

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting February 16, 2022 Fire Headquarters - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Also present were Attorney James Perito; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCF and Dan Hally, Registrar of Voters.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of January 19, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Item #2 was moved and discussed after item #8 on the agenda.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the tax abatement for the Nat and Jack Farrell House Inc. for property located at 12 Park Place for fiscal years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Water Pollution Control Facility provided a report concerning emergency work necessary for the repair of a sewer line located at 1151 West Main Street.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Waste Water Treatment Facility, to waive the bid for the purchase of 3 Flygy Dry Pit Submersible Non Clogging 90 hp pumps and 3 Volutes for the Central Pump Station and award the contract to Fleet Pump & Service Group Inc. in the amount of \$269,916.00. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins 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/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

(This resolution is necessary to apply for funding from the State of Connecticut DEMHS Emergency Management Performance Grant program.)

Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Stony Creek Ancient Fife and Drum Corps to hold a Drum Muster at Hammer Field on August 19 through August 21, 2022. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request 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 and allow the serving of alcohol at the Stony Creek Ancient Fife and Drum Corps Drum Muster on August 19 through August 21, 2022 at Hammer Field. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session to discuss pending tax appeals at 5:14 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 5:25 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 Bitel v. Town of Branford – 110 Seaview Avenue tax appeal case as presented by Attorney Perito. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the proposed settlement in the 182 Cedar Street, LLC v. Town of Branford – 182 Cedar Street tax appeal case as presented by Attorney Perito. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

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 30 through August 25, 2022 to hold the Annual Jazz Series. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Tabor Blues Band for use of the Town Green on June 4, July 2, August 6 and September 3, 2022 to hold Blues Jam. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Green Committee

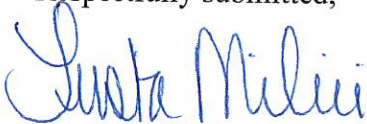
Ann Freeman to fill a vacancy left by Bonnie McKirdy term to expire May 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove acknowledged an email from Dan Hally concerning water on his property and the culvert located near his property at 132 Red Hill Road. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that DPW went out to the culvert and offered to provide him with the videos showing that the culvert is clear and water is running through it without any obstructions.

Other – none

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk