

**Town of Franklin
Office of the First Selectman
Franklin Town Hall
7 Meeting House Hill Road
Franklin, Connecticut 06254**

TELEPHONE: 860-642-6055 EXTENSION: 16 FAX: 860-642-6606
WEBSITE: www.franklinct.com EMAIL: franklin@99main.com
The Town of Franklin is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HELD AT THE
TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Michael Hanson

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Charles Grant made a request to add the following under New Business:

- c. **Appointment to Recreation Commission**
- d. **Discussion on Blight Complaint**

MOTION #1: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. August 8, 2018

MOTION #2: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 8, 2018 as presented with the minor changes "Barrowed to borrowed, Andy Demato to Andy Damato, and sight plan to site plan" and "wetlands work was never approved". Selectman Thomas Craney 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. Thomas Curran reported last week that the turbo stopped working on the truck. It cost about \$2,400.00 for the

new part. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that the truck got fixed this morning and is currently running. The flail mower also had some issues charging this week, but Thomas Curran brought it into the shop and was able to get it fixed. The Mason dump is schedule to be replaced soon. First Selectman Charles Grant will get a quote on the state bid list for a truck and put a package together. 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 last fiscal year (2017-2018) and this fiscal year (2018-2019). The Board of Selectman made a list of a few line items that needed to be revised and corrected. First Selectman Charles Grant will bring an updated copy of both budgets to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Update on Franklin Hills Project:

First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Franklin Hills Project. First Selectman Charles Grant stated the Franklin Hills Project has officially pulled out their zoning application. The Franklin Hills Project still have their in-land and wetland application on file and eventually the town will have to send out a CLA to check it out. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion regarding the Franklin Hills Project.

b. Update on Plains Road Culvert Project: First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Plains Road Culvert Project. The town is in the process of filing permit applications with the US Army Corps of Engineers and DEEP. This project is already off the table until next August 2019, inland fisheries won't allow this project to happened in such a short window. The Board of Selectman also had a brief discussion regarding Murphy Road. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman with any changes.

c. Discussion on Tree Removal: First Selectman Charles Grant had a brief discussion on Tree Removal. First Selectman Charles Grant stated Tenant Tree Services is currently working on Hyde Park. Eversource should be tree trimming this month. The Board of Selectman had a discussion regarding certain dead trees around the town that needs to be taken down.

d. Update on Municipal Complex Roof Project: First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the municipal complex roof project. The town of Franklin has received a proclamation from the BOF. The town has paid both union settlements and the checks have been sent to them. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the board of selectman with any new updates.

e. Discussion and Approval of Ware House Lease: First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update the ware house lease. First Selectman Charles Grant met with Gary Wright who is interested in leasing the ware house and spoke about the possible lease requirements. The Board of Selectman had a brief discussion regarding the ware house lease and made a few suggestions that will benefit the town. First Selectman Charles Grant will type up a new proposal for a three-year lease agreement and revise it annually. First Selectman Charles Grant will contact Gary Wright with the new proposal. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion and Approval of Blanket Resolution for Homeland security Grant Program:** First Selectman Charles Grant stated back in April the Board of Selectman approved this resolution however, it was not what COG needed. First Selectman Charles Grant read the new resolution and asked for approval of the Blanket Resolution for Homeland security Grant Program.

MOTION # 3: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the Blanket Resolution for Homeland security Grant Program. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Discussion on Woodward House and Barn:** First Selectman Charles Grant received a call from Alden Miner stating that he was worried about the driveway at the Woodward house. First Selectman Charles Grant would like to replace the driveway and will look into getting some quotes. The basement sills are also starting to rot and needs to be replaced. The barn also needs to be repainted. First Selectman Charles Grant will update the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

- c. **Appointment to Recreation Commission:** Steven Ayer would like to be a member on the Recreation Commission for the Town of Franklin from September 5, 2018 – September 5, 2022.

MOTION #4: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to appoint Steven Ayer as a new member on the Recreation Commission. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Discussion on Blight Complaint:

First Selectman Charles Grant stated Ron Chalecki (Zoning officer) received a blight complaint from Michael Hanson that states that their neighbors won't clean up a tree that fell on their side of their property. Michael Hanson also stated that his neighbor won't clean brush debris, branches, leaves, and etc. They would like Ron Chalecki to come to the property to check this issue. The Department of Public health did come out a couple of weeks ago and did an inspection. The Department of Public health wrote a letter to the neighbors asking to clean up, however they will be challenging that letter. The Board of Selectman reviewed the Blight Complaint ordinance and had a brief discussion regarding the blight complaint. First Selectman Charles Grant will reach out to the zoning enforcement officer and fire marshal to inspect the situation. First Selectman Charles Grant will also reach out to the Health Inspector to send out the documentation.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 5: 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 **8:12 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Machi- Rodriguez
First Selectmen Administrative Assistant