

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
September 16th 2021 at 8:45am**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 9:18 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: Under new Business: B: Cannabis sales and C: Tax Collectors Hours

MOTION #1: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to add these items to the agenda. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

A. August 19th 2021: Under Review of reports specify the Public Works staff will be trained on the co-owned sweeper. Under Old Business: Guiderails need to installed.

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:

- The Peck Hollow bridge is in need of repair; a bent piece of rail will be repaired as well.
- All roads were swept after the chip sealing; went quickly with two sweepers.
- Salt quotes are being looked into.
- A number of projects are in the works for the town buildings; wi-fi at the senior center; pavilion and awning at library; and fire alarm company is upgrading equipment.

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

- i. **Fire Department length of service:** A number of past members were taken off the roster when the company who handles the account changed. This issue has been rectified however now there is a deficit on the account; Charlie has proposed requesting additional money in the budget for the next three years to replenish fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Murphy Road Widening: Engineer checked on road after heavy rain and noticed company who installed guiderail put a post through a drainage pipe. Repairs will be made.

B. COVID-19: Things going well; town will stay as is for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Refunds:

MOTION #3: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to approved the refunds dated August 18th and August 24th 2021 from the tax collector for a total of \$2,340.29. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

B. Cannabis Retail Store: Russell would like to see a moratorium or block on a Cannabis Retail store in town. Planning and Zoning Commission are already in this process of discussing this topic. Russell would like Charles to relay the concerns to the commission.

C. Tax Collector's Hours: Russell became aware of the Tax Collector's hours being changed. He stressed the public needs to be aware of when the tax collector's office is open and the office needs to be available for the public. Charlie stated that the hours are posted on the website and he will encourage hiring an assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is a regular meeting on September 29th 2021 at 8:30am.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #4: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10.52am. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman