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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 28, 2018 – unapproved

Fire Department 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 Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. and Third Selectman John J. Ahern. Also present were: Gary Zielinski, Highway Supervisor; Alex Palluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation; Michael Pascucilla, Director, East Shore District Health Department; Dan McGowan, Supervisor, Transfer Station; Brian Devlin, WPCF; Ray Ingraham, RTM Member; Shirley McCarthy and Marianne Hall.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Highway Supervisor to waive the bid for the purchase of a 2000 Ottawa Yard Spotter from Barnick's Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$22,000. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

The order of the agenda was changed to hear items #4 and #5 prior to item #2.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Michael Pascucilla, Director, East Shore District Health Department to waive the requirement for bidding pursuant to section 73-2 of the Code of the Town of Branford and authorize the sale of the pump out boat to Shrink the Boat, LLC in the amount of \$39,000. The town will receive \$9,750 (25%) of the sale and the state will retain the remaining balance since the boat was purchased with a shared grant 75% / 25%. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Brian Devlin, WPCF provided a report as required by Section 75-2-C-(2) of the *Code of the Town of Branford* for emergency work to repair a broken 8 in. sewer force main at the corner of Hemlock Road and Green Farms Road. The cost for the emergency work totaled \$22,595. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to accept the report. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Alex Palluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation to waive the bid for the reconditioning of the 8 Har Tru clay tennis courts at Foote Park and award the contract to Hinding Tennis Courts in the amount of \$17,200. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from Alex Palluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation to waive the bid for the refurbishing of the 4 asphalt tennis courts at Foote Park and award the contract to Hinding Tennis Courts in the amount of \$16,000. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal's employment contract. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a shellfish agreement between the Town of Branford and CW Shellfish for bed 562. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the owner of Darbar India Restaurant for the installation of an awning over the sidewalk along Main Street at 1070 Main Street. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to appoint James Finch, Finance Director as the liaison to handle all Neighborhood Assistance Act matters. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from the Solid Waste and Recycling Department for use of the Town Green to hold the annual Clean Litter day on April 21, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve a request from USPS for use of the Town Green on May 11, 2018 to hold the annual Food Drive kick off beginning at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Board of Assessment Appeals (alternate) - Joseph Fazzino. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Dock Master

Leno Torelli for the 2018 Boating season. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Community Forest Commission

Doug Welch to fill a vacancy left by Christopher Woerner term to expire January 30, 2019.
Dan Fitzgerald to fill a vacancy left by Joann Minicozzi term to expire January 30, 2020.
Motion made by Selectman Higgins to approve the appointments. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Branford Green Committee

Amy Graver to fill a vacancy left by Tammy Becker term to expire May 31, 2020. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

Erin McCarthy to fill a vacancy left by Laura Barr term to expire December 31, 2021. Motion made by Selectman Ahern to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to abate the taxes on the following properties:

26 Church Street – bill no. 2016-01-0000866	\$2,569.02
28 Church Street – bill no. 2016-01-0000867	\$926.75

Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Ahern to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk