

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
April 28th 2021 at 8:45am**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Susan Allen and Delaney Crofts

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA: None

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- A. **April 14th 2021:** under Public Works specify the discussion was regarding the culverts around town needing work. Under murphy Road Widening Last tree to be removed will be taken down.

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

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

A. **Department of Public Works:**

- sweeping was placed on hold due to staff shortage.
- mowers have been taken out of storage and being prepared for the season.
- sweeper being looked at next week to see how much it would cost to refurbish it.
- two or three tree in the park next to the walking trail need to be removed; Charles has requested quotes.

- B. **Financial Reports:** Up to date financial reports were presented and a discussion was had. Income side of the budget looks good; last quarter state payments still need to be received.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **COVID-19:**

- Memorial Day: Town will have the parade this year but not the program under the pavilion.
- Senior Center: opening next week; staff will plate and serve food. Reservations will be taken.
- Town Hall: Current protocol to stay in place. Public Hearing to be held in a hybrid meeting model; possibility Annual town meeting as well.

- B. **Murphy Road Widening:** Only three contractors attended the pre-bid conference. Engineer will start to vet the attendees; possible re-bidding the project due to the limited number of contractors at the pre-bid conference. It was suggested some cones be put where the stump is at the Rt.87 end.

MOTION #2: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to move public comments before new business in the agenda. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Susan Allen questioned the following items; Pautipaug school house fund: the school house is on the state historical website she asked about a plaque. Charles stated he would like to keep money in the account for possible matching grant in the future to refurbish the school. Susan inquired about the Woodward Museum sign that had been hit; Charles is working on getting a new sign made. Susan also asked about a scholarship fund; She was told to write a letter to the treasurer with her request. Susan also asked if the Open Space fund can be cannibalized; Charles told her it cannot.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Commission Appointments: Based on the recommendations from the Agriculture & Conservation Commission.

MOTION #3: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to appoint:

- Roland Mihok from alternate to a regular member of the Agriculture & Conservation Commission to fill vacancy left by Peter Calvert for a 3-year term ending 9/19/22.
- Re-appoint Gail Miller as a regular member of the Agriculture & Conservation Commission for a 3-year term; ending 9/19/24
- Re-appoint Craig Staebner as a regular member of the Agriculture & Conservation Commission for a 3-year term; ending 9/19/24.

Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

B. Troop K Letter: Charles read the letter he drafted to Troop K requesting increase police enforcement. Modification suggestions were made. Letter will be modified and mailed toady.

C. Tax Refund:

MOTION #4: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to pay the tax refund to Chelsea Bank. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

D. Cyber Security Insurance:

MOTION #5: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to amended the budget request to add \$11,000.00 for Cyber Security Insurance to present to the Board of Finance. Selectman Thomas Craney 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 May 12th 2021 at 8:45am.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #6: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25am. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman