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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL AT 6:45 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at **6:45 p.m.**

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Jim Erickson, Richard Matters, and Mark Decker

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ADDISTIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. April 4, 2018

MOTION #1: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2018 as presented. First Selectman Charles Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Russell Beisiegel abstain.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Update on Sewer and Water Project:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the Water Sewer Project. The last WPCA meeting the Board of Selectman had a few questions regarding the water sewer project. First Selectman Charles Grant invited Jim Erickson (Town of Franklin engineer) Richard Matters (WPCA consultant), and Mark Decker (Manager at Norwich Public Utilities) to the WPCA meeting. First Selectman Charles Grant asked Mark Decker how the town was making out with the memorandum of agreements. Mark Decker stated that Paul McClary is still working on it. NPU should get something back in the beginning of May. Selectman Russel Beisiegel asked about the buying rate. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that originally it was about a million dollars and then it went to 1.25 million

dollars. Jim Erickson said it is a significant difference, but to keep in mind that the town of Franklin is getting a grant from DEEP which should pay that whole amount. Selectman Russell Beisiegel also asked if there will be any changes on any of the other rates. Mark Decker stated that they are going through the budget and that there is a rate increase propose, but was not sure of the number. NPU will be having a public hearing this Tuesday and that will determine the exact rate increase. First Selectman Charles Grant asked Mark Decker where the public hearing will take place in case anyone wanted to attend. Mark Decker replied that it will be held at NPU at south golden st in Norwich at 6:00pm. First Selectman Charles Grant asked Jim Erickson what the next step the town is waiting for in order for the sewer and water project to move along. Jim Erickson stated based on the engineering side of things they have 98% complete of plans that have been viewed and approved by Norwich. It has also been viewed and approved by the Connecticut DOT. It has been reviewed by DEEP and the town of Franklin received a couple minor comments, Jim Erickson will be getting back to them. Deep has finally done their due diligence and finalize the EIE which they wrote and DEEP modified it. DEEP came back with a decision that there is no significant impact to the environment with this project. The prime goal for this project is economic development, the secondary goal is the abatement of pollution and providing of water. They will be forwarding their final report to the office of policy and management then OPM will then need to make a decision if this project is in the best interest for their agency. OPM is the agency that awarded the town of Franklin the grant, hopefully they will find this to be a favorable project. Jim Erickson was not sure how long this project is going to take, some places it's taken a month other places it taken years depending the level of controversy. Jim Erickson will follow up with Yvonne (DEEP representative) to see if she has officially given it to OPM. With OPM approval and the town being ready to sign with the agreement with Norwich are just the two things that are needed to proceed with the project. Selectman Russel Beisiegel ask if the USDA loan can be invested. Richard Matter replied that it cannot be invested. You can't invest in a loan like that because it USDA. This loan will be expiring in August 2018, which the town of Franklin will be looking into getting a third loan. Once the town of Franklin gets the third loan and the town would need to stipulate that this project has to be done by August 2019. It's a one season project, but because of the length of it that means it's a large contractor that will be doing the job. First Selectman Charles Grant asked if the project will start at the North end? Jim Erickson Responded that it's up to the contractor most sewer contractors start on the low end work their way up hill. Selectman Russel Beisiegel asked Mark Décor if he had any discussion regarding the Franklin hills golf course project? Mark Décor stated that he received a call from Norman Kebo who stated that they will be moving along with the project. First Selectman Charles Grant stated that they had recently had a pre-app meeting regarding Franklin Hills last week and their zoning app expires May 3rd and they would have to reapply. Sam Giavara won't be able to do any work until the new application is filed. Sam Giavara will be going for the golf course first. First Selectman Charles Grant will attend their next meeting to see what changes were made. Mark Décor had a discussion on what the Franklin project is required the limitations and problem from a single main and the desirability of a loop. Mark Décor then stated the pros and cons of having a loop and went into details. Ideally the best way to provide water is to have it coming from both direction RT 32 and Murphy Rd. New park Ave side would be the supplement flow if something were to happen. This would be the most robust approach and system. Jim Erickson also stated the single dead-end line from RT 32 to murphy road is functional and allowable base on the current understanding and agreement. If Franklin Hills never happens, Franklin can put the 12-inch main up RT 32 and be served off of their knowing theirs a risk of interruption of service if anything critical goes down. Mark and Jim

Erickson spoke about water quality issues especially in the early phases of development and may require a flushing program early on from NPU to maintain water quality. But as RT 32 develops there's less of the need for the flushing. The program needs to be worked out between the town of Franklin and NPU as to the frequency of flushing and what costs are involved. Mark décor also had a decision regarding the developer's agreement which identifies all the necessary steps that needs to be followed by the developers, what the developer is responsible for, what Norwich responsibilities, and if their money is put on the table at that time. Mark Décor suggested NPU maintain ownership of both sewer and water, it's in our ESA in this area. NPU would be doing the billing for the water side. The waste water would work, the town of Franklin would pay their 1.25 million to buy capacity into the NPU system with the initial fee agreement, and the fee would be for the meter down the interconnection that would be to be determine a monthly fee. Then the town of Franklin would pay on how many of gallons of waste water goes through that meter into the towns system. As far as bills go Mark Décor is not sure if the town of Franklin wants to get into the billing business to bill their sewer customers or subcontract NPU who may generate waste water bills as well. It would depend how the town of Franklin wants to charge and structure their sewer use rate. It's the town of Franklin decision and NPU would go according to what procedure Franklin chooses. Selectman Russel Beisiegel asked if the flow from New Park Ave enter the downstream of the meter? How would that work as far as those account at New Park Avenue? Mark Decker replied it would be a sole receiver of flow through that area. It would be coming from Homberg Subaru heading down to New Park Ave prior to going to across to the Adelman easement its only that spot that NPU measured. First Selectman Charles Grant asked the Board of Selectman for their approval for him to contact Yvonne from DEEP to progress the status of the water sewer project.

MOTION # 2: Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion for First Selectman Charles Grant to contact Yvonne from DEEP to progress the water sewer project. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 3: First Selectman Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted
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