

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
December 6th 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: Stori Beckwith and Richard Handfield

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Action on Mr. Handfield's request; Army Tank, Old Town Hall

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

A) November 8th, 2023: Lynda Feder-Craney was present.

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

B) November 29th, 2023: Under Public Comment; Richard Handfield never heard the word accept the grant

MOTION #3: 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: Catch basin cleaning is currently occurring. Alden is meeting with the EverSource liaison and arborist next week

B) Town Facilities: Woodard house is moving; repairs have been made. The culvert in the back of the school parking lot is in need of being cleaned out more often. Work on the new well at Tyler Dr should begin next week.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Urban Action Grant:** Alden talked with the Town's Legal Counsel; the Town is still waiting on more answers from him but in the event the town terminates the DEEP contract the money spent will need to be paid back.

MOTION #4: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to deny Mr. Handfield request to terminate the contract with DEEP for the water and sewer extension. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Agriculture and Conservation ordinance:** Revised Agriculture and Conservation Ordinance was presented.

MOTION #5: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to accept the Agriculture and Conservation Ordinance. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- B) 2024 Calendar:**

MOTION #6: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to approve the 2024 meeting calendar as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- C) Army Tank:** Thomas will like the army tank at Veteran's park refurbished by Memorial Day.

- D) Old Town Hall:** Alden is looking to repairing the building; the ownership of the building needs to be looked into.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Storri Beckwith asked about the process of ARPA projects.

- Richard Handfield asked if the BOS could deny the request of petition for a town meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is on December 20th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #7: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman