

**Town of Franklin
7 Meetinghouse Hill Road
Franklin, Connecticut 06254**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
January 21st 2021 at 8:45am**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

PRESENT: Selectmen Russell Beisiegel, Thomas Craney, Charlie Grant, Administrative Assistant;
Heather Glidden

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Guy Palazzo

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA: None

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- A. **December 9th 2020:** under public comments add last names to specify Thomas Craney and Russell Beisiegel. A) add land owner's name; Jeffery Coit and address; 201 Champion Rd.
B) add Henry Konow's name

MOTION # 1: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to accept the minutes with the three changes. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

- A. **Department of Public Works:** Recently accident in one of the plow trucks was not at the employee's fault; quotes came in at \$1,900 for new bumper. We received a check from the insurance company for the balance above our deductible.
 - Town has been doing work in preparation for Murphy Rd to be widen. Charlie will meet with the engineers next week to continue to get paperwork in place for this project.
 - Sand and salt inventory is still at a good amount.
- B. **Financial Reports:** Discussion was had regarding the presented financial reports including why certain line items are over spent for this time of the year. Charlie will look into certain line items.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Town-Wide COVID-19 Response:** Charlie has not seen daily reports in a few days. Charlie will look into this. Public works is now required to ride in separate trucks. Russell mentioned we are at an important time right now; we cannot let our guard down and even with the vaccine available we need to stay vigilant.
- B. **Town Hall Phone Calls:** Staff is doing our best to answer call; Charlie put a message in the Lebanon Life this month asking for the public to be patient and to please leave a message.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Tax Refund:** Christine Cosentino for \$9.08

MOTION #2: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to approve the tax refund. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. Speed Limits:** DPW foreman did an audit of posted speed limit signs within the town. There are a number of spots in town without signs and some discrepancies from what the state has listed. Work to rectify these issues will continue.
- C. CIP Allocations:** There is about 38-40% of total budget in the unassigned fund balance; Charlie would like to see some of this money moved into CIP. A discussion was had regarding which projects the board would like to fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Palazzo stated the car dealers in the area would like to use the state right-a-way and requests this item to be on an agenda sometime soon.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is a regular meeting on February 3rd 2021 at 8:45am.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #3: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 am. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman