

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Video/teleconference meeting
May 5, 2021
Zoom – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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; Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk; Dara Kovel, Beacon Communities; Tracy Everson, Peter Jackson, Frank Twohill, Dan Adelman; Thomas Brockett, Ray Ingraham; Anthony Alfone and Carolyn Sires, RTM members; Jerry Mastrangelo, BHA member; Jacqui Rabe Thomas, CT Mirror; Linda Lambeck, New Haven Register; Mary Jo Riddle; Stacy Vandecchi; Jennier Ryan; John Hartwell; Patrick Holland; Sally Bahner; Todd Petrowski; Andy Wight; Emily Disalvo; Greg Kirschner; Jay Pottenger; Michael Perricone; Chris Hynes; Wayne Cooke; Jim Leahy; Pam Roy; Penny Bellamy; Erin Kemple; Alex Larson; Rubin Danberg; Birbarie Whalen and Daniel Backman.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of April 21, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session at 6:06 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 6:19 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 settlement in the 251 Linden LLC v. Town of Branford – 251 Linden Avenue pending tax appeal. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a lease agreement between the Town of Branford and Zambelli Fireworks to lease a portion of property located at the Stony Creek Quarry for the storage of consumer and display fireworks. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Dave Coleman for use of the Town Green on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to hold a memorial gathering. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Trinity Episcopal Church for use of the Town Green on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a picnic. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Garden Club for use of the Town Green from October 15, 2021 through November 2, 2021 for the placement of scarecrow displays. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to appoint James Finch, Finance Director as the liaison to handle all Neighborhood Assistance Act matters. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Center Revitalization Review Board - John Herzan and Tony Terry terms to expire March 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Branford Housing Authority - Robert Imperato term to expire April 30, 2026. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Discussion took place concerning the appointment. Selectman Dunbar abstained. Vote 2 yeas, 1 abstention.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove stated that there were several letters received and those are located in the dropbox link. First Selectman Cosgrove read a letter from Tasie Lowe.

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Other – Wayne Cooke requested time at the next meeting to make a 10 minute presentation concerning the Tabor Property.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici
Clerk