

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Video/teleconference meeting  
April 21, 2021  
Zoom – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: Attorney James Perito; Alex Palluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation; Debi Mirto, Director, Information Technology; Harry Smith, Town Planner; Ray Ingraham, Frank Twohill, Thomas Brockett, Donna Laich and Carolyn Sires, RTM members; Todd Petrowski, Wayne Cooke; Cheryl Morris; Chris Hynes; Michael Perricone and Birbarie Whalen.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss pending tax appeals. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney James Perito to attend the executive session. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular session at 6:08 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 proposed settlements in the Lovejoy v. Town of Branford – 133 Johnson's Point Road and Lovejoy v. Town of Branford – 111 Johnson's Point Road pending tax appeals. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement in the Addy v. Town of Branford – 133 Linden Avenue. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve amend the agenda and revise the dates for the request for bid waiver for field renovations and maintenance for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years and award the contract to Sherwood Landscaping, LLC. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request to waive the for field renovations and maintenance for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years and award the contract to Sherwood Landscaping, LLC. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Debi Mirto, Director, Information Technology to waive the bid for advertising the sale of a 2014 Datacard Printer (trade in value \$1,400) and allow her to trade it in toward the purchase of a new Smart-51D duplex card printer. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

First Selectman Cosgrove read the following resolution:

Affordable Housing Plan - Planning Grant

- (1) authorizes submission of the Town of Branford Affordable Housing Planning Grant application, in accordance with the Planning Grants for Thriving Connecticut Communities – Affordable Housing Plan Technical Assistance Program request for applications;
- (2) authorizes the individual serving as First Selectman, or their successor(s), to sign the grant application and to sign any other documents associated with administering the grant, if awarded, including any amendments thereto;
- (3) authorizes the individual serving as the Town Planner, or their successor(s), to administer the grant program on behalf of the Town of Branford.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the resolution. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a shellfish bed lease agreement. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to abate the taxes on property acquired by the town located at 16 Summer Island Road in the amount of \$514.34, \$867.34 and \$774.85. (The Board of Selectmen previously approved two additional tax abatements). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Branford Green Committee

Don Gentile term to expire May 31, 2024 and Patricia Sanders term to expire May 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Board of Ethics - Joseph Corradino to fill a vacancy left by Ted Ells term to expire January 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Conservation / Environmental Commission

Cynthia Jasek to fill a vacancy left by James Yakimoff term to expire July 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Committee

Susan Rood to replace Maryanne Hall as Historical Society member term to expire May 31, 2024. Susan McNamara to replace Susan Rood as Member at large term to expire May 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Human Services Board

Laura Myjak to fill a vacancy left by Jane Novick term to expire December 31, 2024. Vincent Ragonese to fill a vacancy left by William Keane term to expire December 31, 2022. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Greater New Haven Transit District – Judith Amarone to fill a vacancy left by Arthur Pappas term to expire December 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove read a letter from Wayne Cooke concerning the demolition debris piles at Atlantic Wharf; status of the removal of signs by the Public Works Department; flooding of Route 146 and Medlyn's Farm due to the removal of a berm by the Branford Land Trust; status of an ad-hoc committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to discuss the future of the Tabor property; status of Inland Wetlands Department investigation and status of the Branford Clean Energy Committee draft energy plan.

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Other – Todd Petrowski brought up the issue of reappointments to the Branford Housing Authority.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk