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**THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HELD AT THE  
TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **NONE**

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

- b. **Approval of Tax Refund (This was already on the agenda under new business)**

**And**

- c. **Discussion on the Towns Board of Commission Meeting Minutes**

**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. March 28, 2018

**MOTION #2:** First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 28, 2018 as presented. 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 work crew got the side bar mower from Sprague and they cleaned up old rte. 32. The public works crew have been cleaning up the brush and branches that had fallen from the winter storms that were on the side of the road. Thomas Curran and First Selectman Charles Grant had a meeting with Peter Calvert, Peter Fenn, Larry Fenn, and the school's athletic director. First Selectman Charles Grant volunteered services from the towns public works crew to recondition the track and soccer field as in-kind services. Thomas Curran and First Selectman Charles Grant went down to the school to take a look at the field and it really wasn't as bad as they said it was. The public work crew used the rototiller to fix the track, there was enough stone dust to go around the track. First Selectman Charles Grant went back to check the finished work and took a walk around it, the towns crew did a good job. The public works crew is prepping for sweeping. The public works crew haven't taking the plows off yet because their maybe more snow. The town has enough sand and salt for the rest of this winter season. First Selectman Charles Grant asked the Board of Selectman what they thought about increasing the salt ratio. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he understands sand is cheaper and in the past he was interested in treated salt. The town ratio for sand and salt is currently at 3:1. Thomas Curran suggest the town should go to 2:1. First Selectman Charles Grant spoke to the First Selectman at the town of Griswold who is also the director of public works for their town and they seem to really like it to use the treated salt. The Board of Selectman had a discussion regarding plain white salt, treated salt, and what would work best for the town of Franklin. The First Selectman Charles Grant also spoke to Thomas Curran regarding fixing up the towns public work truck and truck 5. Thomas Curran will come up with some quotes for fixing both trucks and the town can see if it can be added into the budget. Selectman Russell Beisiegel asked where the town stands in fixing the mason dump and if the plan is still to put an all-season body on the truck. Selectman Russell Beisiegel also stated that he has notice a lot of towns carrying the polyethylene sanders that last a long time and many towns seem to be happy with it. First Selectman Charles Grant will look into the polyethylene sanders and seek for recommendations.

### b. Financial Report:

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports and went through a few budget line items. The tax collector was budgeted for 5 million and 83 thousand. The tax collector has already collected \$5 million and \$60 thousand. Last year the town was at 101%, this year the town is at 110%. The interest in lien the town budgeted for \$7,000, the town took in 40,000. Motor Vehicle Supplement the town budget for \$20,000 and the town took in \$58,000. State municipal support, the town is only at 30%, I saw the article at the Chronical on Friday night and it says that the state will finally be releasing aid for the town roads. Selectman Russel Beisiegel believes that the Chronical was talking about another grant money not the towns road money. There was a discrepancy in public safety for accessory equipment repair it was budgeted at \$2,000 and the town is at \$8,700 due to the purchase of radios. First Selectman Charles Grant also stated that the Assessor has started his report and will have a final report for the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **a. Update on Fire House Roof:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the fire house roof. The town received another lawsuit letter regarding the fire house roof from the roofers unions. Last month the town received a lawsuit letter from the sheet metal workers union. First Selectman Charles Grant sent a copy of the letter to both council and to the town's architect. First Selectman Charles Grant asked the Board of Selectman how they felt about him asking council to investigate Beaulieu Company, LLC roofing contractor's assets. The Board of Selectman agreed that the town of Franklin should investigate Beaulieu roofing contractor's assets and see where the union stands. First Selectman Charles Grant asked for approval from the Board of Selectman to asked council to investigate.

**MOTION # 3:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the First Selectman Charles Grant to ask council to pursue the roofing contractor to see what asset they may have available. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman Charles Grant also discussed the senior center roof and possibly resealing it. Last week Mike Roberts stopped up with a quote to reseal it, First Selectman Charles Grant asked for an updated quote since the quote has been a year old. When Mike Roberts sent the new updated quote it also had an invoice for \$18,000 from last year. First Selectman Charles Grant called Richard Matters and confirmed that Mike Roberts did do some repairs last year. The First Selectman Charles Grant and Richard Matters will discuss each cost one by one next week to see if the invoices are correct.

### **b. Update on Franklin Hills Project:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Franklin Hills Project. The town of Franklin will be having a pre-op meeting next week schedule for April 10, 2018 regarding the Franklin Hills project. First Selectman Charles Grant wanted to inform the Board of Selectman that there is movement on this project and First Selectman Charles Grant will update them with any new information from the meeting.

### **c. Discussion on 2018/2019 Budget:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the 2018/2019 towns budget. The town has gotten quotes for salt and sand for next years budget. However, the town is still waiting on CIRMA to give an updated quote for insurance, as of now it's going to be a 3% increase. The Board of Selectman reviewed the budget line items. First Selectman Charles Grant went to the fire department and went over each line item with them and plans to go to public works tomorrow and go over their line items. First Selectman Charles Grant wants to go to each department and make sure they were not under or over budget this year in order to predict for next year's budget. Selectman Russell Beisiegel suggested the town should discuss the issue of salary increase and see what the cost of living is. First Selectman Charles Grant stated he will do some research and look into it for the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approval of Tax Refunds:** First Selectman Charles Grant read a list of tax refunds to the Board of Selectman.

Charles River Laboratories Inc for \$248.98  
Barbara Dyer for \$18.47  
Stephen and Wendy Pulaski for \$29.69  
Robert and Grace Jello for \$12.12  
Volvo Var Finance North America for \$600.24  
Christopher and Christine Laquitarra for \$ 1564.94

**MOTION # 4:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve all the tax refunds as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Discussion on the Towns Board of Commission Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel has been on the towns website and noticed that a lot of the towns board of commissions minutes have not been posted. The Board of Selectman and Water Pollution Control Authority is also guilty for their minutes not being posted on the website. Selectman Russell Beisiegel stated that BOS and WPCA should be setting an example for the other boards to follow. Selectman Russell Beisiegel also noticed that the board of education website was also not updated. Selectman Russell Beisiegel also mentioned if the BOS and WPCA can get the minutes emailed to them along with the agenda before the meeting. First Selectman Charles Grant will talk to Cindy (First Selectman Assistant) about posting the minutes in a timely manner and emailing it to the board prior to the meetings. First selectman Grant explained how the minutes got posted to the website and stated that the towns website had posting issues in the beginning. First Selectman Charles Grant will talk to Sherry Pollard regrading the website and see if the website has been having any posting issues.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION # 5:** 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 **7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Machi- Rodriguez  
First Selectmen Administrative Assistant