

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
March 18th 2021 at 8:45am**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 8:48 am.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Matt Maynard; Towne Engineering

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA: None

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

A. March 3rd 2021:

MOTION #1: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to accept the minutes as amended.
Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion.

- **MOTION #3 should read:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to agree to pay the additional \$1,216.40 from the COVID Relief Fund requested by the Uncas Health District for COVID related expenses. Charles Grant seconded the motion. Motion carries. Thomas Craney abstained from the vote due to being a member of the UHD Board of Directors.
- **MOTION #4 should read:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to sign Willimantic Waste's three-year contract in the starting amount of \$185,486.00 with an annual 3.5% increase. Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.
- **MOTION #5 should read:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to approve CIP allocations from the unassigned fund balance in the total amount of \$500,400.00. Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.
- **MOTION #6 should read:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion not to participate in the CT DOT's proposal for the Horizontal Alignment Sign Program. Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.
- **MOTION #9 should read:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to return from the executive session. Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion carries unanimously.

B. March 10th 2021: Tabled

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

A. Department of Public Works:

- a large cardboard dumpster will be delivered to the Town's transfer station this week for town residents use during day with the same hours as the brush dumpster.
- staff has been sweeping and replaced the bumper of a truck involved in a recent accident.
- Labor contract negotiations will take place the first week of April.

- B. Financial Reports:** Up to date financial reports were presented and a discussion was had. The Assessor has completed the new grand list; it has decreased. It has been questioned why the town pays the First Selectman for insurance; the payment is taking lieu of the town's insurance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Murphy Road Widening:** Matt Maynard presented an overview of the Murphy Road Widening project. Once the CT DOT files the deed for the easement the Town can then apply for the encroachment permit for the tree at the route 87 end of the road. It was suggested that Matt adds some retainage to the bid. A discussion of specifics of the project were discussed. Bids will be due before the May 12th Board of Selectman meeting.
- B. 2021-2022 Budget Requests:** Line items were reviewed and discussions was had. Modifications were made was needed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: COVID-19: town positivity rate has continued to stay low. Steps for the senior center to open will begin. Charles will look into the capacity limit and spacing for tables. ECTC reports they can transport residents safely and is willing to make two trips if needed. The idea of possibility of requiring preregistration was discussed. Library and the Town Hall protocol will remain the same. Memorial Day festivities will be discussed at the next meeting.

MOTION #2: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to put the basketball hoops back up as soon as DWP is available to do so. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is a regular meeting on March 31st 2021 at 8:45am.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #3: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 pm. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman