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**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HELD AT THE
TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, THE 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Thomas Craney

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. December 13, 2017

MOTION #1: Selectman Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2017 as presented with clarification purposes of putting Thomas Curran full name on the minutes under Sale of the Plow Truck to avoid confusion. First Selectman Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

- a. **Department of Public Works:**

The public works crew have been plowing the snow and keeping up with the drifts. We spent a lot of time plowing drifts. We haven't put snow fencing in years, I'm going to talk to Thomas Curran about it. This past snow storm we did bring in a 4th person (George Hagor) who focused on the town Facilities, which was a big help. One issue we do have is that the school janitor is blowing the snow back into the school parking lot, I'm going to talk to Larry about it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion on the sale of the plow truck:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the sale of the plow truck. I spoke to Thomas Curran about the status of the plow truck and we

decided to wait a bit before we sell it. It's a forth plow truck for the public work crew in case we need to use it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion on Public Health District:** Uncas Health District would like for us to do a two-year term with them.

MOTION # 2: Mr. Craney made a motion to approve to go with Uncas Health District for two years. First Selectman Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Discussion on the Assessor Salary line item on the budget:** First Selectman Charles Grant discussed that the Assessor put in a request last year to increase his pay to \$32,760 for this year's budget, but Rich Matters only put it as \$31,347. I'm going to table this item until Russel gets back so we can further discuss this.

- c. **Approval on Subordination agreement for Levasseur's for 483 Lebanon Road:** First Selectman Charles Grant discussed the subordination agreement for Joe Levasseur's for 483 Lebanon Rd. I'm not going to wait for Russell's because Joe has been waiting for over two weeks. I believe he did a housing rehab through us, there's a loan fund. He did a house renovation/upgrade because they used that money they put a lien on their property. This has to be approve for him to go out to get this money from \$25,000 to \$76,000.

MOTION #3: Mr. Craney made a motion to approve to sign the subordination agreement for Mr. Levasseur's for 483 Lebanon Road, Franklin, CT. First Selectman Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Discussion on Franklin Life:** First Selectman Charles Grant informed that there is a committee that's formed that consist, of the school, museum, library, the first selectman, fire department, the church, and the senior center. We're creating events for the town. When towns were formed this was the town of Norwich and we were the west farm section of Norwich and when we had 50 families we put in a petition the state to form a separate society. This year will be the 300th anniversary of that organization. We're trying to get more people involved in town affairs. There an event on January 20th. The Fire Dept. is going to burn Christmas tree. With Lebanon Life along the same line I want to increase communication. So, I started to write an article the selectman's corner. The next issue I'm going to try to get us our own page. One of the things that's going to happen with the Franklin Life event is that we're probably going to move Memorial Day back to the museum and march to the church. I still need to approach Pat Weingart and make sure she is ok with it. I also plan to put some tent ups along with chairs. As the date approaches I'll have more information on it.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 4: First Selectman Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **7:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
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