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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 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** First Selectman Charles Grant made a request to add the following under **New business:**

**d. Appointment to the Commission on Aging:**

**MOTION #1:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**a. March 20, 2019**

**MOTION #2:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2019 as presented with the minor change of "Board of Selectman to Board of Selectmen". Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. March 27, 2019**

**MOTION #3:** Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 27, 2019 as presented. Selectman Russell Beisiegel 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. Thomas Curran has been working on the sweeper and has already swept around town. The public works crew has been also cleaning the culverts on Plains Road. First Selectman Charles Grant put two screens on the culvert and hopefully this will keep the beavers away. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the town has been prepping for the M-42 tank and would like to have it ready for Memorial Day. First Selectman Charles Grant will keep the Board of Selectmen updated with any new changes.

### **b. Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the tax collector is at 98 % of total taxes. First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. The Board of Selectmen briefly went over the current fiscal year's budget (2018-2019). First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the budget to the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Discussion on 2019-2020 Budget:** First Selectman Charles Grant presented the new 2019-2020 budget to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen went over each line item and made a list of a few budget line items that needed to be revised. The Board of Selectmen had a brief discussion over the new 2019-2020 budget. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the new 2019-2020 budget and bring it to the next meeting.

**b. Update on Warehouse Tenant:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that on Monday he got a call from the warehouse tenant stating that he will be able to catch up with all the back rent and apologized for any inconvenience. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he will continue with the eviction process and may consider canceling it when all bills are paid. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen on the warehouse tenant at the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Discussion on NECR 2019 Vegetation Control:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he got a notice from the New England Central Railroad that they will be doing vegetation control on the tracks and wanted to inform the Board of Selectmen incase residents were concerned. This should be a one day project.

**b. Discussion on Woodward House and Barn Paint:** First Selectman Charles Grant updated the Board of Selectmen regarding the Woodward House and barn paint. First Selectman Charles Grant got two painting quotes one for \$43,000 and one for \$39,000. First Selectman Charles Grant would like to award it to the low bidder Raymond O'Connell in Yantic for \$39,000.

**MOTION #4:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to award the low bidder Raymond O'Connell for \$39,000 for the Woodward House painting project. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

- c. **Approval of Tax Refund:** First Selectman Charles Grant read a tax refund for resident Louis Peltier for \$111.80.

**MOTION #5:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the tax refund as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Appointment to Commission on Aging:** First Selectman Charles Grant would like to reappoint Judy Marrotte as a member on the Commission on Aging from (4/3/19 - 12/30/2023.)

**MOTION #6:** Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to reappoint Judy Marrotte as a member on the Commission on Aging from (4/3/19 - 12/30/2023.) Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** NONE

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, April 17, 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 **8:20p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
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