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*First Selectman*

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## MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 4, 2017

Fire Department Headquarters – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Second Selectman Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. and Third Selectman John J. Ahern. Also present were: James Finch, Finance Director; Judith Murray, Attorney, Letizia, Ambrose & Falls, P.C.; Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation; Janice Plaziak, Town Engineer; Ray Ingraham, RTM Member; Angie Higgins; Lynda Mollow; and Diane Stricker.

First Selectman Cosgrove asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all those and injured in the Las Vegas shooting.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of September 20, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Item #9 was moved up to item #2.

Alex Palluzzi addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request to waive the bid for the purchase of fencing and award the contract to Guilford Fence Works in the amount of \$29,800. He explained that he did request additional quotes and Guilford Fence Works was the lowest price.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to waive the bid for the purchase of fencing and award the contract to Guilford Fence Works in the amount of \$29,800. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to enter into executive session at 6:12 p.m. to discuss a proposed settlement in the Todd Hamilton v. Town of Branford Workers' Compensation claim. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. First Selectman Cosgrove invited James Finch and Attorney Murray to attend the executive session. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Second Selectman Joseph E. Higgins, Jr.; Third Selectman John J. Ahern; Finance Director James Finch and Attorney Judy Murray.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to return to regular session at 6:26 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a settlement agreement as proposed by Attorney Murray in the Todd Hamilton v. Town of Branford Workers' Compensation claim. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from James Finch, Finance Director to waive the bid for Insurance Broker & Risk Management Advisory Services and award the contract to USI Insurance Services, LLC for cost of \$25,000 for the annual fee. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Janice Plaziak addressed the board to provide additional information concerning all of the requests for easements and road acceptances.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to accept the easements for Harbor Street Bridge project for the following locations:

Sabine, 158 Harbor Street

Smith, 167 Harbor Street

Haug and Mahler, 202 Harbor Street

Storandt and Forsth, 211 Harbor Street

Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to accept the sanitary sewer easement for Twiss Realty Co, LLC, 325-329 East Main Street for existing sewer mains, force main and pump station. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to accept the easement to the Town of Branford over Land Trust land at the end of Red Hill Road for existing emergency access road. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the acceptance of the following subdivision roads as official Town roads:

Gilbert Lane (Jacob Lane to Donna Lane)

Jacob Lane  
Pond View Terrace  
Apple Tree Lane  
Ashman Court  
Beechwood Road north of Acorn Drive  
Christopher Road  
Deer Path Road  
Devon Court  
East Industrial Road (from Pin Oak to end)  
Indian Woods Road  
Katie-Joe Lane  
Pin Oak Drive  
Ramona Way  
Sunny Meadow Road  
Sycamore Way  
Thistle Meadow Road  
Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a recommendation from the Public Building Committee to award the contract for the Walsh Intermediate School Third Party Code Review contract in the amount of \$31,490 to Bruce Spiewak as the lowest qualified bidder as determined by the Building Official. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a recommendation from the Public Building Committee to award the contract for the Walsh Intermediate School Third Party Structural Review contract in the amount of \$14,000 to Michael Horton Associates, Inc. as the lowest qualified bidder as determined by the Building Official. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the following resolution:  
Resolved, that the Town of Branford may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate;  
and

Further Resolved, that James B. Cosgrove, as First Selectman of the Town of Branford, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Branford and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.  
Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the VFW Post 12106 for use of the Town Green on Saturday, October 21, 2017 to hold a Bicycle Safety Event. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

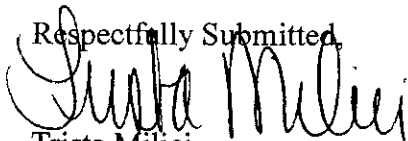
Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the Branford Festival Corporation for use of the Town Green from June 15 through June 17, 2018 to hold the Annual Branford Festival. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence - none

Other – First Selectman Cosgrove mentioned that the Town will be holding a candle light vigil on Thursday, October 5, 2017 on the steps of Town Hall in remembrance of those that were killed and injured in the Las Vegas shooting.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici  
Clerk