

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT



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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Video/teleconference meeting  
December 2, 2020  
Fire Headquarters – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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; Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation; Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk; Frank Twohill, RTM member; Carolyn Sires, RTM member; Todd Petrowski, Nancy Witkowski, Wayne Cooke and Mark Zaretsky.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to add executive session for discussion of pending tax appeals to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the minutes of November 4, 2020 and November 18, 2020. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session to discuss possible tax appeals at 6:02 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. 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 Attorney James Perito.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular meeting at 6:09 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 in the Araneo v Town of Branford – 8 Abbie Road tax appeal case as presented by Attorney Perito. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that it is in the best interest of the Town of Branford to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, James B. Cosgrove, the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Branford. James B. Cosgrove currently holds the Office of First Selectman and has held that office since November 19, 2013. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

(This resolution is necessary to submit a grant to the DEEP)

Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the policies of the Town of Branford comply with nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of the Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60 and 4a-60a, as amended.

(This resolution is necessary to submit a grant to the DEEP)

Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Chabad-Lubavitch of the Shoreline for placement of a menorah on the Town Green from December 8, 2020 through December 20, 2020. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Moms Demand Action/CT Shoreline for use of the Town Green on December 13, 2020 from noon to 3:00 p.m. to hold a holiday gift drive. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove read a letter from First Selectman Cosgrove stated that the email/link is available in the drop box.

Other – Wayne Cooke addressed the board and spoke for 3 minutes. Todd Petrowski and Nancy Witkowski also addressed the board. A brief discussion took place concerning the public speaking at meetings.

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Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Seconded by  
Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk