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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 6, 2017

Fire Department 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 Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. and Third Selectman John J. Ahern. Also present were: Attorney James Perito; Attorney William Aniskovich; Dan Gregory, Superintendent, WPCF; Brian Devlin, WPCF; Janice Plaziak, Town Engineer; Steve Mazzacane and Diane Stricker.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of November 1, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss pending tax appeals. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney James Perito 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 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 Higgins to approve the proposed settlement in the Joy v. Town of Branford – 93 Sunset Beach Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the proposed settlement in the Lockload v. Town of Branford – 23 Seaview Avenue tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to enter into executive session at 6:11 p.m. to hear an update from Town Counsel on the Wheeler v. Town of Branford pending lawsuit. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney William Aniskovich 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 and Attorney William Aniskovich.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to return to regular session at 6:29 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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

The Board heard a report from Dan Gregory, Superintendent, WPCF as required by Section 75-2-C-(2) of the *Code of the Town of Branford* for emergency work to repair a broken 8 in. sewer force main at the corner of Hemlock Road and Cypress Drive. The cost for the emergency work totaled \$23,589. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to accept the report. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the following resolution:

Resolved: That the policies of the Town of Branford comply with the nondiscrimination agreement and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes §§4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.

This resolution is necessary to apply for the 2018 Clean Vessel Act Grant through the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (funding for the operation of the pump out boats).

Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins approve the Board of Selectmen's 2018 meeting schedule. The meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 except for July 4, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Yvonne Gordon, Branford Arts Center for the temporary placement of a 10x10 tent over the sidewalk in front of 1229 Main Street during the Town Merchants Sip and Stroll event on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a request from the Stony Creek Museum 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 during its Cookies and Festive songs event on December 17, 2017; at the 2018 Annual Meeting and two additional fundraisers to be scheduled in 2018. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a request from the Chabad Lubavitch of the Shoreline for use of the Town Green to place the Menorah on the Town Green from December 12, 2017 through December 20, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Community Gardens for use of the Town Green to hold a produce and plant sale on Saturday, May 19 and August 18, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve a request from MADD for use of the Town Green to hold the Annual Walk Like MADD event on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the Branford Garden Club for use of the Town Green to hold Scarecrows on the Green from October 18 through November 6, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

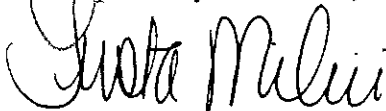
The Board took a short recess at 6:37 p.m. to set up for the Public meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. – To hear a presentation from Janice Plaziak, Town Engineer concerning the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The public meeting began at 6:43 p.m.

Correspondence - none

Other – none

Motion made by Selectman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk