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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 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** Carl Girasole, Barbara Moran, Raymond Berry, Emily Berry, Nate Boyden, John Pillar, Deb Handfield, Rich Handfield, Pat Osten, and Karen Williams.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. August 21, 2019

**MOTION #1:** Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 21, 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 after the chip sealing was completed. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the public works crew have also been mowing and barrowed the over the rail mower from Sprague. Thomas Curran is back from vacation and will be running the transfer station this weekend. The public works crew will finish up sweeping the roads next week. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.

- b. **Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the state of CT is still holding back, however the tax collector has collected 54% of this year taxes so the town is still in good shape. The Board of Selectmen briefly went over the new fiscal year's budget of (2019-2020). The town audit should be completed by the end of September or the middle of October. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the budget to the next meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Update on FES UST:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the FES UST project is still going according to schedule. The side walk and lawn was repaired and the pad is prepped for the new arrival of the above storage tank. The new tank should be arriving in two weeks. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.
- b. Update on School Crossing Signs:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that he put a request to DOT and is still waiting for a response. The Board of selectman had a brief discussion regarding the school crossing signs. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.
- c. Discussion on Tree Removal:** Several Franklin residents expressed their concerns about trees around town. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that in every COG or NECCOG meeting tree removal is the topic of the conversation. Every First Selectman or Mayor is going through the same tree issues in their town. Ever Source has saved the town of Franklin tens of thousands of dollars regarding tree removal. David Gustafson (Tree Warden) and First Selectman Charles Grant have marked a lot of trees around town and will continue to mark some more next week. First Selectman Charles Grant will make sure to resolve this tree issue in Franklin. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.
- d. Update on Warehouse Tenant:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the eviction process is still going on. The town is still waiting for the warehouse tenant to pay in order to sign the agreement. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion on Town Audit:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the auditors agree to not proceed with the procreation of the Board of Education going over budget last fiscal year until the audit is complete. Once the town audit is complete then the town can have a special meeting. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION #2:** 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 **8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
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