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Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting June 30, 2021 Fire Headquarters - 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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; Attorney Michael Cretella; Brian Droney, Lead Tradesman; Brian Devlin, Superintendent WWTF; Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief; Firefighter Dante Ghiroli and Wayne Cooke.

The approval of the minutes was removed from the agenda.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session at 6:02 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. For the record item # 6 and 7 were removed from the agenda. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that the board would enter into executive session to address items #2 and #4 and Attorney Perito and Attorney Cretella would be invited to attend during the discussion of their respective cases.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular meeting at 6:14 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar; Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins; Attorney James Perito and Attorney Michael Cretella.

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Estate of J. Smith v. Town of Branford tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Southpac Trust International, Inc. v. Town of Branford – 101 Stony Creek Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve proposed settlement agreements as presented by Attorney Perito in the Charles Goetsch v. Town of Branford – 11 Yowago Avenue and The Buccaneers Company v. Town of Branford – Kidds Island tax appeal cases. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Michael Cretella in the Shoreline Shellfish, LLC et al v. Town of Branford Docket No. NNH-C13-6040558-S case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk to waive the bid for the purchase of software assurance for Resolution 3 Land Records Management System and award a five year contract to Cott Systems at a cost of \$12,240 per year (plus a one-time fee of \$1,280) contingent upon favorable report by the Board of Finance. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Brian Droney, Lead Tradesman to waive the bid for the abatement and demolition of the structure located at 26 Church Street and award the contract to True Blue in the amount of \$52,500. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. First Selectman Cosgrove read a letter from Robert Costanzo. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Board of Education to approve a four year lease agreement between the Town of Branford and American Capital for 970 Hewlett Packard Chromebooks, licensing and protective shells for a total cost of \$382,997. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to request from Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief to waive the bid for the renovation and remounting of an existing ambulance patient module onto a new 2022(it was noted that the proposal was changed from a 2021 to a 2022 unit) Ford E-450 and award the contract to Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$169,748.20. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

First Selectman Cosgrove read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Branford may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that James B. Cosgrove; as First Selectman of the Town of Branford, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Branford and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate

to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the resolution. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Sustainability and Compliance Manager to waive the bid for the purchase and delivery of a 50YD Open Top Roll-off container from East Coast Containers in the amount of \$15,475. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility provided a report concerning emergency work necessary to keep Central Pump Station online due to two failed pumps. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to accept the report. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility to waive the bid for the purchase of a 29 horse power Flygt dry pit submersible pump at a cost of \$25,665. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent Wastewater Treatment Facility to waive the bid for the purchase of a 19 horsepower 180 rpm Landia Mixer at a cost of \$19,951. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to abate the taxes on List #9870 191 Short Beach Road owned by Hospice. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Compassion Club for use of the Town Green on October 3, 2021 from noon to 5:00 p.m. to hold Animal Awareness Day. (sharing with JBML) Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Friends of Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library for an exemption as permitted by Section 115-3 of the Code of the Town of Branford and allow the serving of wine at the art exhibit on July 18, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Board of Finance - Jeffrey Vailette and Harry DiAdamo terms to expire July 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Eric Rose term to expire May 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

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Melissa Paptones to fill a vacancy left by Steve Sullivan term to expire May 31, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici
Clerk