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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 16th OCTOBER, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:30 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:

a. Approval of 2020 BOS Calendar:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. October 2, 2019

MOTION #2: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 2, 2019 as presented with some changes under Department of Public Works by changing the word "sneak" to "work". 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 department received complaints about weed whacking along the town guardrails. First Selectman Charles Grant asked the Board of Selectman about getting one of the public works employees certified in pesticide removal. There is no cost to take the course or get the license. The First Selectman Charles Grant will report back in a couple of weeks on how much time is involved. First Selectman Charles Grant told the Board of Selectman that he approved \$450 to repair to broken headstones in the cemetery. The public works new mason dump truck is

scheduled to arrive the end of 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. He reported that the Tax Collector has collected 56.5% of the grand list. First Selectman Charles Grant reported to the Board of Selectman on the recent Board of Education meeting. that he attended the recent Board of Education meeting. First Selectman Charles Grant said that the town has started to receive the grant payments from DEEP for the water and sewer project loan. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the line items in the fiscal year's budget of 2019-2020. First Selectman Charles Grant will provide another update to the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update on FES UST:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the FES UST (fuel tank) has finally been replaced and the old one will be picked up sometime next week. The paving still needs to be done. First Selectman Charles Grant would like to place a chain link fence around the new fuel tank. First Selectman Charles Grant will provide an update at the next meeting on the paving and fence.
- b. Update on the Woodward Museum Exterior Painting:** First Selectman Charles Grant updated the Board of Selectman on the status of the Woodward Museum painting. He said that the exterior painting is moving along and will be completed before winter and the barn will be done in the spring.
- c. Update on the M42 Duster:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the M42 Duster (Self-Propelled Anti-Aircraft Tank – Gun) is scheduled to arrive on Monday next week. He suggested the town have a Veteran's Day ceremony to incorporate the arrival of the M42 Duster and recognize all town veterans. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.
- d. Update on Public Works Trucks:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the public works new mason dump truck is scheduled to arrive the end of next week. Public Works Foreman Thomas Curran's new truck body should arrive next week as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion on Transfer Station Fees:** First Selectman Charles Grant proposed raising the Transfer Station fees for tires brought in by residents of Franklin. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion of raising the Transfer Station fees for tires. First Selectman Charles Grant asked the Board of Selectman to approve raising the Transfer Station fee for tires from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per tire.

MOTION #3: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve raising the Transfer Station fee for tires from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per tire. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: First Selectman Charles Grant updated the Board of Selectman on the SEAT meeting that he attended the previous week. There was a discussion regarding a bus shelter and a proposal to expand the bus route and investigate the cost of expanding the SEAT bus line into Franklin. First Selectman Charles Grant will provide an update at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 30, 2019

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #4: 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 **8:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Lee Ann D'Ambrosio

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