
**Franklin Selectboard Meeting
September 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Town Clerks Office/Zoom hybrid**

Members Present: Dave Bennion, Jay Hartman, Justin Rainville, Michael Grant, Brooks Sturtevant

Guest: Jeremy Barnum, Bryce Bacheldar

Virtual: Luke Slomba, Jordan Bushey- Asst Town Clerk

Call to order:

At 6:10 pm Dave Bennion called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Agenda Amendments: Add Franklin County Sheriff's report

Public comment period: None

Town Plan review/adoption-

- Bryce- the Planning commission needs the Selectboard to approve the plan, so it can officially be adopted.
- Were there any changes since the PC hearing? Luke S made two minor changes- added wording for future town buildings to consider energy efficient options. Page 19- housing targets section from NRPC.
- Justin/Brooks made a motion to approve the Town Plan as it has been presented. All members voted in favor; motion passed 5-0.

Highway Dept:

- **Maintenance report review- roads/equipment-** At the Special Town Meeting, there were questions about the equipment maintenance; is it being tracked? Jeremy has been keeping a log, for things like oil changes. He will make a log that will be available to the public upon request, and will add more info to it.
- Truck oil changes are recommended to be done every 10,000 miles. Will need to stay on top of that timeline.
- Would undercoating the new truck be worth it? Possibly, could look into it.
- The new truck is built, just waiting on a body. Hopefully, Jeremy will be able to use it for the upcoming winter.
- The Highway job posting should be posted in more places, such as Indeed. Jordan will look into posting it elsewhere.
- If it's still available, Jeremy would like to go with the used VENTRAC that was quoted. Jordan will send the info to the board.
- Since Jeremy is the only crew member right now, (potentially for the winter) the board/Jeremy could talk to neighboring towns to see if we could work out an agreement with winter plowing. Something that could benefit both Towns?

Member concerns/Other business:

- Board reviewed the Sheriff's report. There was more activity in August, compared to July.
- At the next meeting, Brooks would like to add youth representative discussion to the agenda.

Adjournment:

- Brooks/Justin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Next meeting will be on September 24th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Town Office and virtual.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Bushey, Assistant Town Clerk
September 20th, 2025

These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular Selectboard meeting.