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

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN June 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 8:45am

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 8:47am.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Susan Dombrowski and Beebe Construction

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA: Under New Business: Blight complaint.

**MOTION #1:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to the addition to the agenda. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

# **REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

A. May 26<sup>th</sup> 2021: Under Public Comments specify the address of 604 Route 32 as the property Russell was referring to.

**MOTION #2:** Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to accept the minutes as amended. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

# **REVIEW OF REPORTS:**

#### A. Department of Public Works:

- currently road-side mowing, the preparation for Memorial Day parade looked good. -Charles has noticed a lot of grass in certain areas around town has been lost; wants to look into if the town can put down some fertilizer. Russell mentioned he has noticed a growing amount of poison ivy along the road sides. Town employees are in need of a pesticide applicators license in order to put anything down to take care of it.

**B.** Financial Reports: Up to date financial reports were presented and a discussion was had regarding certain line items. Charles noted the town has recently received the money for the LOCIP grant.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. COVID-19: Charles has received some push-back on the mask mandate; the board is not currently ready to change any procedures. Further conversations on this topic will be had at future meetings.
- **B.** Murphy Road Widening Update: Three bids in total were received; one was late. The qualified bids were reviewed; the engineer will be contact for further discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Blight Complaint: a blight complaint was received for 431 Pond Rd. Letter will be passed along to the Zoning Agent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**: Susan Dombrowski: she doesn't agree with the COVID restrictions in place at town hall and for meetings. She also questioned who does the Economic Development for the town and asked if the town attends local events. Charles stated he will look into resurrecting the commission. Russell stated he feels some investigation into COVID money needs to be looked into; does it look like the town will actually be getting the money and an estimate of how much.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is a regular meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 at 8:45am.

# ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION #3:** Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10.09am. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman