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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 8th DAY OF AUGUST, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

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

- e. Discussion and Approval of the Municipal Complex Roof Project Litigation Settlement**

New Business:

- a. Appointments to the Recreation Commission**
- b. Appointments to Agricultural & Conservation Commission**
- c. Appointments to Commission on Aging**

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. July 25, 2018

MOTION #2: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 25, 2018 as presented with the minor changes of "Andy Hasdst to the Hastedt Brothers," change the "school" to "DEEP" regarding the open house in September and to elaborate on Thomas Curran public statement" on previous minutes. 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 and cleaning up brush on the roads. The public works crew borrowed the mower from Sprague, however there was an issue with the mower earlier in the week. First Selectman Charles Grant spoke to Kathy Osten and asked to borrow it for an extra week, which she had no problem with. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion regarding cleaning the culverts in the town of Franklin.

b. **Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. The town of Franklin has not closed the books of fiscal year 2017/2018 yet. The town is still receiving invoices from last fiscal year. The auditor has started auditing and the town has updated them that the books won't be closed until the end of August 2018. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the budget to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Update on Franklin Hills Project:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Franklin Hills Project. First Selectman Charles Grant had a meeting with Andy Demato regarding the Franklin Hills Project. There's an issue with inland and wetland regarding the bonding. When Sam Giavara submitted their new application for planning and zoning the new sight plans shows new wetland works that was never bonded. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion regarding the Franklin Hill Project.

b. **Update on Plains Road Culvert Project:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Plains Road Culvert Project. First Selectman Charles Grant got an email from Matt Maynard from Towne Engineering and an email from DEEP stating that they will send the town an acceptance letter allowing the town to go into work within the next week. This project probably won't start until the end of August. First Selectman Charles Grant will keep the Board of Selectman updated with any changes on the Plains Road culvert project.

c. **Discussion on Tree Removal:**

First Selectman Charles Grant had a brief discussion on tree removal. First Selectman Charlie Grant, Thomas Curran, and David Gustafson (tree warden) drove around the town to see what trees needed to be removed. Eversource is supposed to do a tree trimming in September 2018. First Selectman Charles Grant met with a liaison from Eversource and was confirmed that Eversource will be removing many trees for the town that is in their perimeter. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that this will save the town a lot of money and the town can focus on other areas of the town that needs tree removal.

d. **Discussion on Upcoming Chip Seal:**

The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion on the upcoming chip seal project for the town of Franklin. The chip seal project will be postponed for May or June of next year which will be more beneficial for the town.

e. **Discussion and Approval of the Municipal Complex Roof Project Litigation Settlement:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the roofing project litigation settlement. Attorney Matthew Willis (towns attorney) was able to reduce the settlement to 19k from 26k. First Selectman Charles Grant will go to the Board of Finance next Tuesday and present this settlement

with the final numbers. First Selectman Charles Grant would like approval from the Board of Selectman to approve the negotiated settlement of 19k, to use the 13k left in the CIP account, and to ask the Board of Finance for a 6k procreation. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

MOTION # 3: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the negotiated settlement of 19k, to use the 13k left in the CIP account, and to ask the Board of Finance for a 6k procreation. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Appointment to Recreation Commission:** Jason Gooden, Roland Constant II, and Josh Miner would like to continue to be the Recreation Commission for the town of Franklin from August 31, 2018 – August 31, 2022.

MOTION #4: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to reappoint: Jason Gooden, Roland Constant II, and Josh Miner as members on the Recreation Commission. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Appointments to Agricultural & Conservation Commission:** Gail Miller, Craig Staebner, and Chester Rynaski (alternate) would like to continue to be the Agricultural & Conservation Commission for the town of Franklin from September 19, 2018 – September 19, 2022.

MOTION #5: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to reappoint: Gail Miller, Craig Staebner, and Chester Rynaski (alternate) as members on the Agricultural & Conservation Commission. Selectman Russel Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Appointments to Commission on Aging:** Edna Handfield would like to be a new member on the Commission on Aging for the town of Franklin from August 8, 2018 – December 31, 2022.

MOTION #6: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to appoint Edna Handfield as a new member on the Commission on Aging. Selectman Russel Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 7: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Russel Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
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