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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 18, 2018

Fire Headquarters - 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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; Ray Ingraham and Dennis Flanigan, RTM members; Gary Zielinski, Highway Supervisor; Otto Berger, Lead Tradesman; Larry Warner, Sandy Stoddard; Tracy Everson and several other members of the Thimble Island Association; and Ben Goestch.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve the minutes June 6, 2018 and June 27, 2018 (special meeting). Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to add a green use application to hold Woofstock to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to enter into executive session at 6:04 to discuss a pending tax appeal. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney James Perito to attend the executive session. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Second Selectman Joseph E. Higgins, Jr.; Third Selectman John J. Ahern and Attorney James Perito.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to return to regular session at 6:10 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a proposed settlement in the Kirkham Mutual Housing LP – 63 Kirkham Street v. Town of Branford. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney to trade in (2) 2003 and (1) 2005 Stryker Stair Chairs for a trade in value of \$3,600. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Otto Berger, Lead Tradesman to waive the bid for the purchase of a 2016 Ford Transit Van in the amount of \$22,520. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Highway Supervisor, to waive the bid for the purchase of catch basin cleaning services in the amount of \$19.50 per basin. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to abate the taxes on the following properties:

Town of Branford	
26 Church Street – bill no. 2017-01-0000866	\$4,946.14
28 Church Street – bill no. 2017-01-0000867	\$1,784.28
Hospice	
30 Double Beach Road – bill no. 2017-01-000105	\$1,626.76
Double Beach Road – bill no. 2017-01-00028558	\$257.76
34A Double Beach Road – bill no. 2017-01-0002859	\$2,053.50
34 Double Beach Road – bill no. 2017-01-0002860	\$1,832.96
26 Double Beach Road – bill no. 2017-01-0002861	\$1,526.52
191 Short Beach Road – bill no. 2017-01-0009870	\$3,055.90
Shoreline Community Church	
9 Business Park Drive 9-2 – bill no. 2017-01-0014468	\$2,016.26
9 Business Park Drive 9-1 – bill no. 2017-01-0014469	\$4,810.66
9 Business Park Drive 9-3 – bill no. 2017-01-0014467	\$1,520.78
9 Business Park Drive 9-4 – bill no. 2017-01-0014466	\$1,480.70

Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Cable Advisory Council

Margot Hardenbergh term to expire June 30, 2020. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Cable Advisory Council

Jacey Wyatt to fill a vacancy term to expire June 30, 2020. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

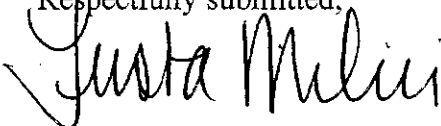
Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Shoreline Community Church for use of the Town Green on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold a Light the Night Halloween event. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the Daniel Cosgrove Animal Shelter for use of the Town Green on Saturday, August 11, 2018 to hold the Annual Woofstock and approve an exemption pursuant to section 118-25 and allow animals on the Town Green during the event. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Public Comment - Sandy Stoddard and Tracy Everson of the Thimble Islands Association addressed the board to provide information concerning the problems that the island families and visitors are facing with the limited parking and boat tie up space. The TI Association would like the town to facilitate a meeting with the interested parties to assist in finding solutions. Larry Warner also addressed the board regarding the issue of enforcement for boats that don't adhere to the time limits posted on the docks.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk