

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – corrected by the Clerk
Video/teleconference meeting
November 4, 2020
Fire Headquarters – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: James Perito, Attorney; Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, Public Works; Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk; Dan Rabin and Shirley McCarthy, Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee; Bobby Costanzo; Mike Perricone; Mark Hally; Eunice Mahler; Wayne Cooke and Mark Zaretsky

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes from October 21, 2020, October 7, 2020 and September 2, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

The order of the agenda was changed to hear items 3 and 4 prior to item 2.

Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, Department of Public Works addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request to waive the bid for the purchase of straight salt and award the contract to Morton Salt.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, Department of Public Works to waive the bid for the purchase of straight salt and award the contract to Morton Salt in the amount of \$50.00 per ton. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, Department of Public Works addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request to waive the bid for the purchase of a Grapple Rake Bucket.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, Department of Public Works to waive the bid for the purchase of a Grapple Rake Bucket and 416 quick connect hook and award the contract to W.I. Clark in the amount of \$18,350.00. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into executive session to discuss pending tax appeals at 6:07 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Perito to attend the executive session. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were: First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar, Third Selectman Angela M. Higgins and James Perito, Attorney.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to return to regular meeting at 6:25 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve settlements in the following tax appeal cases as presented by Attorney Perito:

16 Business Park, LLC v. Town of Branford – 16 Business Park Drive
Business Park Realty, LLC v. Town of Branford – 19 Business Park Drive
Business Park Realty, LLC v. Town of Branford – 25-29 Business Park Drive
Business Park Realty, LLC v. Town of Branford – 31-33 Business Park Drive
Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve settlements in the following tax appeal cases as presented by Attorney Perito:

JJJ Holding, LLC v. Town of Branford – 68 Maple Street – Dutch Wharf Marina
7 Indian Neck, LLC v. Town of Branford – 7 Indian Neck Road – Birbarie Marina
Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve settlements in the following tax appeal cases as presented by Attorney Perito:

Aninsworth v. Town of Branford – 41 Sunset Beach Road
Crisci v. Town of Branford – 65 Sunset Beach Road
Fernandes v. Town of Branford – 68 Sunset Beach Road
Mossberg v. Town of Branford – 69 Sunset Beach Road
Lapides v. Town of Branford – 24 Summer Island Road

Maher v. Town of Branford – 28 Summer Island Road
Kusterer v. Town of Branford – 4 Ninth Avenue and 6 Indian Point Road
JML v. Town of Branford – 6 Tyler Avenue
Anderson v. Town of Branford – 6 Prospect Hill Road
Muzzi v. Town of Branford – 76-80 Pent Road
Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Wreaths Across America for use of the Town Green on Saturday, September 18, 2021 to hold the Branford Greater Open – mini golf on the green. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Friends of the James Blackstone Memorial Library for use of the Town Green from September 23, 2021 to Sunday, September 26, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Clean Energy Committee

Eunice Mahler and Joseph Gordon. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Human Services Board

Ronald Washington to fill a vacancy left by Maria Storm term to expire December 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – Wayne Cooke sent an email containing a 5 minute video to the board. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that the email/link is available in the drop box.

Wayne Cooke stated that he sent two letters to the Board requesting consideration for placement on the town's Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee and the Coastal Vulnerability Ad Hoc Working Group.

Other – Wayne Cooke spoke for 3 minutes.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk