

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Second Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Also present were Carolyn Sires and Frank Twohill, RTM Members.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of February 1, 2023 and February 7, 2023 (Special Meeting). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session at 5:01 p.m. to discuss pending tax appeals. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular session at 5:13 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve proposed settlement in Whitehouse v. Town of Branford – 220 Pleasant Point Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve proposed settlement in Southern Connecticut Gas Company v. Town of Branford tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve proposed settlement in Thompson v. Town of Branford – 8 Wood Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Assistant Town Engineer for a proposed storm drain easement relocation located at 182 Shore Drive and authorize the First Selectman to execute the Quit Claim Deed and Drainage Easement document. 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.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the Town of Branford's Affirmative Action Policy Statement. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request Tabor Blues Band for use of the Town Green on June 3, July 1, August 5 and September 2, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold a Blues Jam. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Daniel Cosgrove Animal Shelter

John Dendas to fill a vacancy left by Eunice Lasala term to expire September 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Inland Wetlands Commission

Matthew Ormrod to fill a vacancy left by Richard Greenalch term to expire May 31, 2025.
Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Human Services Board

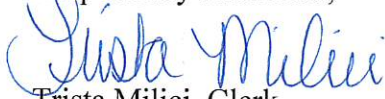
Andy Marlatt to fill a vacancy left by Laura Myjak term to expire December 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove mentioned a letter received from Kate Collins concerning the need to fill a vacancy on the Branford Housing Authority.

Other – none

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Trista Milici, Clerk