

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting July 6, 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 and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Second Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins was absent. Also present were: Attorney James Perito; Attorney Michael Cretella; Don Neel, Chief Financial Officer, BOE; Robert Kovi, Director of Technology, BOE; Judy Miller, Shoreline Greenway Trail; Carolyn Sires, RTM member and Dan Hally.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the minutes of June 1, 2022. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into executive session at 5:01 p.m. to discuss pending tax appeals. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion to return to regular session at 5:02 p.m.

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

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into executive session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss pending tax appeals and a proposed settlement in the Gavin v. Town of Branford, et al, lawsuit. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Perito and Attorney Cretella to attend the executive session during discussion of their respective matter.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to return to regular meeting at 5:12 p.m. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were: First Selectman James B. Cosgrove and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Also present were Attorney Perito and Attorney Cretella during the discussion of their respective matter.

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Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve proposed settlements in Fischer v. Town of Branford – 31 Flying Point Road and the Nancy Myers v. Town of Branford – Prudden Island

tax appeal cases as presented by Attorney Perito. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the proposed settlement in the Sayder v. Town of Branford – 28 Juniper Point Road tax appeal case. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the proposed settlement in the Balkin v. Town of Branford – 35 Montgomery Parkway tax appeal case. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the proposed settlement in the Torello v. Town of Branford – 6 Gaylea Drive tax appeal case. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a three year lease agreement between the Town of Branford and Hewlett Packard for 350 computers including software and an extended service plan for a total cost of \$400,504.56. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to abate the taxes on List #9870 191 Short Beach Road owned by Hospice in the amount of \$3,469.22. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the submittal of an application to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection designating The Branford Trail as a CT Greenway and approve the following resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute the necessary documents: Resolved, that James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman of the Town of Branford, is hereby authorized to execute all related documents for the nomination of The Branford Trail to become an official CT Greenway. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the United Methodist Church for use of the Town Green to hold a Health Fair on October 23, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

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Appointments:

Community Forest Commission

Susan Hally to fill a vacancy left by Dan Fitzgerald term to expire January 30, 2023. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Board of Finance

Joseph Mooney and Pamela DeLise terms to expire July 30, 2025. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Young's Pond Commission

Richard Rosen term to expire April 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Dan Hally addressed the board to request the status of the quarry survey. First Selectman stated that Engineering received the survey today.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici, Clerk