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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting August 4, 2021 Fire Headquarters - 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: Attorney James Perito; Attorney Judith Murray; James Finch, Finance Director; Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief; Don Neel, Chief Financial Officer, BOE; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCA; and Ray Ingraham, RTM member.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of June 2, 2021 and July 30, 2021 (special). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss tax appeals and a proposed settlement in the Joanne Vercillo v. Town of Branford lawsuit. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorneys Perito and Murray and Don Neel, Chief Financial Officer, BOE to attend during the discussion of their respective cases. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular session at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar; Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins; Attorney James Perito; Attorney Judith Murray and Don Neel, Chief Financial Officer, BOE.

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the JB 515 v. Town of Branford – 513-515 West Main Street tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Baker v. Town of Branford – 14 Spring Road, 19 Spring Road and 68 Johnson's Point Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Lovejoy Family, LLC v. Town of Branford – 15 Spring Road Tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Murray in the Joanne Vercillo v. Town of Branford lawsuit. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Land Trust for the abatement of taxes for property located at 292 Leetes Island Road. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief to waive the requirement for advertising the sale of a Life Pak 15 Cardiac monitor/defibrillator and allow the Chief to trade it in toward the purchase of a new Life Pay 15 Cardiac monitor/defibrillator in the amount of \$6,500. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility provided a report concerning emergency work necessary to repair a 20 foot section of 8 inch ductile iron pipe force main at the Route 139 pump station.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCF to waive bid for pump station services and award the work for upgrading pump station control panels and alarm dialers to Control Systems of Connecticut, Inc. for fiscal year 2021/2022. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve Local Capital Improvement Plan (LOCIP). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Friends of Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library for an exemption as permitted by Section 115-3 of the Code of the Town of Branford and allow the serving of wine at the art exhibit on August 29, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

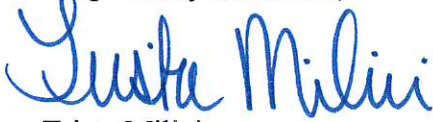
Correspondence none

Other – none

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Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Seconded by
Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk