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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 16, 2019

Fire Headquarters - 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove and Third Selectman John J. Ahern. Second Selectman Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. was absent. Also present were James Perito, Attorney; Scott Denhardt, Tradesman; Gary Zielinski, Highway Supervisor; Ray Ingraham, RTM member; and Shirley McCarthy.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the minutes October 17, 2018; November 7, 2018 (special meeting) and November 28, 2018 (special meeting). Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to enter into executive session at 6:00 to discuss pending tax appeals. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney James Perito to attend the executive session. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Third Selectman John J. Ahern and Attorney James Perito.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to return to regular session at 6:06 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

For the record no votes were taken while in executive session.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Airgas v. Town of Branford – tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Scott Denhardt, Tradesman to waive the bid for the removal and replacement of (2) two combination toilet/lav fixtures at the police department and award the contract to Best Connection Plumbing in the amount of \$13,792.68. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Highway Supervisor, to waive bid for the purchase of a 2011 John Deere 50D Mini Excavator in the amount of \$37,000 from W.I. Clark. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Kevin Halloran, Police Chief to waive the bid for repairs to the HVAC system at the firing range and award the contract to Carey's Small Arms Range Ventilation in the amount of \$24,615.00. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that it is in the best interest of the Town of Branford to enter into contacts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

(This resolution is necessary for the 2019 Pump Out Grant)

Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce for use of the Town Green on April 27, 2019 to the annual Chili Challenge. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from the Branford Community Gardens for use of the Town Green on May 18, 2019 and August 17, 2019 to hold a plant and produce sale. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for use of the Town Green on October 5, 2019 to hold the annual MADD walk. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from the Branford Compassion Club for use of the Town Green on October 6, 2019 to hold the annual Animal Awareness Day. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from the 375th Committee and the Columbus Day Parade Committee for use of the Town Green on October 13, 2019 to hold the Columbus Day Parade. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the formation of a Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee to investigate options and make recommendations to the First Selectman in achieving or surpassing the State of Connecticut greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

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Appointments:

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee

Shirley McCarthy, Frank Gasparro, Robert Silten, Greg Ames, William Horne, Chris Lenda and Richard Saltz. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the appointments.

Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Board of Fire Commissioners

Kathy Fox and Paul Riccio terms to expire January 31, 2022. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Greater New Haven Transit District

Dagmar Ridgway and Arthur Pappas terms to expire December 31, 2023. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous

Human Service Board

Jane Novick and Sarah Lockery terms to expire December 31, 2021. . Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous

Shellfish Commission - Appointment

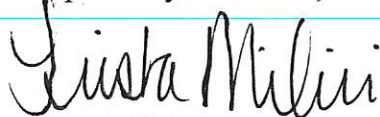
Donald Hennessey to fill a vacancy left by Jay Jones term to expire August 31, 2021. . Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous

Correspondence – none

Other – Ted Zuse addressed the board following up on a petition submitted approximately 9 month ago concerning the Branford Housing Authority. First Selectman Cosgrove reported that the audit was completed but a report has not been received yet.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk