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Minutes of ~~Special~~ Selectmen's Meeting *- as corrected by the Clerk*
August 16, 2023
Fire Headquarters

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 Attorney James Perito; Tyler Bowne, Sustainability and Compliance; Tracy Everson, Frank Twohill and Carolyn Sires, RTM Members; Matt Pickney; Heather Adams; Sandy Stoddard; Richard Peck; John Patrowsky; John Tower and approximately 15 residents.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss pending tax appeals. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were: First Selectman James B. Cosgrove; Second Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Also present was Attorney James Perito.

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular session at 5:08 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve proposed settlement in Lovejoy v. Town of Branford – 125 Johnson's Point tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve proposed settlement in Maturo v. Town of Branford – 4 Cottage Street tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve proposed settlement in Varma v. Town of Branford – 42 Squaw Brook Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Town Engineer John Hoefflerle, to waive the bid for engineering services for the Supply Ponds Bridge Project and

award the contract to WMC Consultant Engineers in the amount of \$150,500. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. ~~Vote unanimous.~~ *Dunbar*

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief, to waive the bid for the renovation and remounting of an existing ambulance onto a new 2024 Ford E-450 and award the contract to Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$237,763. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief to waive the bid for the purchase of a new Life Pak15 V4 Cardiac monitor/defibrillator and the requirement for advertising the sale of a Life Pak 15 Cardiac monitor/defibrillator and allow the Chief to trade it in toward the purchase of a new Life Pak 15 Cardiac monitor/defibrillator and to award the contract to Stryker Medical in the amount of \$37,931.33. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to approve a new fee schedule for the disposal of various items. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the installation of a Free Little Library next to the Trinity Episcopal Church entrance. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

The following item was removed from the agenda: To consider a request for a new vessel permit for a commercial passenger vessel, Island Time at the Stony Creek Town Dock.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Trinity Episcopal Church for use of the Town Green on October 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to hold a Vigil Service in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of Matthew Shepard's death. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the VFW Post 12106 for use of the Town Green on September 15, 2023 to hold a POW/MIA Ceremony. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Stony Creek Association for use of Madiera Park on Sundays from June 2024 through October 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to hold Farmer's Markets. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Terri Eaton for use of town property between #7 and #9 Parker Memorial Drive and allow for an exemption as permitted by section 115-4 of the Code of the Town of Branford regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public area and allow alcoholic beverages to be served at a wedding and reception scheduled for September 8, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to waive the requirement for advertising for the sale of town property and donate the town's former staging system to the Stony Creek Association. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence:

Letter from the Board of Fire Commissioners re: Staffing Plan – First Selectman Cosgrove read a letter dated July 12, 2023 revised August 1, 2023 from Board of Fire Commissioner Chairman Robert Massey.

Letter from Attorney John Corona re: Grace Island Development, LLC – First Selectman Cosgrove read the letter from Attorney Corona dated August 10, 2023.

A few residents addressed the board to mention issues with boat tie ups, parking, the amount of activity and the town pier bylaws at the Stony Creek Dock. Richard Peck addressed the board concerning the lack of parking. John Patrowsky stated that he doesn't see problems with the parking, parking has always been an issue, the boats are important to the small businesses in the area. Tracy Everson, RTM Member addressed the board and stated that the new vessel has been using the town dock all season. The Sea Mist withdrew their request for use of the Town Dock so there is no action required by the Board of Selectmen. Tracy Everson requested that the bylaws are posted in larger print. John Tower stated that it appears that Mr. Infantino is operating a 4th tour boat already.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk