

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT



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First Selectman

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Video/teleconference meeting  
February 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 Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk; Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, Department of Public Works; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCA; Linda Erlanger, Thomas Brockett, Frank Twohill, Kevin Healy, and Carolyn Sires, RTM members; Todd Petrowksi, Shirley McCarthy, Brian Nichols, Bobby Constanzo, Chris Hynes and Wayne Cooke.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the minutes of February 3, 2021. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCA to waive the bid for the upgrading of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) apparatus from analog to digital in cabinet CP-2 for the gravity belt thickener and award the contract to Aaron Associates in the amount of \$36,326.00. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, Department of Public Works for the purchase of 43 trees and award the contract to Van Wilgen's Garden Center in the amount of \$12,945. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Diana McCarthy-Bercury for use of the Town Green on April 17, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hold Earth Day activities. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Inland Wetlands Commission - Alternate

Patricia Lynch to fill a vacancy left by Rick Ross term to expire May 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Veteran's Advisory Committee

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

Correspondence:

Letter from R. Costanzo – First Selectman Cosgrove read a letter from dated February 4, 2021. First Selectman Cosgrove addressed the concerns raised in the letter concerning the debris piles located at the former Atlantic Wire property. Robert Costanzo addressed the board. Discussion took place concerning the testing requirements. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that extensive testing was done prior to the demolition of the buildings by environmental professionals. Mr. Costanzo also stated he was concerned, in his opinion, that it appeared that such a small amount of contaminated debris was removed for the size of the building. Wayne Cooke addressed the board. Brian Nichols addressed the board and asked several questions concerning the discharge pipes, crushing of the bricks and the creation of dust. Carolyn Sire addressed the board and stated the East Shore District Health Department stated that they would do testing in area homes if requested. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that there is still items that need to be addressed.

Other:

To discuss a Citizen Petition regarding Parkside Village. This item has been discussed at previous meetings and First Selectman Cosgrove stated he would like to invite the Branford Housing Authority members to a future Board of Selectmen's meeting to address the Board. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to invite the Branford Housing Authority members to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk