

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order. Salute to the Flag was said.

**Public Hearing**

**Resolution #02-15** – this resolution concerns a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$192,557.52 to the Franklin School District to purchase outright the school's copiers. Over a period of time this will result in a savings of approximately \$58,000.

Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing. Resident Mrs. Toby spoke in favor of the resolution stating anyway that can help the school district she is in favor of. No one else came forth to speak; the Mayor closed the public hearing.

**Comments from the Public**

Resident Mrs. Toby commented on the speeding along Route 3 stating many of the speeders appear to be travelling at a speed of 60 miles per hour. She stated it is frightening to back out of the driveway for fear of those that are speeding and could hit you. She also commented that the intersection at Smith Hill Road is bad. She stated she would appreciate help from the City Council in lowering the speed limit along Route 3/127.

Mrs. Tam Feener wanted to express her thanks to Director Brian Sullivan for his diligence concerning street lights and that he is quick to respond when they are out.

Mr. Warner Horn advised that he is running for State Representative, District and would appreciate Franklin's support.

Representative and Resident Leigh Webb spoke in favor of lowering the speed limit along Route 3/127. It was also mentioned that Director Sullivan had expressed his support of lowering the speed limit.

### **City Council Acknowledgement**

Councilor Dzujna congratulated Fire Chief LaChapelle and the Franklin Fire Department on their Open House Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and their service on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Cournoyer also commented on the good job the Fire Department did with the open house.

### **Mayor's Update**

Mayor Merrifield announced that he will be hold a Prayer Breakfast Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:30 a.m.

Date was set for the Canvassing of the Votes. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall.

### **Approval of Minutes**

***Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council approves the minutes of the September 2, 2014 City Council Meeting, motion seconded by Councilor Feener.***

Councilor Desrochers pointed out under City Manager's Update, the last paragraph pertaining to Watts having a No Smoking Policy and that it was rescinded is incorrect. The No Smoking Policy has not been rescinded but is still very much in force; however, Watts has placed barrels just beyond their property where the employees were going to smoke since the policy came into being so Watts has placed barrels for trash and cigarette butts to be placed in and they maintain the barrels and keep the area clean.

***All in favor; minutes approved as corrected.***

**Speed Study conducted by DOT/Route 3-127**

Mr. Bill Lambert with the Traffic Division, New Hampshire Department of Transportation presented information on traffic studies with reference to Route 3. Several studies have been conducted and he advised the Commissioner has the authority to change the speed limit. DOT is recommending that the area Route 3/127 to Holy Cross Road speed limit be reduced from 50 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour. Some felt that no matter the speed limit, there will be those that don't obey and other that will or if snowing or other kinds of bad weather they may travel as slow as 30-35 miles per hour. RSA 265-262 determines State speed zones. Councilor Desrochers commented reducing the speed limit to 45 mph will create more a lot more trouble as most people along that area travel 53 mph. Councilor Starkweather commented the bushes should be kept trimmed around the signs so they are in full view easily. Councilor Giunta commented that the improvement at the entrance of Industrial Park are supposed to make things better and Councilor Desrochers stated may we shouldn't make a change until the asphalt plant is completed. Mr. Lambert stated lowering the speed limit probably won't make much of a change but it will give the Police a tool in the area that is residential. Mr. Lambert stated he is asking if the Council supports the reduction in the speed limit from 50 mph to 45 mph from the urban compact to Holly Cross Road. Councilor Feener asked if there is a high rate of accidents in this area. Mr. Lambert advised there is a higher rate of accidents in the Boscawen area near the cemetery. Councilor Boyd stated he agrees with the reduction in the speed limit. ***Councilor Boyd made a motion that the Franklin City Council supports the recommendation of the DOT to reduce the speed limit from 50 mph to 45 mph from Route 3/127 (urban compact) to Holy Cross Road. Motion seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.***

Councilor Cournoyer stated he feels there should not be a change until the work at the entrance to the Industrial Park is completed. Councilor Feener commented he does not feel for certain dropping the speed limit will make a difference but he will support it. Councilor Clarenbach stated he supports the change because of the residential area.

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***Councilor Feener called the question, seconded by Councilor Cournoyer. All in favor, motion to call the question passes.***

Mayor Merrifield called for a hand vote:

***6 Yes Votes          3 No Votes          Motion to support the DOT's recommendation to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph passes.***

**School Board Report**

Chair of the School Board Tam Feener gave the monthly report. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

**Resolution #02-15**

***Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves Resolution #02-15, a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$192,557.52 for the Franklin School District in order to purchase their copiers versus leasing them. Motion seconded by Councilor Giunta.***

***Roll Call Vote:***

***Councilor Clarenbach – Yes  
Councilor Giunta – Yes  
Councilor Boyd – Yes  
Councilor Desrochers – Yes  
Councilor Starkweather – Yes***

***Councilor Dzujna – Yes  
Councilor Cournoyer – Yes  
Councilor Feener – Yes  
Councilor Barton – Yes***

***All in favor, Resolution #02-15 pass by a unanimous vote.***

**Franklin Fire/Andover EMS Memorandum of Understanding**

***Motion made by Councilor Starkweather that the Franklin City Council authorizes the City's Fire Chief to sign the Memorandum of Understanding***

***(MOU) that will allow the Franklin Fire Department to bill the Town of Andover for said EMS response. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.***

***Amendment to the motion made by Councilor Clarenbach to remove Item 6 from the MOU, motion seconded by Councilor Boyd. All in favor; amendment passes.***

***All in favor of the motion as amended.***

### **Other Business**

**Committee Reports** – None

**City Manager's Update** – City Manager Dragon gave an update on the Contingency Grant Line Activity: \$100 from Metrocast for Odell after Dark; \$94.94 from Operation Safe Commute Grant; and \$279.28 from DWI/DUI Grant. Manager Dragon advised the City staff continues to investigate ways to improve Code Enforcement and recently participated in their third webinar at the Fire Department. The program is called Govqa and this last webinar focused on building permit activity and licensing. This particular program is used in other communities and comes highly recommended.

Manager Dragon presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Franklin, Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation and Todd Workman. Councilor Feener suggested that in Item 1 the word authority be changed to Committee and to have Attorney Fitzgerald review the MOU.

### **Library Board of Trustee Appointment**

***Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council appoints Angela C. Swett to the Library Board of Trustees. Term of Service to January, 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Boyd. All in favor; motion passes.***

***Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council appoints Justine Koch to the Library Board of Trustees. Term of Service to January, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilor Clarenbach. All in favor; motion passes.***

***Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 a, the dismissal, promotion, compensation of any public employee. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.***

***Roll Call:***

***Councilor Dzujna – Yes***

***Councilor Cournoyer – Yes***

***Councilor Feener – Yes***

***Councilor Boyd – Yes***

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***Councilor Giunta – Yes***

***Councilor Desrochers – Yes***

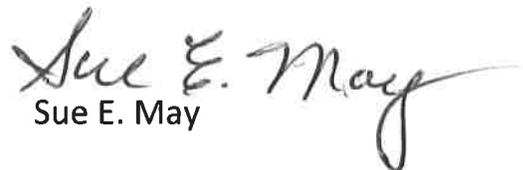
***Councilor Starkweather – Yes***

***Councilor Clarenbach – Yes***

The Council entered into non-public session at 7:25 p.m. and came out of non-public session at 7:35 p.m. During the non-public session City Manager Dragon presented a copy of draft goals. The Mayor and Council reviewed the list of goals. Councilor Feener commented the list was good, and that Manager Dragon is a self-starter. The Council accepted the goals as listed and requested to be kept informed as to progress.

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Desrochers, seconded by Councilor Feener. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sue E. May

Attachment: School Board Report

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014**  
**REPORT FROM THE FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD**

1. At our last school board meeting our speakers were Karen Soule and Randy Bell – both former Superintendents and they did an outstanding job explaining teacher effectiveness.
2. Fred Bramante will be presenting at our next school board meeting on October 20 in the Franklin Middle School Library at 6:30pm. He will be speaking on Mentoring and Competencies.
3. I am reaching out and Inviting the Mayor and Franklin City Council to join the Franklin/Hill School Boards at the Middle School Library on October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm for Hats Off Day. This event is to thank and give appreciation to our school staff, students and parents for a great beginning of the 2014-15 school year and to keep up the good work. We will then use our new twitter account to disseminate the picture and our message. If your schedules allow, we would love to have you join us and continue our quest for unity. So, please come and don't forget to bring your favorite hat – **see attached regarding twitter account.**
4. The Meet and Greet ice cream social for Superintendent Mr. McKenney on September 15<sup>th</sup> was a giant success...thank you to our school staff, Paul Jensen and Michael Hardy for the background music, and to everyone who supported this event.
5. Both the SAU18 and Franklin School Board will be working on and/or overhauling their own Strategic Plans and review is forthcoming. We have instructed Mr. McKenney to obtain other districts' Strategic Plans from around the state. Also, discussion has ensued around possibly examining our Mission and Vision statements.
6. We are getting positive feedback from the community to keep up the good work...so thank you to everyone who is noticing our efforts, accomplishments and achievements.
7. Congratulations to Paul Smith School, Franklin Middle School and Franklin High School. They all have been recognized as BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS FOR VOUNTEERISM. **See attached for more information.**
8. I was asked to mention - Franklin Footlight Theater is putting on "Run for the Hills"...this is the first time this production has been shown in NH. Show times are October 16-18 @ 7:30 pm and October 19 @ 2:00pm. Tickets are now on sale.

Congratulations to Paul Smith School, Franklin Middle School and Franklin High School

THEY have been recognized as BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Thanks to all the volunteers that made this distinction possible.

## **Blue Ribbon Schools** -About the Program

“On July 28, 2002, the Secretary announced that schools singled out for national honors will now reflect the goals of our nation's new education reforms for high standards and accountability. The No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.”

“First, it recognizes schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance to a high level on state assessments or assessments referenced against national norms at a particular grade, as determined by the Chief State School Officer (CSSO).”

Second, it recognizes schools whose students, whether from disadvantaged or privileged backgrounds, achieve in the top 10 percent on state tests or the top 10 percent in the state on assessments referenced against national norms at a particular grade. These No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools will be honored at a Washington, DC ceremony and invited to present at Department conferences.

### Nomination Process for Public Schools

For public schools, the Secretary sends a letter of invitation to each CSSO, including the Department of Defense Schools (DoDEA) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), requesting that the CSSO send the Department the names of those schools in the state that meet the criteria for recognition. Each state has an assigned number of possible schools based on the number of students and the number of schools in the state.

The CSSO has the responsibility to insure that the schools meet the criteria for recognition before sending those names to the Secretary. Based on state data, the CSSO certifies that the submitted schools meet one of two criteria

- 1) significant improvement in test scores to a high level for schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds; or
- 2) student achievement in the top 10 percent of the state's schools with students from any background. //

Footnote: Blue Ribbon School Information from NH Department of Education Webpage

**SAU 18 ENROLLMENT**  
**Monday, September 01, 2014**

Total SAU Enrollment	1,310
Total Enrollment - Franklin School District	1,243
Total Enrollment - JDBS/Hill School District	67
FRANKLIN PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM	26
PAUL SMITH SCHOOL - Total Enrollment	474

Kindergarten	96
Grade 1	113
Grade 2	89
Grade 3	99
Grade 4	77

FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL - Total Enrollment      347

Hill Students

Grade 5	88	
Grade 6	81	
Grade 7	82	14
Grade 8	96	8

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL - Total Enrollment      396

Hill Students

Other		
Grade 9	147	12
Grade 10	100	7
Grade 11	80	13
Grade 12	69	7

JENNIE D. BLAKE SCHOOL - Total Enrollment      67

Kindergarten	6
Grade 1	14
Grade 2	15
Grade 3	6
Grade 4	11
Grade 5	10
Grade 6	5