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# SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 05, 2019, 7:30 PM Canoe Brook Senior Center 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Peter Bassermann called the Special Meeting of Branford's Inland Wetlands & Agency to order at 7:30 P.M.

#### 2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Commissioners Present:</u> Chair Peter Bassermann, Suzanne Botta, Richard Greenalch, James Goggin, Rick Ross, Eric Rose

- Sandra Kraus arrived at 7:47 P.M.

**Commissioners Absent:** Chris Traugh

Staff Present: Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer David McCarthy

#### 1. RFP REVIEW: IW# 19.11.01 | 1151 West main St | Bank & Grocery Store

- **The Commission** reviewed the submissions and noted that all of the firms looked qualified to perform the services it requested.
- The Commission engaged in the pursuit of clarity on the proposal put forth by Codespoti & Associates P.C.: total scope, total cost.
- **Commissioner Greenalch** made a Motion to authorize EO McCarthy to follow up with Codespoti & Associates P.C., gain clarity, confer services rendered, and secure their services. Commissioner Botta, seconded, Motion passed (in favor not in favor abstained) (7-0-0).

# 2. OTHER BUSINESS:

#### A. Aquatic Pesticide Permits

- **Enforcement Officer David McCarthy** informed the Commission that residents who have applied for Aquatic Pesticide Permits from that State of Connecticut are mandated to inform the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency before they apply the pesticides. He explained that while the Commission cannot approve or deny the permits, it could restrict when residents are permitted to apply the pesticides with the intent reducing potential risks to human health, the environment, as well as aquatic and amphibious life.
- **EO McCarthy** asked the Commission if it would consider setting a precedent and involving itself in the application of aquatic pesticides.
- **The Commission** discussed the matter and tasked EO McCarthy with gathering more information with the intention of drafting regulation changes to include the application windows for aquatic pesticides.

#### B. Bonds

**Chairman Peter Bassermann** informed the Commission that a universal town bond policy is being developed.

### C. Regular Meeting Schedule 2020

- **The Commission** reviewed the proposed 2020 Regular Meeting schedule, which includes changing its usual meeting time from 7:30 P.M. to 7:00 PM.
- **Commissioner Botta** Motion to approve the Inland Wetland 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule, Commissioner Kraus seconded, Motion passed (7-0-0).

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# 3. CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- D. CACIWC Conference REPORT
  - **Chairman Bassermann and EO McCarthy** reported on their experiences at the 2019 CACIWC annual Conference.

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

- **Commissioner Botta** Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting, Commissioner Kraus seconded, Motion passed (7-0-0).
- The Special Meeting of the Inland Wetland Agency adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Enforcement Officer David McCarthy**