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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 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:25 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 New Business:

- c. Update on Blight Complaint**
- d. Discussion on Plains Road**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. September 5, 2018

MOTION #2: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2018 as presented with the minor changes under old business (d) "Proclamation to Appropriation ". 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. Thomas Curran has been out for two weeks for vacation, however will return Monday. The public work crew have

been mowing and cutting down trees. The public work crew have also been cleaning up the roads from the last rain storm.

b. Financial Report:

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. The Board of Selectman briefly went over the 2018-2019 budget. The Board of Selectman made a list of a few line items that needed to be revised and corrected. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the budget to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Discussion on Tree Removal: First Selectman Charles Grant had a brief discussion on tree removal. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the town is still waiting for quotes at Hyde Park. The town has already removed trees at Giddings park. Eversource removed a few trees on Pleasure Hill, however they never finished cutting them down. The Board of Selectman had a discussion regarding certain dead trees around the town that needs to be taken down.

b. Discussion and Approval of Ware House Lease: First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the ware house lease. The ware house lease has been signed and finalized. The town will purchase some parking signs that will designate for senior parking only and warehouse parking. The town will get a check and first month's rent this Friday for the ware house lease. First Selectman Charles Grant is going to get a few quotes to get lighting put on the senior and library side of the building. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion regarding the ware house lease. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting with any new changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion of Lighting at the Basketball Court at Giddings Park:

First Selectman Charles Grant had a brief discussion regarding the lighting at the basketball court at Giddings park. First Selectman Charles Grant would like to change the light fixtures at the basketball court and change the lighting time to end at 7:30pm during the winter season.

b. Discussion of Replacement of Mason Dump Truck:

First Selectman Charles Grant had a brief discussion regarding the replacement of the mason dump truck. First Selectman Charles Grant stated before he took office Former First Selectman Richard Matters started to fill out applications for a USDA loan for a new mason dump truck. First Selectman Charles Grant is waiting for pricing for state contracts for a 2019 mason dump truck. First Selectman Charles Grant would like to pay cash for the mason dump truck and has spoken to the Board of Finance Chair. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman once he has all the figures and after he contacts Norman St Jean from USDA.

c. Update on Blight Complaint:

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the former blight complaint from Michael Hanson. Ronald Chelecki went to the property to inspect the issue and has determine that there was no blight complaint. First Selectman Charles Grant will write a letter to Mr. Hanson regarding the blight complaint status. First Selectman Charles Grant received a new blight complaint this morning from a resident regarding a property on Lathrop Road. The property has not been maintained, has over grown grass, and shattered windows. First Selectman Charles Grant will

reach out to Ronald Chelecki to inspect the property and will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

d. Discussion on Plains Road:

Selectman Thomas Craney expressed a concern regarding mud being spread on Plains Road. This could be a hazard for many residents driving on that road. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he never saw mud on that road and if it happens again First Selectman Charles Grant will bring it to the resident's attention. First Selectman Charles Grant will have the public work crew clean it up in the morning.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 3: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **8:24 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
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