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*First Selectman*

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## MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 6, 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, Second Selectman Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. and Third Selectman John J. Ahern. Also present were Attorney James Perito; Joe Abbatello, Network Engineer; Dan McGowan, Supervisor, Transfer Station; Ray Ingraham, RTM Member; Angie Higgins; and Mark Zaretsky, Reporter.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to add a recommendation to appoint Shahida Soomro to the RTM under item #13. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins 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; Second Selectman Higgins; Third Selectman John J. Ahern and Attorney James Perito.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to return to regular session at 6:07 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Salrich Seven dba Branford Dry Cleaners v. Town of Branford – tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Deb Caron, Director of Information Technology to waive bid for the purchase of Milestone software and award the contract to Omni Data in the amount of \$18,137.30. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to waive the bid for brush chipping and award the contract to Harvest New England, LLC at a rate of \$460/hour inclusive of all equipment, materials and labor. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to approve an amendment to the current Recycling of Commingled Containers Contract and set a price point of \$75 per ton for loads that are considered 'single stream' loads. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission and accept the "Written Notice of two-year extension of diversion of Acceptable Solid Waste under the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Agreement" from Covanta Bristol, Inc. and continue diversion of our MSW to their Preston facility at a cost of \$56.50 per ton for fiscal year 2020 and \$59.33 per ton of fiscal year 2021. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the Volunteer Services Center Board to waive Section 115-3 of the Code of the Town of Branford as permitted by Section 115-4 and allow the serving of wine at a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at the center scheduled for April 11, 2019. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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

Resolved, that James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman of the Town of Branford, is hereby duly authorized to enter into contract with Pioneer Builders of Newington, LLC for the Demolition and Reconstruction of the Indian Neck Firehouse Co. 9 in the amount of \$1,469,800.

The First Selectman is further authorized to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Branford and provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the resolution. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the Branford Community Garden for the placement of a 4x10 storage shed within the garden fence area located behind the Branford Early Learning Center on Birch Road contingent upon any additional approvals that may be required. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the Solid Waste Management Commission for use of the Town Green on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to hold a Litter Clean up day. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 19 for use of the Town Green on Saturday, May 10, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to noon to hold the annual NALC Food Drive kick off. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made Selectman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Parks and Recreation Department for use of the Town Green on Thursdays from June 27 through August 29 to hold the annual Summer Jazz Concert Series. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Sal Annuziato for use of the Town Green on Saturday, August 24, 2019 to hold the "Oh Ya Festival". Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve the town's updated ADA Notice. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the town's updated ADA Municipal Grievance Procedure. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

**Appointments:**

Board of Finance - Harry DiAdamo term to expire July 31, 2021. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Commission of Elderly Services - Laura Myjak term to expire December 31, 2020 and Ellen Carucci term to expire December 31, 2021. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointments. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous

RTM Member – 4<sup>th</sup> District – Shahida Soomro to fill a vacancy left by Dorothy Dockneovich term to expire November 19, 2019. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Reappointments:

Commission of Elderly Services - Patricia Brownell and Laurie Rockwell terms to expire December 31, 2021. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Other – none

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trista Milici".

Trista Milici  
Clerk