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**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HELD AT THE TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**PRESENT**: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**: Roland Mihok

**CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** **NONE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. January 23, 2019

**MOTION #1:** First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2019 as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF REPORTS:**

1. **Department of Public Works:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the department of public works. The public works crew have been prepping for the storm. There has been very little snow this year. The public works crew headed out early today to start pretreating the town roads. The town has had few repairs done to the trucks because there hasn’t been that many snow storms. The town is in good shape with sand and salt for this winter season. First Selectman Charles Grant will keep the Board of Selectman updated with any new changes.

1. **Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. First Selectman Charles Grant had issues with quick books today and was not able to print out the most recent financials. First Selectman Charles Grant will contact Quality Data regarding this issue so it doesn’t happen again. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the financial reports to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

1. **Discussion on 2019-2020 Budget:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the town has received a couple more budget request forms from town employees. First Selectman Charles Grant will have a meeting with the senior center and public works next week. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the 2019-2020 budget to the next meeting.
2. **Update on Ayers Road:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he has been focused on getting the FEMA paper work all together for the FEMA Grant for Ayers Road. The town has prepared a package for FEMA and FEMA will be reviewing it this week. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

1. **Approval of MOA State Homeland Security Grant:** First Selectman Charles Grant read the MOA State Homeland Security Grant Resolution to the Board of Selectman. If there’s any grant money available it authorizes the town to accept the money. First Selectman Charles Grant asked for approval of the Board of Selectman to approve the MOA state Homeland Security Grant Resolution.

**MOTION # 2:** Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the MOA State Homeland Security Grant Resolution. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Discussion/Approval of M-42 Duster Loan:** The Department of Defense would like to loan out the M-42 Duster from the American Legion in Wallingford to the town of Franklin**.** American Legion no longer wants it and the DOD would like to loan it to someone else. The Town of Franklin is interested and would like to display it on town property.

**MOTION # 3:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve for the Town of Franklin to borrow the M-42 Duster from the department of defense. Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Franklin Hills Easement Approval:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated thatFranklin Hills is reapplying and needs approval for the conservation easement from the Board of Selectman. First Selectman Charles Grant presented the new plans to the Board of Selectman and stated that Franklin Hills added two more acres to the easement.

**MOTION #4:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the Franklin Hills Conservation Easement. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Appointment to IWWC:** First Selectman Charles Grant informed the Board of Selectman that there is an opening as an alternate in the IWWC and Ray Baribeault is interested. First Selectman Charles Grant would like to appointed Ray Baribeault from (2/20/19-2/20/2023.)
2. **MOTION #5:** Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the appointment to the alternate position of the IWWC to Ray Baribeault from (2/20/19 - 2/20/2023.) Mr. Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Discussion and Approval of Retaining Wall Lower Parking Lot:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he would like to add a stone wall and stairs in the back-parking lot of the town hall. First Selectman Charles Grant presented 2 quotes and ask for the Board of Selectmen approval to continue with this project.

**MOTION # 6:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the retaining wall lower parking lot project at the town hall. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**:  Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**:

**MOTION #7:**First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **8:15p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

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