BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

JAMES B. COSGROVE First Selectman

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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING March 4, 2020 Fire Headquarters - 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove and Second Selectman Raymond E. Dunbar. Second Selectman Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. was absent. Also present were John Hoefferle, Town Engineer; Ray Ingraham and Carolyn Sires, RTM members; Kurt Schwanfelder, Town Treasurer; Pam Johnson, Reporter and 5 citizens.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the minutes February 5, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a recommendation from John Hoefferle, Town Engineer to accept Cosgrove Court as a town road. (This item will be referred to the RTM for legislative approval). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. John Hoefferle, Town Engineer addressed the board to provide additional information. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from John Hoefferle, Town Engineer to approve a Sanitary Sewer Easement and Subordination Agreement for property located at 497 East Main Street. (This item will be referred to the RTM for legislative approval). Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. John Hoefferle, Town Engineer addressed the board to provide additional information. Vote unanimous.

John Hoefferle, Town Engineer addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the purchase and acquisition of 17 Creek Court by the town. (This item will be referred to the RTM for legislative approval). No action was taken on this item.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the purchase, acquisition and acceptance of Cresent Bluff Avenue and associated drainage easement by the town. (This item will be referred to the RTM for legislative approval). Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. First Selectman Cosgrove provided additional information concerning this request. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to terminate the remaining options on the Thimble Islands Refuse and Collection contract with Coastal Tide Marine Services, LLC. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to waive the bid for the Thimble Islands Refuse and Collection contract and award the remaining two one-year extensions to Thimble Islands Ferry Company, LLC under the same terms and conditions as the previous contract between the Town of Branford and Coastal Tide Marine Services, LLC. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a recommendation by the Solid Waste Management Commission to continue Branford's participation in the Haz Waste Central program to an additional three years. (This item will be referred to the RTM for legislative approval). Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from Nancy Cohen, Activities Coordinator, for an exemption as permitted by section 115-4 of the Code of the Town of Branford regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public area and allow the serving of beer and wine at a Dinner Party scheduled for March 10, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 19 for use of the Town Green on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to hold the annual Food Drive kick off. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Branford Parks and Recreation Department for use of the Town Green on Thursday evenings from July 2, 2020 through August 27, 2020 to hold the annual Jazz concert series. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request Tabor Blues Jam for use of the Town Green on June, 6, July 4, August 1, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and September 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Legacy Theatre for use of the rear Town Green from August 4 thru August 9, 2020 to hold performances of "Our Town" at 7:00 p.m. (except Thursday, August 6 would be a matinee performance). Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from MADD for use of the Town Green on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to hold the annual "Walk Like MADD" event. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Human Services Board

John Mooney, Elizabeth Haas and William Keane terms to expire December 31, 2022. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Board of Assessment Appeals

Lou Siegel to fill a vacancy left by Ali Abulugma term to expire November 16, 2021. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Board of Assessment Appeals - alternate

Kevin Coons

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Human Services Board

Mary Grande to fill a vacancy left by Edward Mapp term to expire December 31, 2020. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Inland Wetlands Commission

Clarice Begemann to fill a vacancy left by Mark June Wells term to expire May 31, 2023. Steven Sullivan to fill a vacancy left by James Goggin term to expire May 31, 2021. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointments. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Other – First Selectman Cosgrove read a statement concerning the current Coronavirus outbreak and shared precautions and preparation update.

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Trista Milici, Clerk