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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 29th DAY OF May, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. May 1, 2019

MOTION #1: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 1, 2019 as presented with the minor changes under Old Business section A, section B, and under New Business on the end date for the Museum Boards of Directors. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. May 9, 2019

MOTION #2: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 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. The public works crew have been sweeping the town roads. The town will barrow the sweeper from Sprague so the town can get ready to chip seal the roads. The public works crew have been cleaning the roads and preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he spoke to the new commander at Troop K and requested to receive police reports on a monthly basis to see how the crime rate is in town. Recently the crime rate has been reduced. 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 98.27% of the grand list taxes and 100.29% of budgeted 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 an updated copy of the new 2019-2020 budget to the Board of Selectmen with the new CIP changes. The Board of Selectmen went over each line item and changes. The Board of Selectmen had a brief discussion over the new 2019-2020 budget.

- b. **Approval of Annual Town Meeting:** First Selectman Charles Grant asked the Board of Selectmen for approval to have the Annual Town meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Franklin Fire House.

MOTION #3: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the Annual Town meeting date for June 6, 2019 at 7pm at the Franklin Fire house. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Update on Warehouse Tenant:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he recently spoke to the warehouse tenant and he stated that he will be able to catch up on his back rent by May 30, 2019. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen on the warehouse tenant at the next meeting.

- d. **Discussion on Plains Road Culvert:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that Plains Road is closed due to the culvert collapsing. First Selectman Charles Grant will have a meeting with Matthew Maynard tomorrow and set up a time line on when the culvert will be fixed.

- e. **Discussion on Franklin Hills Project:** First Selectman Charles Grant believes the Inland and Wetlands Commission will approve the Franklin Hills Project plans tonight, however approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission may be a bit difficult. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

- f. **Discussion on Veterans Park Display:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he sent in all the paper work needed to the Department of Defense and is currently waiting for approval. First Selectman Charles Grant will notify the Board of Selectman once the town gets approval.

- g. **Discussion on FES UST:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the town will be opening up the bid's tomorrow morning for the Franklin Elementary School Underground Storage Tank. First Selectman Charles Grant has asked the contractors to keep the bids below \$100k to avoid the prevailing wage. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

- h. **Discussion on Chip Sealing Town Roads:** The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion on chip sealing the town roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Commission Appointments** First Selectman Charles Grant would like to appoint Joe Morse as a member on the Commission on Aging from (5/29/19 - 12/30/2023.)

MOTION #4: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve Joe Morse as a member to the commission on Aging. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Approval of Tax Refunds: Tyler Bolsen for \$25.98.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #6: 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 **7:55p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
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