

**Town of Franklin
7 Meetinghouse Hill Road
Franklin, Connecticut 06254**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
February 14th at 6:30pm**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Alden Miner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Selectmen; Alden Miner, Russell Beisiegel, & Thomas Craney; Administrative Assistant; Heather Glidden.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Russell asked if a new appointment to the Library Board was ready to occur; there is a waiting period. Thomas mentioned the BOF Clerk has resigned; job opening will be posted soon.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: New Business; policy on plowing snow at the Fire Department.

MOTION #1: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to add the item to the agenda. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

A) January 31st, 2024: Note it was Peter Calvert who brought the facts sheet; add that the fact sheet includes Franklin info to be disturbed for economic development. He was looking the BOS input and if they wanted to add anything to the fact sheet.

MOTION #2: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

B) February 8th 2024:

MOTION #3: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

A) Department Public Works: The town is in need/could use a smaller pickup truck for running errands and or moving smaller items for both DPW and Facilities Manager. Alden and DPW will look at the truck tomorrow.

MOTION #4: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to approve the First Selectman to purchase a pick-up truck for general transportation at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

B) Town Facilities: Soffit repair should be completed soon. The new well project is still moving along. The light pole in the back parking lot at the school is still in need of being replaced; the contractor is waiting on the back-ordered pole. Additional lights need to be looked at for the back parking lot. The propane tank set up and safety at Tyler Dr is in need of some modifications.

C) Financial Reports: Financial reports were presented; discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) 2024-2025 Budget Requests: Budget Requests were presented; discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Urban Action Grant Update: Alden and Hailey Ward have been in talks to find a different option for the direction of the water/sewer extension. The grant needs to be looked into as it's written from Murphy Rd to Baltic Rd on Rt. 32.

B) Policy on Plowing for Fire Department: The past two storms the Fire Department seems to not be plowed as often or as soon as it should. Alden will follow up with the DPW foreman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Thomas brought up the idea again of finding a public notification service; he has a contact who works at Everbridge to get some more information on it.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is on February 28th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #4: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant
First Selectman's Office