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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 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. December 12, 2018

MOTION #1: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2018 as presented with a minor change under Old Business for Ayers Road Washout. 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 works crew have been cleaning up the town roads. Thomas Curran has also been working on the Plain Rd culvert and temporarily repaired the pipe. The town just purchased a load of salt and sand for the upcoming season. First Selectman Charles Grant will keep the Board of Selectman updated with any new changes.

- b. **Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. The Board of Selectman briefly went over this fiscal year's budget (2018-2019). The Board of Selectman made a list of a few budget line items that needed to be revised. First Selectman Charles Grant presented a list to the Board of Selectman of properties in the town of Franklin to be sold for auction. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the budget to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion on Ayer Road Washout:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he went to a FEMA orientation on Monday. Before you can get FEMA grant money you have to try other options first. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting regarding Ayer Rd washout.
- b. **Discussion on Warehouse Lease:** The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion regarding the warehouse lease. First Selectman Charles Grant stated as of Tuesday January 15, 2019 Gary Wright (Tenant) will be 3 weeks late. The tenant has not been returning my calls. First Selectman Charles Grant will contact Matt Willis and write a letter to Gary Wright.
- c. **Discussion on Plains Road Culvert Replacement:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Plains Rd culvert. Matt Maynard from Town Engineering noticed the bottom on the pipe was rotting away. Thomas Curran dug out a 5ft area and made a ribbon rail to hold up the pipe. First Selectman Charles Grant stated this is a temporary solution until the town replaces the culvert this summer.
- d. **Discussion on Hyde Park Trees:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Hyde Park Trees. Mark Roberts will try to get to Hyde Park this week and take care of the trees. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion on town trees that need to be taken down.
- e. **Update on Pond Road School Crossing Signage:** First Selectman Charles Grant updated the Board of Selectman on the Pond Road School Crossing sign. First Selectman Charles Grant received an emailed from DOT. The town would have to pay for the installation and electricity for the flashing light crossing sign. First Selectman Charles Grant will get some quotes and will reach to DOT for a list of contractors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion on 2019-2020 Budget:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he will start to prepare the new 2019-2020 budget for the Board of Selectman to start going over it at the next meeting.
- b. **Discussion on Traffic on Rt 32 on New Park Avenue:** Residents are becoming aware that RT 32 is a dangerous road. There's a lot of traffic, sometimes even bumper to bumper traffic. First Selectman Charles Grant will draft a letter to DOT and reach to them to review the traffic on RT 32.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

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 **8:30p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
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