

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
JANUARY 18th 2023 at 6:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

PRESENT: Selectmen Russell Beisiegel, Thomas Craney, Charles Grant, & Administrative Assistant;
Heather Glidden

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mark Nall; FVFD

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Under New Business: Special Town Meeting

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- A) January 4th 2023:** Under financial reports; the sentence should read: Financial reports were presented; discussion ensued.
- Under Town Facilities: Specify the water heaters which will be relocated are in the Fire Department.

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

REVIEW OF REPORTS

- A) Department Public Works:** PDW employee has submitted his resignation. Job opening will be posted. Town will need a new tree warden as well. A resident in town has shown interest in being the tree warden. Culverts on Pleasure Hill have been replaced. Fuel tank sensor needed to be replaced.
- B) Town Facilities:** North side of Tyler drive gutters have been replaced with commercial sized gutters. A light under awning at library has been moved for staff. Heater for the FD classroom has been replaced. Water heater/boiler inspections by the insurance company will be completed for the FD soon. Heating company will come in to do an overview before inspection.
- C) Financial Reports:** Financial reports were presented; discussion ensued. LOCIP grant has been submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Pfas:** Pfas foam was used at a car fire on Rt. 87 in May of 2022; DEEP issued a violation; first invoice has been issued to the town. The town's insurance has been contacted to see if they will cover any of the bill. FD insurance company will be contacted to see if they will cover this as well.
- B) Library:** Librarian has submitted a letter to the board of directors. An issue occurred at one of the library's hall rentals; locks were put on the electrical room; then the other rooms were locked in hopes of not having any issues in the future. The librarian feels like the changes were made personally against her.
- C) Tree Warden:** Sprague and Franklin are in need of a new tree warden; a resident in town with a background in forestry has shown interest.

New Business:**A) Special Town Meeting:**

MOTION #3: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to schedule a special town meeting for January 30th at 7pm at the Municipal Complex. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Thomas had heard that Bozrah Fire Department's old ladder truck is to be housed at Franklin's department. Chief Nall asked the board if this would be permitted; the board does not want this to occur due the liability.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is a regular meeting on February 1st 2023 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #4: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman