzujna</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Starkweather</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Desrochers</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Boyd</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Wells</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Giunta</i>	<i>– Yes</i>		

All were in favor; motion passed.

Agenda Item IV.

City Council to consider approval of Resolution #04-16, appropriating Bessie Rowell Community Center Capital Reserve funding.

MOTION: *Councilor Feener moved and Councilor Desrochers seconded that the Franklin City Council adopt resolution 04-16 appropriating \$12,000 of capital reserve funding for the Bessie Rowell Community Center for the purpose of installing gutters, security cameras, gym fans and gym doors by roll call vote. There was no further discussion.*

Roll Call:

<i>Councilor Starkweather</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Clarenbach</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Giunta</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Barton</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Dzujna</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Feener</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Wells</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Boyd</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Desrochers</i>	<i>– Yes</i>		

All were in favor; motion passed.

Agenda Item V.

City Council to consider approval of funds for the “Marjorie Cooper Scholarship” in the amount of \$250,000 for the purposes of setting up a scholarship fund.

MOTION: *Councilor Dzujna moved and Councilor Giunta that the Franklin City Council accepts approximately \$250,000 from the estate of Marjorie Cooper for the purpose of setting up a perpetual scholarship fund with the City’s Trustees of the Trust Funds called “Marjorie Cooper Scholarship” in accordance with the last will and testament of Marjorie Cooper dated July 2, 2013. There was no further discussion. All were in favor; motion passed.*

Agenda Item VI.

City Council to consider approval of Ordinance #06-16, relative to a proposed amendment to Chapter 284 “Vehicles and Traffic”, regarding Section 284-20 “Fines” and Section 284-24 “Limited parking; no-parking areas”.

MOTION: *Councilor Desrochers moved and Councilor Dzujna seconded that the Franklin City Council adopt Ordinance #06-16 by roll call vote. There was no further discussion.*

Roll Call:

<i>Councilor Barton</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Feener</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Boyd</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Giunta</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Clarenbach</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Starkweather</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Desrochers</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Wells</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Dzujna</i>	<i>– Yes</i>		

All were in favor; motion passed.

Agenda Item VII.

City Council to consider approval of Resolution #05-16, relative to the acceptance of the Drug Free Communities Grant funds on behalf of the Mayor's Drug Task Force, in the amount of \$93,750.

MOTION: *Councilor Feener moved and Councilor Desrochers seconded that the Franklin City Council adopt resolution #05-16, appropriating \$93,750 from the Drug Free Communities grant funds on behalf of the Mayor's Drug Task Force by roll call vote and continue to perform as fiscal agent for this grant. There was no further discussion.*

Roll Call:

<i>Councilor Giunta</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Desrochers</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Barton</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Boyd</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Dzujna</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Starkweather</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Wells</i>	<i>– Yes</i>	<i>Councilor Clarenbach</i>	<i>– Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Feener</i>	<i>– Yes</i>		

All were in favor; motion passed.

Agenda Item VIII.

A Proclamation relating to Arbor Day in Franklin, New Hampshire and in our City's continuing efforts to recognize its importance, proclaiming the 14th day of October in the year Two Thousand Fifteen, as Arbor Day for Franklin, New Hampshire.

Mayor Merrifield read the proclamation for Arbor Day:

PROCLAMATION

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen,

A Proclamation relating to Arbor Day in Franklin, New Hampshire, in keeping with our City's continuing efforts towards recognizing the importance of trees; their upkeep; maintenance, replacement and their surrounding habitat.

WHEREAS, The month of October brings with it, our "New Hampshire Fall Foliage Season" and all of the vibrant color and beauty that comes during this time of the year, and

WHEREAS, The Granite State has eighty six native (86) species of trees ranging from the "Coniferous and Deciduous Categories" to "Fruit Bearing Types", and

WHEREAS, Within the wide variety of the species of the "Coniferous Classification" of trees are Pines; Spruces; Douglas-Firs; True Firs; Hemlocks; Cedars; Junipers; Yews; Tamaracks; Larch, and

WHEREAS, Within the wide variety of the species of the "Deciduous Classification" of trees are Willows; Poplars; Alder; Birches; Ironwoods; Beech; Oaks; Hazelnuts; Cherry; Ash, Mountain Ash; Elms; Rosewood, Raspberries; Black Raspberries; Sumac; Holly; Maples; Basswood; Lindens; Laurels; Blueberry; Dogwoods; Viburnums; Elderberries; Apples; Peach and Pear, and

WHEREAS, The importance of the "Environmental and Economic Benefits" that these trees provide to the State of New Hampshire's "Tourism and Economic Industry" is significant year round, especially during the Fall Foliage Season.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I Kenneth Merrifield, Mayor of the City of Franklin, proclaim the day of Wednesday October 14th, 2015 as:

ARBOR DAY IN OCTOBER

And, the City of Franklin will host an educational workshop at the Bessie Rowell Community Center on October 14, 2015 at two o'clock in the afternoon and all are invited and encouraged to attend and further urge all citizens to support efforts to care for trees and woodlands and to support our City's Community Forestry Programs throughout each and every year.

Agenda Item IX.

City Council to consider scheduling the December 2015 City Council Meeting on the second Monday of the month, December 14th, instead of December 7th.

Mayor Merrifield indicated as City Staff will be going to Washington DC the first week of December for the mandatory Drug Free Communities Grant meeting, they are requesting to move the meeting back to the second Monday of December, being December 15th.

MOTION: Councilor Feener moved and Councilor Barton seconded that the Franklin City Council schedule the December 2015 City Council meeting for the second Monday in December, being December 14th, 2015, instead of the first Monday of the month, being December 7th, 2015, so that the City Staff can attend the mandatory Drug Free Communities Grant meeting. All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item X.

Adoption of a Street light policy resulting in the reduction of city owned street lights.

MOTION: Councilor Clarenbach moved and Councilor Dzujna seconded that the Franklin City Council adopt the proposed street light placement policy which will result in the reduction in the number of city owned street lights by 68.

Councilor Boyd asked if the reduction of 68 includes the lights on Evergreen Avenue that people have commented on this evening. Councilor Clarenbach stated that it does. In Evergreen Avenue there are three lights proposed to be removed, two on the golf course side and one at the bottom of the loop. The recommendation in the policy is that outside of the school walking zone, where students are required to walk to one of the three schools (high school, middle school or Paul Smith), any areas outside of that the only ones that

would remain would be at intersections. Three of the lights on Evergreen would stay, being: the one at Prospect and Evergreen; the one at Cedar and Evergreen; and, the one where Evergreen re-meets Evergreen.

Councilor Feener had a presentation. At the beginning of the presentation he had the lights turned off and indicated to the public, "Imagine that you are in a neighborhood that had lights and now you've lost them, how does that make you feel?" The lights were then turned back on.

Councilor Barton stated that as he had stated last month, he really thinks the existing lights should remain and the policy should be put into effect for all future lights, thus making the existing lights grandfathered.

MOTION: Councilor Barton moved and Councilor Feener seconded to amend the current motion that any current lights would be grandfathered and that the adoption of the policy on lights would be for any proposed lighting in the future, with no lights to be removed.

Councilor Boyd indicated that he would not be in favor of all the lights staying. There were a lot of citizens of Evergreen Avenue here this evening, so those lights should stay, as they are tax payers and we should honor their requests.

Councilor Feener indicated the City Council approved the LED lighting throughout the city, with all of the lights being replaced and a savings would be seen by the city down the road and at that time, the Council was informed that 11 lights would be removed. In September, they were informed the number of lights would be 80-100 and now they are saying 68 lights. The cost savings for the removal of the lights is incidental and is less than \$7,000. In 2008 the same proposal was before the Council and the savings then was going to be \$23,000 and that was not approved. The city is not poor or impoverish. Removing lights affects public safety for residents and the lights give them a feeling of being safe. What message is the Council sending the Franklin for a Lifetime? People in the city walk their dogs at night. He added that if they cut the lights, what will be the next thing cut, leaf pick-up, the ski area or curb side rubbish pick up?

Councilor Feener then read RSA 189-6, which states: **"189:6 Transportation of Pupils.** – The local school district shall furnish transportation to all pupils in grade 1 through grade 8 who live more than 2 miles from the school to which they are assigned. The local school board may furnish transportation to kindergarten pupils, pupils in grades above the eighth or to any pupils residing less than 2 miles from the school to which they are assigned, when it finds that this is appropriate, and shall furnish it when so directed by the commissioner of education." He stated on the map he demonstrates the 2 mile walking zone from the High School in red, from Paul Smith School in black and then the other area is the walking zone for the Middle School. The walk zone in the city use to be 1.5 miles.

He added that normally they receive the policies in ordinance form and they have not received this one set up in that fashion. Evergreen Avenue has had accidents in one of the areas where a light is proposed to be removed, as people speed through the neighborhood; the lake has had break-ins lately and removal of lights is a welcome sign for more. Councilor Feener stated that he is in favor of the amendment, but he would like to see the wording come back in ordinance form for the code book.

Councilor Starkweather stated there are fourteen lights on private property and asked if the city was paying for the replacement of these lights. Councilor Clarenbach stated the city is not. The vendor identified these lights, but they are privately owned and not part of the 68 being removed or the LED Project.

Councilor Clarenbach stated he would like to see the policy approved or disapproved in its current form without any amendments.

Councilor Barton indicated the amendment would affect future lights, when Franklin grows.

Councilor Giunta indicated they started down the road looking at lights. If you assume the policy is in place, 68 lights will be removed and fourteen privately owned lights will not be replaced with LED. He stated he would like to see the Council take out the human factor, but that is not possible, as this would affect too many people. He stated that in the area of the lake people drive at high speeds and there have been burglaries, and people walk their dogs. He stated he is not in favor of the amendment and believes the removal of a few lights should be put in the hands of the Municipal Services Director, with whom he has complete faith. He stated he also does not agree with the motion.

Councilor Desrochers stated the lights should deter crime; however, they do only to a certain degree. He stated that people are no longer afraid to get caught for crimes, as they do not have to take responsibility for their own actions and it is always someone else's fault.

Mayor Merrifield asked for clarification of the figures. Councilor Clarenbach stated \$9,300 will be saved for the 68 lights, but not during the first year, and this savings is \$136 per light. Director Judie Milner indicated that prior to the LED replacement the lights are \$136.00 a piece, and afterwards the savings is \$65.00 per light. The company that is replacing the lights has offered to take out any lights that would be removed, prior to replacing them. The rebate will be lost if the city does not act. Mayor Merrifield asked for the net savings and Director Milner stated it is \$4200 a year.

Councilor Dzujna indicated he is not in favor of the amendment. He indicated he agrees with Councilor Giunta that the lights that need to be removed be left in the hands of the Municipal Services Director.

Councilor Feener stated the MSD Committee just took the old proposed policy from 2008 and brought it forward to 2015. Councilor Clarenbach stated the committee came up with a number of lights to be reduced that would be appropriate. Removing 11 street lights is arbitrary. He asked how they would justify an arbitrary reduction without having a policy in place. He stated it is not appropriate to put this pressure of the Municipal Services Director. The policy should not be changed and only affects what happens outside of the walking zone. He stated if the council does not agree with the policy that is fine.

Councilor Barton asked if they could bring this back to the council with which lights are actually being removed, rather than saying 3 lights on Evergreen Avenue. Mayor Merrifield stated the decision needs to be made this evening. Councilor Boyd stated there are people present who disagree and have asked the Council to leave the lights. He added that he doesn't believe there are enough lights on Victory Drive currently and this is within the school walking zone.

Councilor Starkweather indicated another MSD Committee meeting should be held to give Director Sullivan some guidance. He stated there are some roads that have 3 lights in a 150' area and some that have lights directly across from each other, some of these should be removed. Councilor Feener stated that Director Sullivan has not needed any direction for the last 12-13 years, as no new lights have been put in.

Councilor's Boyd, Starkweather, Barton, Feener and Desrochers were in favor of the amendment to the motion. The amendment to the motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

Discussion then continued on the main motion. Councilor Giunta stated if the board does not approve the motion, then all lights will remain on without a policy. Councilor Barton asked if this meant that there would be no policy and Mayor Merrifield stated that was correct. Councilor Boyd stated he would like to be able to allow the Director to remove a few of the lights. Mayor Merrifield stated that as it is now, without a policy, the removal of lights would fall under the burden of the City Staff. Councilor Boyd stated that he would like the Director of MSD to take a look at the lights and remove a limited amount of them.

Councilor Barton was in favor of the original motion as amended, all others were against the motion. Motion fails by a vote of 1-8.