

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting November 17, 2021 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 Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Also present were: Frank Carrano, BACA; Frank Twohill and Carolyn Sires, RTM members.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of October 6, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to add the following item to the agenda: To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Branford Lions Club for the installation of a Little Free Library for the blind near the current Board of Education offices located on the corner of Main and Montowese Streets at item 4A. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to add the following item to the agenda: To consider, and if appropriate approve the 2022 Board of Selectmen's meeting schedule as 3A. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Executive Session – Tax appeals - none

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Stony Creek Museum for an exemption as permitted by Section 115-3 of the Code of the Town of Branford and allow the serving of wine and beer at the Annual Meetings, Jingle and Mingle Holiday event and two fundraisers and/or membership events scheduled between December 2021 and December 2022. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the 2022 Board of Selectmen's meeting schedule as amended. The time of the meetings will be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the 2022 calendar year. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Arts & Cultural Alliance (BACA) for the temporary installation of three art pieces on Tyler's Green from December 2021 to December 2022. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Lions Club for the installation of a Little Free Library for the blind near the current Board of Education offices located on the corner of Main and Montowese Streets. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve parking regulations for the Stony Creek Firehouse Parking Lot. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the following resolution:

Affordable Housing Plan - Planning Grant

- (1) authorizes submission of the Town of Branford Affordable Housing Planning Grant application, in accordance with the Planning Grants for Thriving Connecticut Communities – Affordable Housing Plan Technical Assistance Program request for applications;
- (2) authorizes the individual serving as First Selectman, or their successor(s), to sign the grant application and to sign any other documents associated with administering the grant, if awarded, including any amendments thereto;
- (3) authorizes the individual serving as the Town Planner, or their successor(s), to administer the grant program on behalf of the Town of Branford.

Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Chabad-Lubavitch of the Shoreline for use of the Town Green November 23 through December 9, 2021 for the placement of the Menorah. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Compassionate Friends for use of the Town Green on Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. to hold a candle lighting. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Parks and Recreation Department for use of the Town Green on Friday, January 7, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to hold First Night. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Board of Police Commissioners

Janice Heggie Margolis to fill a vacancy left by Anthony Lasala term to expire January 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Community Forest Commission

Ivy Bigelow to fill a vacancy left by Nancy Mancini term to expire January 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Economic Development Commission

Michael Discepolo to fill a vacancy left by William O'Brien term to expire July 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous

Inland Wetlands Commission

Mark Steinberg to fill a vacancy left by Eric Rose term to expire May 31, 2024.
Melissa Funaro to fill a vacancy left by Sandra Kraus term to expire May 31, 2022. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous

Planning and Zoning

Fred Russo from an alternate position to a full commission member filling a vacancy left by John Lust term to expire October 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.
Sharon Huttner as an alternate to fill a vacancy left by Fred Russo term to expire October 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous

Shellfish Commission

Dr. John Strell to fill a vacancy left by Edward Fay term to expire August 31, 2022. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Solid Waste Management Commission

Kate Galambos to fill a vacancy left by Michael Barbour term to expire September 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Hugh Plunkett to fill a vacancy left by Robin Lasky term to expire September 30, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Veteran Advisory Committee

Carolyn Sires to fill a vacancy left by John Cooke term to expire January 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous

Zoning Board of Appeals

Donald Schilder from an alternate position to a full commission member filling a vacancy left by Peter Berdon term to expire October 31, 2022. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Richard Falcigno as an alternate to fill a vacancy left by Donald Schilder term to expire October 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Board of Recreation

William T. O'Brien term to expire October 12, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Commission on Elderly Services

Patricia Brownell, Laurie Rockwell and Ellen Carucci terms to expire December 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Community Forest Commission

Patrick Sweeney term to expire January 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Daniel Cosgrove Animal Shelter

Gretchen Dale and Marilyn Valette terms to expire September 30, 2025. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Paul Muniz term to expire April 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Human Services Board

Sarah Lockery term to expire December 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Parker Memorial Park Commission

Penelope O'Neill term to expire December 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Solid Waste Management Commission

Paul Muniz term to expire September 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Ryan Sullivan term to expire October 15, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

John Malick and Erin McCarthy terms to expire December 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Leonard Tamsin term to expire October 31, 2026.

Barry Belesky as an alternate term to expire October 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove read two emails dated October 19, 2021 from Wayne Cooke.

First Selectman Cosgrove also announced the “Sing Them Home” benefit concert hosted by the Branford High School Music Makers at the First Congregational Church on December 1, 2021 to benefit Helping Families Settle.

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Other – none

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

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici
Clerk