

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting October 18, 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; and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Second Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins was absent. Also present were Attorney James Perito; Debi Mirto, Director of Information Technology; James Finch, Finance Director; Kathryn Labanca, Assistant Finance Director; and Kevin Ortiz, Civil Design Engineer.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the minutes of September 20, 2023. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into executive session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss tax appeals First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Perito to attend the executive session. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to return to the regular meeting at 5:07 p.m. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve proposed settlements in the Lockload, LLC – 23 Seaview Avenue and Frechette/Berdon – 121 Sunset Beach Road v. Town of Branford tax appeal cases. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from James Finch, Finance Director to waive the bid for Auditing Services and award the contact to Clifton LarsonAllen, LLP in the amount of \$80,900. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from Debi Mirto, Director of Information Technology to waive the bid for the purchase and installation of a new voIP Phone System at the Branford Police Department and award the contract to New England VOIP in the amount of \$25,027 plus monthly recurring charges. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from Kevin Ortiz, Civil Design Engineer to waive the informality of the bid received for the Reconstruction of the West Main Street Traffic Island and award the contract to William M. Laydon Construction. (William M. Laydon Construction was the apparent low bidder but failed to submit a signed acknowledgement of Addendum #2 with their bid submission). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Nancy Cohen, Activities Coordinator 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 beer and wine to be serviced at the Chanukah Dinner Party on November 20, 2023. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Excel Club for use of the Town Green on December 2, 2023 to hold “decorate your own Christmas Ornaments” and baked goods sale to benefit the women's health research through Yale School of Medicine. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Festival Committee for use of the Town Green on June 14 through June 16, 2024 to hold the annual Branford Festival. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Wreaths Across America Branford for use of the Town Green on Saturday, September 28, 2024 (possibly on Friday, September 27 for a performance by the Military Band) to hold a Vendor Art and Craft Show from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Branford Compassion Club for use of the Town Green on Sunday, October 6, 2024 to hold the Annual Animal Awareness Day from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee - Vincent Chiocchio

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

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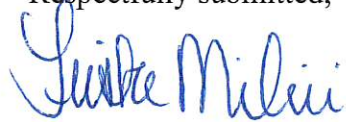
Solid Waste Management Commission - Trudy Muhlbauer to fill a vacancy left by Ralph Murray term to expire September 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by First Selectman Cosgrove. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Other – none

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trista Milici", is written over the printed name.

Trista Milici, Clerk