

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
August 19th 2021 at 8:45am**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 8:53 am.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Lynda Feder-Craney; Town Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA: None

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

A. July 7th 2021:

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

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

A. Department of Public Works:

- Chip sealing has been completed; the stones will be swept up next week.
- Staff will be training on Sprague's sweeper this week.

B. Financial Reports: Up to date financial reports were presented.

- Energy Survey for Town Hall and Tyler Drive:

MOTION #2: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to proceed with the energy upgrade at Town Hall and Tyler Drive; making the 0% interest payments paid out of improvements line items. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- Tax Refund:

MOTION #3: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to refund \$261.69 to Robert Izzarelli Jr. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Murphy Road Widening: Road doing well in the rain; the engineer is happy with the job. Guardrail still need to installed.

MOTION #4: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to approve Coit Excavating, Inc. change order estimate #100310. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. COVID-19:** Council of Governments met recently regarding the new variants; discussions were had regarding which towns have already reinstated masks mandates regardless of vaccination status. Recently new cases are on the increase.

MOTION #5: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to reinstate the masks mandate in all town facilities for all regardless of vaccination status starting August 23rd and close the Senior Center. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Southeastern CT Water Authority Appointments:** Tabled

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Russell questioned if there was a zoning issues or anything the Town could do on either of the two unsightly properties at the top of the hill on Route 32.
- Tom asked what was going on at Giddings Park with all the trees that have been cut down; Charlie saw a few trees on the walking track in need of being taking down which turned into a number of more trees needing to be taken down as well.
- Russell stated he would like to see the Board more involved and wants to make sure the town is following the state contract list.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is a regular meeting on September 1st 2021 at 8:45am.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #6: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10.44am. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman