

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting May 17, 2023 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 Tyler Bowne, Sustainability and Compliance Manager; Kevin Ortiz, Civil Design Engineer; Peter Cimino, Director, Branford Counseling and Community Services; Jennifer Sylvia, Executive Administrative Assistant, Branford Counseling and Community Services; Attorney David Hardy, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey, LLP; Amy Trimani, Chief Financial Officer, Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, Inc.; Jeff Valette, Fireworks Committee; Alex Palluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCF; Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief; and Tracy Everson, RTM Member.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes of April 19, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Executive Session – Tax Appeals – none

Attorney David Hardy, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey, LLP and Amy Trimani, Chief Financial Officer, Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, Inc. addressed the board concerning the request to request from the Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, Inc. to abate property taxes and interest for the October 1, 2020, October 1, 2021 and October 1, 2022 grand lists. It was stated that Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, LLP is Federally Qualified Health Center established as a 501(c)(3) organization.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, Inc. to abate property taxes and interest for the October 1, 2020, October 1, 2021 and October 1, 2022 grand lists. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Peter Cimino, Director, Branford Counseling and Community Services to waive the bid for Revenue Cycle Management System and award a one year contract to Bell MedEx in the minimum amount of \$1999.99 per month or 3.99% of the monthly collections (estimated value of the one year contract is \$24,000). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to award a three year contract with the option for two – one year extensions to Cherry Hill Construction for the Management of Bulky Waste per the price proposal sheet effective July 1, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to award a three year contract with the option for two – one year extensions to Chase Waste dba Chuck and Eddies for the Recycling of Scrap Metal per the price proposal sheet effective July 1, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent WPCF to waive the bid for the purchase and installation of a Homa 34 HP non clog sewage pump at the Hosley Avenue Pump Station and award the contract to Mechanical Solutions Inc. at a total cost of \$16,511 (to replace pump #2). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent WPCF to waive the bid for the purchase of a 30 HP EMU Submersible Mixer for the TWAS tank and award the contract to Mechanical Solutions Inc. at a total cost of \$30,229. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, DPW to waive the requirement for bids as permitted by Section 73-2 and authorize the sale of a 1987 International Cummins Pump-out to Fischer Excavating in the amount of \$1,750. This item was removed from the agenda.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Fireworks Committee to waive the bid for the 2023 Fireworks Display and award the contract to American Fireworks Display in the amount of \$30,000. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the 2023-2028 Local Capital Improvements Plan (LOCIP) for the Town of Branford. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

First Selectman read a proclamation designating June 2, 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Day. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a proclamation designating June 2, 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Day. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Garden Club for use of the Town Green from October 13 through November 7, 2023 for the placement of Scarecrows on the green. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Green Committee

David Minicozzi and Susan McNamara terms to expire May 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Inland Wetlands

Clarice Begeman and Suzanne Botta terms to expire May 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Inland Wetlands Commission - Alternate

David Gocłowski to fill a vacancy left by Patricia Lynch term to expire May 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Committee (Historical Society Representative)

Susan Winkel to fill a vacancy left by Susan Rood term to expire May 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Committee (Chamber of Commerce Representative)

Cynthia Wright term to expire May 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Robert Harrington to fill a vacancy left by Brad Crerar term to expire October 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

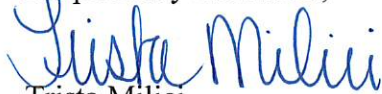
Correspondence - none

Other – none

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trista Milici". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Trista Milici  
Clerk