

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

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 8:30 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REVIEW OF REPORTS:**

- A. **Department of Public Works:** During the most recent storm the cutting edge of a blade on one of the trucks needed to be changed; a few hours were lost getting to start plowing.  
-Charlie will look into DOT regulations for number of consecutive hours of driving before a break is needed. Charlie sent the staff home after plowing a good portion of the day to get some rest before another day of work. Some staff were not very happy with that decision.  
-Contractor cleared out the hydrants yesterday after the recent storm.  
-Tim Rose has recently passed his Tree Warden certification. It was suggested that the new Tree Warden's salary will be \$40 per week. A new line item will be added for the next fiscal year for the salary; currently the salary comes out of the tree removal budget.

**MOTION #1:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to approve the new tree warden salary. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. **Financial Report:** A discussion was had regarding the presented financial reports. There are a few expenses that need to be re-coded and some departments that need to keep better track.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **CIP Allocations:** A discussion was had regarding which projects to put additional money from the unassigned fund balance into. Charlie will look into a separate fund for emergency faculty repair fund.
- B. **Bid Policy:** The updated version of the bid policy was presented.

**MOTION # 2:** Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to accept new policy mailed out February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- C. Speed Limits:** The town will start by installing speed limits signs on at the begin at end of all roads and remove discrepancies. It was decided the Town will apply to have Holton Rd limit lowered to 25mph.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A) Affordable Housing Resolution:**

**MOTION # 3:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to authorize Charles Grant to apply for the grant. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

**B) Legal Traffic Authority-RFFB's:** DOT is inviting the Town to participate in this program. Franklin does not have any crosswalks on Town roads.

**MOTION # 4:** Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to not participate in this project. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Russell Beisiegel noted he is still waiting for the answer from Jim Ericson regarding Sodom Rd water line.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is February 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 8:45 am.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION #4:** Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden  
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman