BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting November 15, 2023 Fire Headquarters - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Also present were Attorney Christine Ciociola; Tyler Bowne, Sustainability Manager; Paul Muniz, Chairman, Solid Waste Management Commission; Patty Austin, Police Commissioner; RTM Members Ray Ingraham, Frank Twohill and Carolyn Sires and Dan Hally

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of November 1, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Executive Session – Tax Appeals – none

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. to discuss a proposed settlement in the Town of Branford v. Erin Gianni, as Trustee of the Malarney Family Trust, et al tax foreclosure case. 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. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Christine Ciociola to attend the executive session.

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

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

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a proposed settlement in the Town of Branford v. Erin Gianni, as Trustee of the Malarney Family Trust, et al tax foreclosure case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to award the contract for Rubbish Collection From Town Public Receptacles. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to waive the performance bond for the Yard Waste and Leaf Collection contract. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request Jonathan Wrightington for use of the Town Green on November 18, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to hold a wedding ceremony. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Parks and Recreation Department for use of the Town Green on Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold the annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Chabad-Lubavitch of the Shoreline for use of the Town Green from December 4 through December 18, 2023 for placement of the Menorah. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Living Wisely and Well on Planet Earth for use of the Town Green April 27, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to hold the Earth Day Fair. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Tax Collector – Robert Imperato for a four year term as per Sectio 110-4 of the Code of the Town of Branford. Term effective November 21, 2023 through November 20, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to add the approval of the 2024 Board of Selectmen's meeting schedule to the agenda. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins.

The Board proposed to meet the first and third Wednesday of each month unless the meeting date falls on a Holiday and the meeting time will change to 4:30 p.m. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the 2024 Board of Selectmen's Meeting schedule as proposed. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

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 $Other-Dan\ Hally\ addressed\ the\ board\ to\ raise\ questions\ and\ concerns\ he\ had\ about\ the\ recent\ election\ and\ the\ status\ of\ the\ Registrar\ of\ Voters\ Office.$

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk