



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
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City Council Meeting of June, 2016

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Date: May 31, 2016
From: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Subject: Manager's Update

Contingency Grant Line Activity: The City received the following in the contingent grant line this month:

\$300 from Eversource "Dollars for Doers Grant"

\$130 from Wild Lions Group donation to K9 Max

\$40 donations to K9 Max from FMS Children for the Love of the Dog Dance

Bench Donations- With no objection from the Council-Choose Franklin is donating two benches to the City from their "Great Franklin Bench project". (see attached summary of project). Five benches were created. Two benches are going on private property (Franklin Savings bank and Greviors). Three of the benches will be placed on City Property. Two of the three benches are being donated to the City-one to be located in Marceau Park and one in front of the police department. The third bench is located at Franklin Studio and the owner will take the bench inside during the winter months and be responsible for the bench.

-With no objections from the council MSD will help place the two benches donated to the city in Marceau Park and in front of the Police Department.

FY 17 Budget: The council is scheduled to hold a budget work session Monday June 13th at 6pm to hear presentations from outside agencies, and Tuesday June 14th at 6pm to receive the schools budget and hear their presentation. Monday June 20th is scheduled for a budget work session if needed.

Choose Franklin Candidate forum- Choose Franklin would like to use Council Chambers on Sept 26th for their annual candidate forum. This date is usually reserved for a council work session (if needed) however in the past the council has allowed Choose Franklin to book the date. With no objection from the council Choose Franklin will hold their candidate forum on Sept 26th.

Leadership Lakes Region- Congratulations to Chief Kevin LaChapelle for his recent graduation from the Class of 2016 Leadership Lakes Region Program! The program includes a history of the Lakes Region, health issues, lakes & environmental issues, political issues, economic issues and social issues (overall a 70hr plus time commitment is required). Kudos to Chief LaChapelle for your successful completion of the program and your continued leadership development!

The Great Franklin Bench Project

This summer when the weather turns warm, Franklin residents will be able to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine, thanks to five new benches courtesy of Choose Franklin, an inclusive citizen's group focusing on promoting Franklin and a generous private donor. Philip Morse, an internationally known New Hampshire designer, has been commissioned to produce five stripped down park benches to be placed in various locations in downtown Franklin. The simple, clean lines of the benches will provide a "canvas" for local designers to showcase their ideas and art, with artists being selected through a competition that will choose which designs will be produced.

There will be 2 categories:
"High School Competition" - The Sophomore, Junior and Senior High School students at Franklin High School will select a design to represent their class in the "High School Competition". These three designs will be executed with the help and guidance of their creators. The class whose design is judged to be the best will be awarded \$250

toward their selected class activity.

"Open" Competition - This category is open to everyone who would like to submit a design; amateurs and professionals alike. The two designs judged to be the best will be executed, with the guidance and participation of the designers. The winner in this category will be awarded a cash prize of \$150; the runner-up will receive \$75.

Contestants can use any materials, decorate any surface or space on the benches. Paint, fabric, colored strings, sculptural elements, silhouette cut-outs - as long as the design will stand up to the weather, anything goes. The dimensions of the bench are: length 72", seat height 17", overall height 30", depth 24". Use your imagination!

All designs must be submitted by **March 25th, 2016**, and should be dropped off at **The Franklin Studio** on 366 Cen-

tral Street across from the Franklin Savings Bank. Please include detailed instructions as to materials to be used and processes to be employed in the proposed bench's construction. The more detail the better. Judging will take place and prizes will be awarded on April 1. The finished benches will be installed early this summer.

For more information, contact *Jo Brown*, Co-Chair of Choose Franklin, at *The Franklin Studio*, 671-7018.

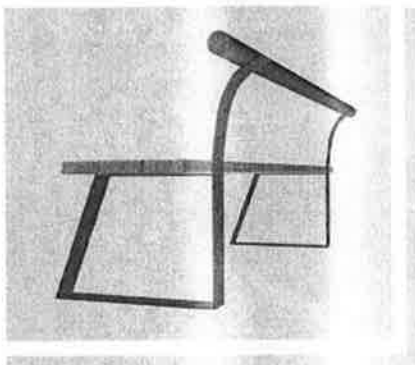


Design a park bench and drop off your submission at the Franklin Studio on 366 Central Street for a chance to have your design chosen and constructed for downtown Franklin and you could also be the winner of a cash prize!



Bench view 1

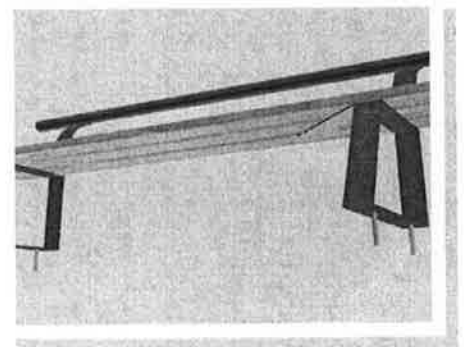
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Bench view 2



Bench view 3



Bench Bracing