

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMAN
October 14th 2021 at 8:45am**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Calli Carboni

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

A. September 16th 2021:

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

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

A. Department of Public Works:

- Last trees and trunks being removed from Giddings Park.
- Staff replaced the rail at the Peck Hollow bridge and has been mowing.

B. Financial Reports: Updated financial reports were presented. Charlie became aware from another first Selectman that there might be the potential for less restrictive ways to use the ARPA funds based on lack of town growth. Charlie reached out to a CPA for more information.

C. Town Facilities: A number of contractors are too busy for town projects. Mouse was found in the breaker for solar panels which has short circuited it. Mold remediation completed for Green Valley School. Post cleaning test results still pending. Town hall mold: game plan still needed. Charlie would like reevaluate possibility hiring a town-wide Facilities Manager again. Energy update and phone updates at satellite offices.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. COVID-19: Push back from seniors about the senior center still being closed. Numbers from surrounding towns numbers are up for new cases.

MOTION #2: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to re-open the senior center re-open normal business; following CDC guidelines and social distance, masks unless eating. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appointments: IWWC: Discussion was had for the need new people on the board as certain current members have not been attending. Other members of board and staff have voiced concerns about the board's chair persons behavior is not acceptable.

MOTION #3: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made motion to re-appoint John McGuire as an alternate and Leo Bienvenue as a regular member to the IWWC for the terms of 10/1/2021-9/30/2025. Appoint Mike Miner as an alternate to the IWWC for a term of 10/1/2012-9/30/2025. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Tom Craney voiced his concerns regarding a conversation Charlie had with a resident.
- Calli Carboni voiced her concerns she has regarding the last few applications that came in front of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Franklin Board of Selectman is a regular meeting on October 27th 2021 at 8:45am.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #4: Selectman Thomas Craney made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 am. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Glidden
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman