

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting May 1, 2024 Fire Headquarters – 4:00 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: Margaret Lubberda, Human Resources Director; Alex Paluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation; Jeff Vailette, Fireworks Committee and Attorney Michael Cretella.

For the record there were issues with the live feed/taping at the very beginning of the meeting.

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

The items on the agenda were taken out of order.

### Item 4

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the a request from Margaret Lubberda, Human Resources Director to waive the bid for the purchase of a licensing agreement for Live Compensation software and associated support services and award the contract to GOCV Invest. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

### Item #2

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into executive session at 4:35 p.m. to discuss a Stipulation for Judgment in the Laryssa Maria Cassella v. Town of Branford tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Michael Cretella to attend the executive session.

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular meeting at 4:36 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the Stipulation for Judgment in the Laryssa Maria Cassella v. Town of Branford tax appeal case as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Item #5

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Fireworks Commission to waive the bid for the annual Fireworks Display and award the contract to Zambelli Fireworks in the amount of \$30,000. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Center Revitalization Review Board

Phil Carloni, Tricia Bohan Ridinger and Schuyler Coulter terms to expire March 31, 2026.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

John Herzan and Tony Terry terms to expire March 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Conservation and Environmental Commission

Cynthia Jasek, Heather Wells-Sweeney and Joshua Greenberg terms to expire July 31, 2027.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Stony Creek Architectural Review Board

Elizabeth Wieland and William Murray terms to expire May 31, 2028. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Greg Ames, John Herzan and Sam Kirby terms to expire May 31, 2029. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the following proclamation:

Older Americans Month 2024

Whereas, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Branford's older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

Whereas, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

Whereas, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

Whereas, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

Whereas, Canoe Brook Center must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities — reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

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Now, therefore, we, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Branford do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Powered by Connection," emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our community.

We call upon all residents to join us in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Community Dining Room for use of the Town Green on Tuesday evenings from June 25 through August 20, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold Community dinners and activities. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Dance Unlimited, LLC for use of the Town Green on June 8, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to hold a Talent Showcase. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove read an email addressed to the board from Ed Zack Jr. concerning 55+ Housing.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici  
Clerk