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**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HELD AT THE
TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, THE 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. October 31, 2018

MOTION #1: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 31, 2018 as presented with the minor changes under Department of Public Works "Mason Dump Truck to Power Dump Truck". Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

- a. **Department of Public Works:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the department of public works. The public works crew had a rough night on Friday due to the snow storm. The town got 6 inches of snow, however the public works crew did a good job keeping the roads safe. Briggs is in town cleaning the towns culverts. The mason dump truck is leaking oil. Thomas Curran noticed that there was a crack on the oil pan and was able to seal it up. The town posted the power dump truck for sale and there has been a couple of people interested. First Selectman Charles Grant will keep the Board of Selectman updated with any new changes.

- b. **Financial Report:**

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. The Board of Selectman briefly went over the budgets from this fiscal year (2018-2019) and the tax report. The Board of

Selectman made a list of a few line items that needed to be revised and corrected. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that a number of the town's municipal complex needed updates and repairs this fiscal year. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of the budget to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion on Crossing Signage at FES:** First Selectman Charles Grant handed out a drafted letter to the Board of Selectman to the state regarding the crossing signage at FES. First Selectman Charles Grant has a contact name who is in charge for signage and will mail it out first thing in the morning.
- b. **Discussion on Hyde Park Tree Removal:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on Hyde Park Tree removal. First Selectman Charles Grant received two different quotes. The trees that will be removed are the trees at Hyde Park, the trees in front of the cemetery, and the trees on Pond Hill Rd. The Board of Selectman had a discussion regarding certain dead trees around the town that still needs to be taken down.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Discussion on Blight Complaint:**

First Selectman Charles Grant stated David Driscoll showed up in his office with a blight complaint for the Norwich taxi company property. The Board of Selectman reviewed the blight complaint. First Selectman Charles Grant asked for approval to pass it along to Ron Chalecki (Zoning officer) to inspect the property.

MOTION # 2: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the blight complaint as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. **Discussion on FES Fuel Tank:**

First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the FES Fuel Tank no longer has insurance coverage. There's no indication that there are any problems with the FES tank and the town is planning to pull out the tank in June 2019. CIRMA no longer wants to cover the FES fuel tank because its 27 years old and it would only have the policy for six months. First Selectman Charles Grant is currently looking for another policy and will update the Board of Selectman with any new changes.

c. **LTA - Road Closure at Meeting House Hill Rd/ Champion Rd:**

First Selectman Charles Grant Stated he received a phone call from the Railroad Company stating that they will be in town to renovate the rail crossing on December 13-14 and there will be a road closure on Meeting House Hill Rd/Champion Rd. First Selectman Charles Grant will confirm the dates and will let emergency service know at the school.

d. **Approval of Tax Refunds:**

First Selectman Charles Grant read a list of tax refunds for the town of Franklin and asked for approval of the Board of Selectman.

MOTION # 3: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the tax refunds as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 4: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **8:14 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Machi- Rodriguez
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