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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 27th DAY OF JUNE, 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: Susan Allen Konow

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

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

c. Discussion on Meeting Minutes:

New business:

e. Discussion on Town Road Signs:

f. Discussion on Cemetery Plots:

g. 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. May 30, 2018

MOTION #2: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 30, 2018 as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. June 6, 2018

MOTION #3: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of June 6, 2018 as presented. Selectman Russell Beisiegel 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 chip sealing and sweeping the roads. The town of Franklin got the mower back from Sprague. The public works crew has also been mowing. First Selectman Charles Grant believes Hastdt Brothers are in town and has been doing some curbing. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion regarding the road work in the town of Franklin.

- 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 state municipal support is at 33%. The Board of Selectman briefly went over the financial reports. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he sat down with the towns treasures (Patricia Osten) to go over the financial reports to make sure the town did not end the 2017-2018 fiscal year over 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. First selectman Charles Grant had a meeting with town council last night along with the chairs of planning and zoning and in-land and wetlands. Sam Giavara resubmitting a new application and will have a public hearing on July 17, 2018 regarding the Franklin Hills project. A brief discussion was held regarding the Franklin Hills project with the Board of Selectman.

- b. **Update on Municipal Building Roof Project:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update of the municipal building roof project. First Selectman Charles Grant had a meeting with to Matt Willis (Town Attorney) regarding the municipal roof project lawsuits. Matt Willis started to negotiate, it was \$24,000 and currently has it below \$20,000. The town attorney will update the town with the final agreement for the settlement.

- c. **Discussion on Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Thomas Craney suggested that the meeting minutes don't have to be word for word. A quick recap for each subject should be enough. The Board of Selectman agree that just highlights of the meeting and motions should be recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion on School Lease for 7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps:** First Selectman Charles Grant handed out two letters to the Board of Selectman to look over. The first letter is from Matt Willis (Town Council) decision of the validity of the petition. The second letter is from First Selectman Charles Grant notifying the petitioner of the decision. First selectman Charles Grant would like approval from the Board of Selectman to mail out both letters.

MOTION # 4: Selectman Russel Beisiegel made a motion to approve to send the letter out. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Discussion on CIRMA 3-year Contract Proposal:** First Selectman Charles Grant had a brief discussion on CIRMA 3-year contract proposal for workers compensation and liability coverage. This year CIRMA locked in the towns rate. The town was on a yearly rate before and this contract could save the town some money. First Selectman Charles Grant ask the Board of Selectman to approve CIRMA 3-year contract.

MOTION # 5: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve CIRMA 3-year contract. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Appointment to Museum Board of Directors:** Matthew Novasad would like to be a new member on the Museum Board of directors for the town of Franklin from June 27, 2018 - June 27, 2022.

MOTION #6: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to appoint Matthew Novasad as a new member on the Museum Board of directors. Selectman Russel Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Approval of Tax Refunds:** Tax refund for resident Jim Smith for \$ 111.80

MOTION # 7: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the tax refund as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. **Discussion on Town Road Signs:** Selectman Thomas Craney notice a couple of weeks ago there were no school zone signs near the school. Selectman Thomas Craney stated that there needs to be school zone signs put up to reduce the speed. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he was aware of the issue and will be contacting DOT.
- f. **Discussion on Cemetery Plots:** Selectman Thomas Craney had a brief discussion on the cemetery plot ordinance. Selectman Thomas Craney stated he noticed there is nothing on the cemetery plot ordinance regarding burial cremations. Selectman Thomas Craney suggested to rewrite and add burial cremations to the cemetery ordinance for future use. First selectman Charles Grant will send a copy of the ordinance to Matt Willis (Town Council) and have him draft a new ordinance.
- g. **Discussion on Tree Removal:** Selectman Russel Beisiegel stated his concerned about many damaged trees around the town. First Selectman Charles Grant stated a lot of tree were compromise with all the storms the town had this past year. Selectman Russel Beisiegel also stated the tress on the far end of pleasure hill road are coming right out onto the road and needs to be looked at. First Selectman Charles Grant will try to contact the tree warden regarding tree removal around the town.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Susan Allen Konow expressed her concerns about this year's annual town meeting. Susan suggested the town meeting should begin at 7:00 pm with a budget presentation, 7:30 voting would take place and a member from each commission can voluntarily do a 3-minute presentation on their behalf. First selectman Charles Grant stated he will take it under consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 8: 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 **8:12 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Machi- Rodriguez
First Selectmen Administrative Assistant