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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 21, 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 Higgins and Third Selectman John J. Ahern. Also present were Attorney James Perito; Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief; Dagmar Ridgway, Director, Canoe Brook Senior Center; Margaret Lubberda, Director, Human Resources; Ray Ingraham, RTM member; Angie Higgins, Carolyn Sires, Victoria Verderame, Mark Colello, Steve Mazzacane and Mark Zaretsky.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the minutes of July 17, 2019. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to add under appointments: The appointment of Thomas Mahoney as the Emergency Management Director and Timothy Murray at the Assistant Emergency Management Director.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to enter into executive session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss pending tax appeals. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney James Perito was invited to attend the executive session. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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

Present during executive session 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 meeting at 6:07 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a proposed settlement in the Sachs v. Town of Branford – 102 North Main Street; Sachs v. Town of Branford – 102 Cherry Hill Road and Sachs v. Town of Branford – 39 Northford Road tax appeal cases. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement in the 21-23 Business Park, LLC v. Town of Branford – 21-23 Business Park tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Land Trust for the abatement of taxes on list no. 2019 01 0002546 in the amount of \$206.40. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Margaret Lubberda to approve the updated Town of Branford Employee Handbook. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Dagmar Ridgway, Director, Canoe Brook Senior Center to waive bid for the purchase of two pool tables and one shuffleboard table for a total cost of \$19,434 and award the contract to Encore Billiards. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request to waive bid for the purchase of furniture from New England Seating Company for the new Community Center/ Senior Center building not to exceed \$37,306. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney to waive the requirement for bidding for the disposal of old expired firefighter gear and authorize him to donate the equipment to Lima Peru. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Education Foundation for use of the Town Green on September 19, 2020 from 8:00 to 6:00 p.m. to hold an Arts and Antique show. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Beth Moore Milne for use of Madiera Park on September 14, 2019 at noon to hold a Memorial Service honoring Captain Bob Milne. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Nancy Cohen, Activities Director, Canoe Brook Senior Center, 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 wine and beer to be served at the Harvest Dinner on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 and the Chanukah Dinner on Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Branford Housing Authority

Mark Colello to replace Doug Denes term to expire April 30, 2024.

Victoria Verderame to replace Michael Calter term to expire April 30, 2023. Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve the appointments. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Selectman Ahern opposed. Vote 2 –yeas, 1- nay.

Community Forest Commission

Patrick Sweeney to fill a vacancy left by Louise LaMontagne term to expire January 30, 2021. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter

Eric Maass to fill a vacancy left by Mary Mellows term to expire September 30, 2022. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Shellfish Commission

Peter Graves term to expire August 31, 2020. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to appoint Thomas Mahoney as the Emergency Management Director and Timothy Murray as the Assistant Emergency Management Director. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – None

First Selectman Cosgrove called for a moment of silence in remembrance of James Walker.

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Motion made by Selectman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trista Milici". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Trista Milici
Clerk