

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT



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SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

April 7, 2021

Zoom – 6:00 p.m.

1. To approve the Board of Selectmen minutes from March 9, 2021 (special meeting).
2. Executive Session – Tax appeals.
3. To have a follow up discussion with the Branford Housing Authority concerning a citizens petition regarding Parkside Village.
4. To consider, and if appropriate, waive the requirement for advertised bidding for the sale of a 2008 Ford 12-passenger bus and sell it to the Legacy Theater in the amount of \$2,500.
5. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Sustainability and Compliance Manager to waive the bid for the hauling of Municipal Solid Waste and extent the contract with Cherry Hill Construction for one year at the previously bid price.
6. To hear a report from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility concerning emergency work that was necessary at the Linden Shores Pump Station.
7. To consider, and if appropriate, abate the taxes on property acquired by the town located at 16 Summer Island Road in the amount of \$956.79 and \$620.54.

8. Green Use:

To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Marion Lovig for use of the Town Green on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to hold a prayer for National Prayer Day.

To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard for use of the Town Green on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to Powder House Day.

To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Murphy's Paw Rescue for use of the Town Green on Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to hold "Gathering of the Paws".

To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Tabor Blues Jam for use of the Town Green to hold concerts on June 5, July 3, August 7 and September 4, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

9. To consider, and if appropriate, approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman of the Town of Branford be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to purchase and install a playscape at Hammer Field – CPAP 2016-07

In addition, that James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

It is further certified, that James B. Cosgrove was elected First Selectman of the Town of Branford. His term of office began on November 19, 2019 and will continue until November 16, 2021. As the First Selectman James B. Cosgrove serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Branford and on March 22, 2016 had both the authority and held the office to sign on behalf of the Town of Branford a Personal Services Agreement for financial assistance to purchase and install a playscape at Hammer Field – CPAP 2016-07.

10. Reappointments:

Dockmaster - Leno Torrelli for the 2021 boating season.

11. Appointments:

Human Services Board

Mary Perry to fill a vacancy left by Ronald Washington term to expire December 31, 2023.

Veterans Parade Committee

John Fitzgerald to fill a vacancy left by Juris Patrylak term to expire September 30, 2023.

12. To consider, and if appropriate, approve the following proclamation:

Arbor Day

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and;

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and;

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nations and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and;

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and;

Whereas, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and;

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, therefore, We, The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Branford, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Town of Branford and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

13. Correspondence

Letter from Thomas Brockett, RTM, Minority Leader

14. Other

15. Adjournment

Documents can be accessed by clicking on this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/o3vbjgfdrfx4xqo/ltr%20snow%20removal%20to%20town.docx?dl=0>

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