

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

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## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting December 15, 2021 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 Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Third Selectman Raymond Dunbar. Also present was Carolyn Sires, RTM member.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to add an appointment to the Water Pollution Control Authority to the agenda under item #5. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session at 6:02 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar to discuss pending tax appeals. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular meeting at 6:18 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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

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

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Lambertz v. Town of Branford – 27 and 28 Wood Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Gargano v. Town of Branford – 26 Wood Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a proposed settlement agreement as presented by Attorney Perito in the Walmart Real Estate Business Trust v. Town of Branford – 120 Commercial Parkway tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Supervisor, Department of Public Works to waive the bid for the advertising and bidding requirements for repairs to a John Deere 544J Loader and award the contract to W.I. Clark in the amount of \$33,000. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Orchard House for use of the Town Green on Saturday, July 9, 2022 to hold a Cornhole Tournament. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Friends of the Blackstone Memorial Library for use of the Town Green on September 22 through September 25, 2022 to hold the annual Book Sale. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request Branford Arts and Cultural Alliance for use of the Town Green on September 17 and September 18, 2022 to hold an Art and Crafts Market. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Parker Memorial Park Commission

Lori Kovi to fill a vacancy left by Penelope O'Neill term to expire December 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee

Michael Cohen to fill a vacancy left by Joseph Gordon. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Kurt Uihlein to fill a vacancy left by Robert Imperato term to expire October 15, 2021. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove acknowledges an email received from Wayne Cooke sent to all of the board members. For the record it will be attached to the minutes. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Other – none

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk