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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting June 18, 2025 Community House – 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: Jennifer Acquino, Assistant Town Engineer; Tracy Everson and Peter Black, RTM Members.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the minutes from June 4, 2025. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Jennifer Acquino, Assistant Town Engineer to waive the bid for Permanent Pavement Patches “on-call” services and award the contract to William M. Laydon Construction at the following prices: Asphalt Patch (sf) \$7.24; Asphalt Curb (lf) \$13.08; Asphalt Sidewalks (sf) \$6.25 and Asphalt Aprons (sf) \$6.25 effective through June 30, 2026. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Jennifer Acquino, Assistant Town Engineer to waive the bid for the paving of Ozone Road, Selden Avenue and “lower” Yowago Avenue and award the contract to William M. Laydon Construction in the amount of \$238,216. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a 5-year shellfish lease agreement between the Town of Branford and Charles Viens DBA the Charles Island Oyster Farm LLC for bed 506 consisting of 32.4 acres. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a “Fourth Amendment to Lease” agreement between the Town of Branford and J&J Blasting for an additional 3-year lease extension (parcel B). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote 2 yeas, 1 abstention (Dunbar). Motion passes. For the record this item will be referred to the RTM for additional approval.

Tracy Everson addressed the board to ask questions concerning the lease agreements.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve an “Second Amendment to Lease” agreement between the Town of Branford and Zambelli Fireworks for an additional 1-year lease extension (parcel A). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote 2 yeas, 1 abstention (Dunbar). Motion passes. For the record this item will be referred to the RTM for additional approval.

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Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a lease agreement between the Town of Branford and Fischer Excavating to lease a portion of property located at the Stony Creek Quarry for the storage of staging of construction materials and equipment (parcel C). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote 2 yeas, 1 abstention (Dunbar). Motion passes. For the record this item will be referred to the RTM for additional approval.

Correspondence – None

Other – Peter Black, RTM mentioned that the Rules and Ordinance Committee will be holding a special meeting on September 9 to consider amendments to the blight ordinance.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici
Clerk