

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT



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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Video/teleconference meeting  
January 6, 2021  
Fire Headquarters – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: James Perito, Attorney; Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk; Ray Ingraham, Linda Erlanger, Thomas Brockett, Marc Riccio and Patty Austin, RTM members; Nancy Witkowski, Jennifer Ryan and Sally Bahner.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of December 2, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session to discuss possible tax appeals at 6:03 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Perito to attend the executive session. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were: First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar, Third Selectman Angela M. Higgins and Attorney James Perito.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular meeting at 6:09 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the proposed settlement in the Sullivan v Town of Branford – 28 Summer Island Point Road tax appeal case as presented by Attorney Perito. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar 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 Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Town of Branford and Volunteer Services Center to extend the term of the Lease for a twenty-year period. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Friends of the James Blackstone Memorial Library for use of the Town Green from September 30, 2021 through October 3, 2021 changed from September 23, 2021 through September 26, 2021. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Board of Police Commissioners

Patty Austin to replace Peter Hugret effective February 1, 2021 term to expire January 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Zoning Board of Appeals - alternate

Anthony Beccia term to expire October 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Academy on the Green

William O'Brien term to expire January 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Board of Ethics

Alinor Sterling term to expire January 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Board of Fire Commissioners

Robert Massey Jr. and David LaCroix terms to expire January 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Board of Police Commissioners

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

Commission on Elderly Services

Dana Murphy and Luba Mebert Schmid terms to expire December 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Human Services Board

Lexi Klarman, Elizabeth Sattelberger and Mary Grande terms to expire December 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Parker Memorial Park Commission

Annie Redman term to expire December 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Public Building Commission

Len Tamsin term to expire January 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Yvette Larrieu and Joseph Herget terms to expire October 15, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

Robert Dargan and Mary Donaruma terms to expire December 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Zoning Board of Appeals

David Laska term expire October 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove read three letters from Wayne Cooke he also stated that the letters are available in the drop box.

Other – Sally Bahner asked the First Selectman about following up on the Housing Authority petition sent to the RTM. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that the RTM has not sent any requests to the First Selectman or to the Board of Selectmen. In addition, the only authority that the Board of Selectmen have concerning the Housing Authority is the appointment of members to the board.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk