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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 25th DAY OF JULY, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Thomas Curran

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

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

d. Discussion on Tree Removal:

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. June 27, 2018

MOTION #2: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 27, 2018 as presented with the minor changes "Andy Hasdst to the Hasdst Brothers". 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 sweeping the roads and mowing. School starts on August 29, 2018 and on September 24, 2018 the Franklin School will be having their open house. The public works crew should be done cleaning the roads by this date.

b. **Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the state municipal support is at 33%. First Selectman Charles Grant stated the town just started the new fiscal year and is currently waiting on last fiscal year bills to come in. First Selectman Charles Grant should have the final numbers for the next meeting. On August 1st the auditors will start processing last fiscal year's report. 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 stated that Sam Giavara hired Attorney Harry Heller to represent him and guide him through the Franklin Hills Project. The town is currently waiting for the Franklin Hills Project to post a bond in order to continue the project. A brief discussion was held regarding the Franklin Hills Project with the Board of Selectman.
- b. **Update on Plains Road Culvert Project:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update of the Plains Road Culvert Project. First Selectman Charles Grant and Thomas Curran (Town Foreman) will have a meeting with Towne Engineering on July 26, 2018 regarding the Plains Road Culvert Project. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion regarding the Plains Road Culvert Project. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman with any new changes.
- c. **Discussion on Franklin Elementary School UST removal:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Franklin Elementary School UST removal. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the town has decide to not remove the UST at the moment. The tank is currently full and school will be starting on August 29,2018. First Selectman Charles Grant will keep the Board of Selectman updated with any changes.
- d. **Discussion on Tree Removal:** First Selectman Charles Grant will contact the Town Tree Warden and Eversource to schedule a meeting regarding tree removal in the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion on Warehouse lease:** First Selectman Charles Grant updated the Board of Selectman with the town warehouse lease. Gary Wright owner of Wright Transportation is very interested in leasing the warehouse. He is interested in doing a 10-year lease with the town. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion on the Warehouse lease procedures. First Selectman Charles Grant will keep the Board of Selectman updated on the warehouse lease.
- b. **Discussion on West Nile Virus:** First Selectman Charles Grant had a brief discussion on the West Nile Virus. First Selectman Charles Grant informed the Board of Selectman that Uncas Health District contacted him stating that the Town of Franklin was tested positive for the West Nile Virus. First Selectman Charles Grant went to the senior center and the town library to drop off some literature regarding the West Nile Virus. First Selectman Charles Grant contacted the towns school to inform the staff and students from 7th regiment. First Selectman Charles Grant also spoke to a local radio station and the Norwich bulletin regarding the West Nile Virus to make sure all residents were aware of the news.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Thomas Curran had a brief discussion with the Board of Selectman regarding a financial issue at Franklin Elementary School concerning the superintendent.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 3: 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 **8:17 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Machi- Rodriguez
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