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Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting March 23, 2022 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 Attorney James Perito; Attorney William Aniskovich; Robert Imperato, Chairman Branford Housing Authority; Maryanne Amore, Branford Housing Authority, Andrea Gomes, Attorney, Hickley and Allen, for the Branford Housing Authority and Beacon Development; Anika Singh Lemar, Yale School of Law for Branford Housing Authority and RTM Members, Ray Ingraham and Carolyn Sires.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session to discuss pending tax appeals at 5:01 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 5:12 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 Flax Mill Associates v. Town of Branford – 29 Flax Mill Road 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 Farid v. Town of Branford – 5 Blackstone 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 Brandt v. Town of Branford – 114 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 Sound Capital Partners LLC v. Town of Branford – 16 Flying Point Road tax appeal case as presented by Attorney Perito. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the following tax abatement 669-673 Leetes Island Road bill no. 2006-01-0012364 in the amount of \$1,362.16 acquired by the town (tax foreclosure, property has since been quit claimed to the Branford Land Trust). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Land Trust for a tax abatement for the 2010 tax bill in the amount of \$462.47 for property located at 54 Squaw Brook Road acquired by the Branford Land Trust. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a “Cooperation Agreement Between the Branford Housing Authority and the Town of Branford” for the abatement of taxes for property located at 115 South Montowese Street. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Attorney William Aniskovich, Attorney Andrea Gomes and Robert Imperato Chairman Branford Housing Authority addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request to approve a “Construction and Temporary Access Easement and Agreement” for the development of the Parkside I affordable housing project. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the Construction and Temporary Access Easement and Agreement for the development of the Parkside I affordable housing project subject to approval of the RTM. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar 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 Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins 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 Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Diana McCarthy-Bercury and Living Wisely and Well on Planet Earth for use of the Town Green on Saturday, April 23, 2022 (raindate April 24, 2022) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to hold a Clean up and Earth Day Celebration. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Marion Lovig for use of the Town Green on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold the National Day of Prayer. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard for use of the Town Green on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to hold the 247th Anniversary of Powder House Day. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford High School for use of the Town Green on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to hold the 2022 Branford High School Graduation Ceremony. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Community Dining Room for use of the Town Green on Tuesday evenings July 5 through August 23, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold Community Dinners. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Stony Creek Association for use of Bayview Park on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hold Stony Creek Day. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to reappoint Leno Torelli as Dock Master for the 2022 Boating Season. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Community Forest Commission - Doreen Larson-Oboyski to fill a vacancy left by Dan Fitzgerald term to expire January 30, 2023. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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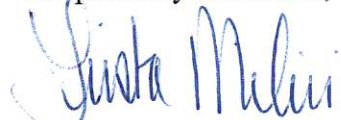
Inland Wetlands – Alternate - Jessica Meinsen to fill a vacancy left by Sandra Kraus term to expire May 31, 2022. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Other – none

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk