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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting September 20, 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 Attorney Michael Cretella; Margaret Luberta, Director of Human Resources; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WWTF; Tyler Bowne, Sustainability Manager; Paul Muniz, Chairman, Solid Waste Management Commission; Tracy Everson, RTM Member and Dan Hally.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023 as corrected by the Clerk. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to add the following two items to the agenda: Executive Session regarding Morton v. Town of Branford Workers Compensation Claim as 2a and to consider, and if appropriate, approve a proposed settlement in the Morton v. Town of Branford Workers Compensation Claim as 2b. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss tax appeals and the Morton v. Town of Branford Compensation Claim. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Cretella, Attorney Murray and Margaret Luberta to attend the executive session during their respective cases. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to the regular meeting at 5:09 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a proposed stipulated agreement in the Legacy Theatre Inc. v. Town of Branford tax appeal. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a proposed settlement in the Morton v. Town of Branford Workers Compensation Claim. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission waive the informality of the bid received for the Curbside Collection of Leaves and Yard Waste contract and award the 3 year contract to ACA Landscaping, LLC. (ACA Landscaping, LLC was the apparent low bidder but did not include the signed copy of Addendum 1 with their bid submission). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WWTF to waive the bid for the replacement the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Apparatus and award the contract to Aaron Associates at the hourly rates provided in the proposal dated September 5, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Margaret Luberda, Director of Human Resources, to approve an Abuse and Molestation Prevention Policy for Employees. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Margaret Luberda, Director of Human Resources to approve a Town of Branford Motor Vehicle Policy for non-CDL Drivers. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Community Dining Room for use of the Town Green on October 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to hold a Family Night Brown Bag Dinner. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Soundview YMCA for use of the Town Green on October 14, October 21 and October 28, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30a.m. to hold Community Yoga. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Board of Finance - Charles Shelton, Jr. and Victor Cassella terms to expire July 31, 2026.

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

Economic Development Commission - Elena Cahill, Richard Squeglia and Albert Canosa terms to expire July 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Solid Waste Management Commission - Joseph Rollo, Hugh Plunkett and Richard Aitro terms to expire September 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Greater New Haven Transit District - James Cosgrove term to expire December 31, 2025 and Dagmar Ridgway term to expire December 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments

Flood and Erosion Control - Donald Conkin to fill a vacancy left by Richard Coyne term to expire April 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate

Steven Sullivan to fill a vacancy left by Barry Beletsky term to expire October 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Water Pollution Control Authority (from alternate to full member)

Chris DiAdamo to fill a vacancy left by Joseph Herget term to expire October 15, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Water Pollution Control Authority

James Integlia to fill a vacancy left by Mark Winik term to expire October 15, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove ready a letter from Learn and Play Christian Early Learning Center

Other – Dan Hally addressed the board to discuss the recent Republican Primary and the plans for the former Canoe Brook Senior Center and former BOE office.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Trista Milici, Clerk