

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting (as corrected by the Clerk)
May 4, 2022
Fire Headquarters - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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; Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation; Patty Austin, Board of Police Commissioners; Tricia Anderson, RTM Member; Dan Hally, Registrar of Voters and two residents.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of April 6, 2022 and April 21, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session to discuss pending tax appeals at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Perito to attend executive session. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the proposed settlement in the Sherban v. Town of Branford - 34 Indian Woods 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 J.M.M. Properties, LLC v. Town of Branford - 803-873 West Main Street 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 1100 West Main Street, LLC v. Town of Branford - 1100 West Main Street 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 Butler v. Town of Branford - 13A Harbor Village 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 Konecy v. Town of Branford - 24C Harbor Village 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 Ells v. Town of Branford - 255 Thimble Island 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 Ells v. Town of Branford - 2 Linden Point 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 Owens v. Town of Branford - 6 Wood 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 Pinkin v. Town of Branford - 15 River Road tax appeal case as presented by Attorney Perito. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Parks and Recreation Department to waive the bid for the purchase of a Showmobile mobile stage from Wenger Corporation in the amount of \$219,982.66. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a “Third Amendment to Lease” agreement between the Town of Branford and J&J Blasting for an additional 3 year lease extension. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve an “Amendment to Lease” agreement between the Town of Branford and Zambelli Fireworks for an additional 3 year least extension. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Orchard House Medical Adult Day Care for use of the Town Green on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hold a Fair/Festival. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from The Dizzyfish Choir for use of the Town Green on May 16, May 17, May 23, May 31 and June 6, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold choir practice. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Green Committee

The agenda was corrected to include Ann Freeman instead of Bonnie McKirdy under reappointments to the Green Committee. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to add Ann Freeman to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Cynthia Jasek, David Colley and Ann Freeman terms to expire May 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Inland Wetlands Commission

Peter Basserman and Melissa Funaro terms to expire May 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Inland Wetlands Commission – Alternate

Jessica Meinsen Probulis term to expire May 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Other - none

Tricia Anderson and John Alfone, resident of 968 Main Street addressed the board to discuss parking issues along Main Street and the lack of parking for residents residing in the apartments above the retail spaces.

Dan Hally addressed the board to request the status of the quarry survey. First Selectman Cosgrove stated it was completed within the last week or two. Dan Hally requested a copy of the survey. Mr. Hally also asked about the new blight ordinance. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that the RTM approved the ordinance without the funding for a Blight Officer and now a job description needs to be developed and funding needs to be allocated for the new position. Mr. Hally also inquired about the schedule of paving by all the utilities.

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Alex Palluzzi noted that the Fishing Derby will take place at Chet's Pond on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk