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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting March 20, 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 and Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins was absent. Also present were Attorney Michael Cretella; Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCF; Frank Twohill, RTM Member; Susan Dahill and Dan Hally.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the minutes of February 21, 2024. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m. to discuss a Stipulation for Judgment in the Api-Sycamore. LLC v. Town of Branford tax appeal case. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Michael Cretella to attend the Executive Session. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to return to regular meeting at 4:34 p.m. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a Stipulation For Judgment in the Api-Sycamore. LLC v. Town of Branford tax appeal case. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief to waive the bid process for the purchase of sole source cloud-based software licensing and retrofit kits for the existing narcotic safes and award the contract to Bioconnect Inc. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

To receive a report from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility for emergency work necessary to repair a failed pump at the Ponds Pump Station in the amount of \$14,287.77. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to accept the report. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility to waive the bid for materials needed for the Pine Orchard Pump

Station wet well rebuild and award the contract to Control Systems of Connecticut, Inc. in the amount of \$13,600. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation to waive an informality in the bid received for the basketball and tennis court renovations to Foote Memorial Park Basketball Court and Veteran's Memorial Park Tennis Courts to award the contract to Hinding Tennis LLC, in the amount of \$117,400. The lowest bidder neglected to have the Non-Collusion Affidavit notarized. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Pine Orchard Association to install a Free Little Library on town owned property located at 237 Pine Orchard Road, exact location to meet the requirements established by the Engineering Department. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the following proclamation:

Arbor Day

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and;

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and;

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nations and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and;

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and;

Whereas, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and;

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, therefore, We, The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Branford, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the Town of Branford and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Society of Nepalese in America for use of the Town Green on March 24, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. noon to 3:00 p.m. hold a Holi Festival (Play with Colours). Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Marion Lovig for use of the Town Green on May 2, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold a prayer in recognition of National Day of Prayer. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from David Lancolais, Mary Tisko Chorus for use of the Town Green on May 30, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold a Chorus Concert. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence: - none

Other – none

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici, Clerk