

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting February 1, 2023 Fire Headquarters – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Second Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Also present were John Alves, Deputy Police Chief; Richard Shanahan, Chairman, Parks and Open Space; Carolyn Sires and Frank Twohill, RTM Members.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of January 18, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the Special Board of Selectmen minutes of March 23, 2022 as corrected by the Clerk. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to amend BOS approval from January 4, 2023 for the bid waiver for the purchase of a 2023 Kia Niro Electric Vehicle and award the contract to Premier Automotive LLC in the amount of \$42,847. (The Board previously awarded the contract to Premier Kia in the amount of \$42,487). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from John Hoefflerle, Town Engineer to waive the bid for architectural and design services through design development phase for the Police Department Renovation project and award the contract to Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$160,000. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Parks and Open Space Authority to waive the bid for environmental engineering services for the Pine Gutter Brook Channel Restoration Project and award the contract to Davison Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Parks and Open Space Authority to waive the bid for the cutting and positioning of logs and branches to create the debris dams along the entire stream bed as part of the Pine Gutter Brook Channel Restoration Project and award the contract to John Witkowski and Sons in an amount not to exceed \$65,000. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a recommendation by the Solid Waste Management Commission to continue Branford's participation in the Haz Waste Central program for an additional three years July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. (This item will be referred to the RTM for legislative approval). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Compassion Club for use of the Town Green on April 8, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to noon to hold an Easter Bake Sale. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Tyler Bowne, Sustainability and Compliance Manager and Living Wisely and Well on Planet Earth to hold Earth Day Activities on the Town Green on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the United Methodist Church for use of the Town Green to hold an Abundant Health Fair on July 16, 2023 (raindate July 23, 2023) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 Thursday evenings from June 29 through August 24, 2023 (raindate August 31, 2023) to hold the Annual Jazz Series. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Compassion Club for use of the Town Green on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from noon to 4:00 p.m. to hold the Animal Awareness Day. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Academy on the Green

Donald Gentile term to expire January 30, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Board of Ethics

William Donaruma term to expire January 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Board of Fire Commissioners

Jack Ahern and Madeline Clem terms to expire January 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Board of Recreation

Paul Criscuolo term to expire the second Monday in October 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Cable Advisory Council South Central CT

John Hartwell, Margaret Hardenbergh and Matt Kelsey terms to expire June 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Center Revitalization Review Board

Norbert Church and Terence Elton terms to expire March 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Commission on Elderly Services

Jean Richo, Mary Hahn and Patricia Torre terms to expire December 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Community Forest Commission

Susan Hally and Shirley McCarthy terms to expire January 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Doreen Larson-Oboyski to fill a vacancy left by Doug Welch term to expire January 30, 2025 (appointed by the BOS March 23, 2022 with an incorrect term expiration). Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Daniel Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission

Eric Maass and Melodie Lane O'Connor terms to expire September 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Flood and Erosion Control Board

Bruce Calderone term to expire April 30, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Human Services Board

John Mooney and Vincent Ragonese terms to expire December 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Planning and Zoning

Joseph Vaiuso term to expire October 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Paul Higgins Jr. as an alternate term to expire October 31, 2027. This reappointment was removed from the agenda.

Public Building Commission

Peter Banca and Greg Ames terms to expire January 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Shellfish Commission

Robert Lillquist and John Strell terms to expire August 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Veteran Advisory Committee

Carolyn Sires and Adrian Bonenberger terms to expire January 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Water Commission

William Horne term to expire May 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Mark Tamsin term to expire October 15, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

Josephine Buchanan term to expire December 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Zoning Board of Appeals

Donald Schilder and Brad Crerar terms to expire October 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Public Building Commission

Robert Barnett to fill a vacancy left by Marcia Palluzzi term to expire January 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee - Donna Laich. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Greater New Haven Transit District

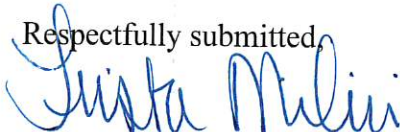
James Cosgrove to fill a vacancy left by Judith Amarone term to expire December 31, 2023. This appointment will be referred to the RTM for legislative approval. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. First Selectman Cosgrove abstained. Vote: 2 yeas – 1 Abstention.

Correspondence – none

Other – none

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici, Clerk