

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Video/teleconference meeting
November 18, 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: Judith Murray, Attorney; Margaret Lubberda, Human Resources Director; Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation; Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief; Ray Ingraham, RTM member; Kevin Healy, RTM member; Bob Dahill, Todd Petrowski, Nancy Witkowski, Wayne Cooke and Mark Zaretsky.

No action was taken on the approval of the minutes.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into executive session to discuss possible settlement in the Salzano v. Town of Branford workers' compensation claim at 6:02 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney Murray and Margaret Lubberda, Human Resources Director 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, Judith Murray, Attorney and Margaret Lubberda, Human Resources Director.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular meeting at 6:11 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the proposed settlement as presented by Attorney Murray in the Salzano v. Town of Branford workers' compensation case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgin. Vote unanimous.

Alex Palluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request to waive bid for the removal of material & drainage improvements to the Foote Park Tennis Court Renovation Project and award the contract to D&O Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$20,550.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Alex Palluzzi, Jr., Director of Parks & Recreation to waive bid for the removal of material & drainage improvements to the Foote Park Tennis Court Renovation Project and award the contract to D&O Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$20,550. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Thomas Mahoney addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request to waive the bid for the purchase of an emergency management software package and services and award the contract to Veoci Inc.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Fire Chief Tom Mahoney to waive the bid for the purchase of an emergency management software package and services and award the contract to Veoci Inc. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Branford may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that James B. Cosgrove, as First Selectman of the Town of Branford, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Branford and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Bob Dahill addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request for the placement of two art pieces in the triangle park located along Pine Orchard Road and Elizabeth Street.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Pine Orchard Association for the placement of two art pieces in the triangle park located along Pine Orchard Road and Elizabeth Street. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the 2021 Board of Selectmen's meeting schedule. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Planning and Zoning

Marcia Palluzzi term to expire October 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. 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 a letter to the board concerning the citizens ability to speak at meetings.

Other – Wayne Cooke spoke for 3 minutes.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk