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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting February 21, 2024 Fire Headquarters – 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were Gary Zielinski, Director, Department of Public Works; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCF; Brian Droney, Lead Tradesman; Ted Ells, Stony Creek Museum; Tracy Everson, Frank Twohill, Carolyn Sires, Chris Hines and John Hartwell, RTM Members and Dan Hally.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of January 17, 2024. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Executive Session – Tax Appeals – This item was removed from the agenda.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve accept a report from Brian Droney, Lead Tradesman concerning emergency work at a town owned building located at 40 Kikham Street at a cost of \$13,807. The invoices are being processed through the insurance company. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to accept a report from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility for emergency work necessary to repair a failed pump at the Damascus Pump Station at a cost of \$12,800. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Director of Public Works to trade in a John Deere 323E S/N Compact Track Loader for a price of \$25,159 toward the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 333 G Compact Track Loader (contract #011723-JDC). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Director of Public Works to waive the bid for the purchase of catch basin cleaning and award the contract to Shaw Vac Services at a cost of \$29.00 per basin and \$200 per hour for basin cleaning. (this is a negotiated price in which ShawVac matched the lowest per basin bid price and offered a lower per hour rate than the bids received by CRCOG). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Jennifer Acquino, Assistant Town Engineer to waive an informality of the Fueling Facility Installation, Branford Fire Headquarters bid as it is in the Town's best interest. The lowest bidder neglected to provide a digital copy of their bid submission as required in the invitation to bid. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a Second Amendment to Lease between the Town of Branford and the Stony Creek Quarry Workers Celebration (Museum). The Second Amendment extends the term of the lease until 2043 and allows for two succession renewal terms, each for a renewal of ten years. All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to abate the taxes for property located at 210 Pine Orchard Road acquired by the Town of Branford on December 14, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the following resolution:
Be it resolved, that it is in the best interest of the Town of Branford to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
(This resolution is necessary for a grant award for the Pump Out Boat from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection)
Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the policies of the Town of Branford comply with nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of the Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60 and 4a-60a, as amended.
(This resolution is necessary for a grant award for the Pump Out Boat from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection)
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 March 30, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon to hold an Easter Bake Sale. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Community Gardens for use of the Town Green on May 18, 2024 (rain date May 19, 2024) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to hold a Plant and Seedling Sale. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Parks and Recreation Department for use of the Town Green to hold musical and other events/activities on the following days: Mondays - May through October; Wednesdays - June and July and Thursdays - June through September. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Trinity Episcopal Church for use of the Town Green on June 8, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to hold a LGBTQ and Pride Festival. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Academy on the Green

Don Gentile (move from Elector position to Branford Historical Society position) term to expire January 30, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Albert Russell (move from First Congregational Church rep to Elector position) term to expire January 30, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Academy on the Green (Widow's Son Lodge)

Charlie Miller to fill a vacancy left by Len Bucher term to expire January 30, 2029. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

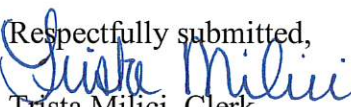
Economic Development Commission

Susan Fainstein to fill a vacancy left by Alisa Waterman term to expire July 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence: - none

Other – Dan Hally addressed the board requesting additional trash cans along Main Street between the library and Harrison House as well as near the Trolley Trail near West Point Road.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk