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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 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **NONE**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. April 18, 2018

MOTION #1: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 18, 2018 as presented with the corrections of changing the words ("barrow" to "borrowed," "Natchung" to "Natchaug," and the word "I" to "First Selectman Charles Grant"). Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Update on the 2018/2019 Budget:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the 2018/2019 budget. First Selectman Charles Grant handed out the hourly rates from the registrar office. Selectman Russell Beisiegel asked how the rates were generated and if they reflected last years budget rates. First

Selectman Charles Grant stated that he was not sure but will do some research and have an answer for the next meeting. First Selectman Charles Grant gave each Selectman a copy of a letter that Patricia Osten received from Doug Gillette regarding the Water and Sewer loan. Doug Gillette stated the loan could be invested, however there are some restrictions and guidelines that need to be followed. Patricia Osten will contact Chelsea Groton Bank to see what types of accounts can be used for the Water and Sewer loan. First Selectman Charles Grant started to go over the towns budget report line item by line item. For example, under line item 1600.65 for Highway Materials First Selectman Charles Grant added plains road for next fiscal year along with the culvert project. First Selectman Charles Grant stated last year the town of Franklin did not do any chip seal on any of the town roads. First Selectman Charles Grant spoke to Thomas Curran and is planning to do the chip sealing between June and August of this year. Selectman Russell Beisiegel had a concerned about the chip seal price that was presented. The Board of Selectman had a discussion regarding the chip seal pricing for the town of Franklin. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he is trying to get over 50 square yards of chip seal to get a better price. First Selectman Charles Grant specified that he took Plains road off of the 2017-2018 budget and put it for the next year's 2018/2019 budget along with Hyde park. The public works crew would like to chip seal the town in sections so they are not bringing the stones all over the place. First Selectman Charles Grant went over the Capital Improvement line item and also discussed the Major Road Improvement line items. Selectman Thomas Craney asked First Selectman Charles Grant if the current numbers on the budget were correct. First Selectman Charles Grant realized that there was an error on the budget sheet on certain line items and that it would be corrected for the next meeting. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that \$180,000 was left over from Major Road Improvement and he is planning to add \$115,604 more to that line item. The town of Franklin is planning to widen Murphy road and to replace the Plain road culvert. First Selectman Charles Grant went over the income budget section and went over each line items that was changed. Some of the line items that were changed are: Miscellaneous, Town Clerk Fees, Building Permits, and Interest Income. Selectman Russell Beisiegel asked if the current year tax rate was being used as the same mill rate as of right now for next year's budget. First Selectman Charles Grant replied yes it was being used as the same mill rate as of last year. The town of Franklin is at 98% with our Grand list. The Board of Selectman continued to go over the towns budget expenses thoroughly. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that there still needs to be some corrections made on the expense report such as the tax refund request. The Board of Selectmen changed the referral request from 500 to 2000 based on this year's demand. First Selectman Charles Grant also went over everyone's salary and increased it by 2.8%. The Board of Selectmen also went over public works and each line items that were increased. First Selectman Charles Grant went over the heating and fuel at the Tyler Drive Building. First Selectman Charles Grant also went over the lines items for Waste Disposal and Recycling. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the Waste Disposal contract went up as well as the Recycle contract. First Selectman Charles Grant also spoke about replacing the Senior Center roof. Selectman Russell Beisiegel asked First Selectman Charles Grant if the town had a record that shows which projects needed more money and which projects the town already had enough for. First Selectman Charles Grant stated he did have a list that he was referring by. Some of the project were carried over to the new budget and some were not. First Selectman Charles Grant will provide a new updated budget report with all the new changes that were made for the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 2: 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 **8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Machi- Rodriguez
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