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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 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: William Postler and Joseph Sudik

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Charles Grant made a request to add the following under New business:

a. Discussion on Willimantic Waste (contaminated recycle loads):

MOTION #1: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda as presented. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. May 2, 2018

MOTION #2: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 2, 2018 as presented with the minor changes of "50 sq. yards to 50 thousand sq. yard of chip seal." Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

a. Department of Public Works:

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Department of public works. The public works crew have been mowing. They spent last week getting ready for Memorial Day. The public works crew has also been using the sweeper that the town of Franklin co-owns with Sprague. Truck 7 broke down today, however, Thomas Curran was able to turn it back on. The safety switches have been installed at the public works garage doors as well as the fire department.

b. **Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports and gave the Board of Selectman a copy of the most recent budget for the town of Franklin. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the town was at 31% for income. The school is at 95% for expenses. The Board of Selectman went over the updated budget line item by line item and made some corrections. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he sat down with the towns treasure (Patricia Osten) and made some changes on the town's budget. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the budget to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Update on Franklin Hills:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Franklin Hills Project. A brief discussion was held regarding the Franklin Hills project with the Board of Selectman.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Appointments to Commission on Aging:** John Garosshen would like to be a new member on the Commission on Aging board for the town of Franklin from May 30, 2018 - May 30, 2022.

MOTION # 3: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to appoint John Garosshen as a new member on the Commission on Aging for the town of Franklin. Selectman Russel Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Appointments to Museum Board of Directors:** Judith Novasad would like to continue to be the Museum Board of Directors for the town of Franklin from May 30, 2018 – May 30, 2022.

MOTION # 4: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to reappoint Judith Novasad as a member on the Museum Board of Directors. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Approval of Annual Town Meeting:** First Selectman Charles Grant suggested that the town have the annual town meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Building.

MOTION #5: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the annual town meeting date for June 6, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Building. Selectman Russel Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Discussion on 7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps:** First Selectman Charles Grant had a discussion with the Board of Selectman regarding 7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the Board of Ed rented out the school building two years ago to 7th Regiment. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he had some concerns for the Board of Ed renting out a town building without having the Board of Selectman involved. First Selectman Charles Grant believes the Board of Selectman should have control of all the town buildings, including the schools. First Selectman Charles Grant went on to say 7th Regiment drum and bugle corps has a certificate of insurance and the Board of Ed attorney already approved the contract. First Selectman Charles Grant also had Patrick McCormack from Uncas health district and the town of Franklin fire marshal William Eyeberse look over the contract to make sure everything was ok. First Selectman Charles Grant asked the Board of Selectman on how they felt about the Board of Selectman having control of all the town facilities. Selectman Craney believes that the Board of Selectman should approve the renting out of town buildings. Selectman Russell Beisiegel recommended the Board of Selectman have a meeting with the town board of directors to express our concerns and expectations. First Selectman Charles Grant will plan to set a meeting this summer to discuss town building rentals and maintenance.

Franklin resident William Postler expressed his concern about 7th regiment Drum and Bugle corps returning back to the town this summer at the elementary school. Mr. Postler stated that two years ago when the band came to the Franklin elementary school it was very nerve wracking because of all the loud noises that was going on all day.

Franklin resident Joseph Sudik spoke on behalf of him and his wife (Wendy Sudik) regarding the 7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. Mr. Sudik expressed his concern about the 7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps noise pollution. A long discussion was held regarding this subject with both residents.

- e. **Discussion on Willimantic Waste (contaminated recycle loads):** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that residents are putting recycle objects in a big plastic bag, then putting it in the recycle bin. First Selectman Charles Grant will put something on the next Lebanon life and Franklin connection regarding what items can get recycled. First Selectman Charles Grant will also try to mention this at the next town meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 6: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **9:39 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
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