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MINUTES OF SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING April 24, 2019 First Selectman's Office -3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, and Third Selectman John J. Ahern. Also present were Carolyn Sires and Robert Wheeler.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from Carolyn Sires for use of the Town Green May 6 through May 8, 2019 for the placement of a traveling art installation by Scott LoBaido to promote patriotism and raise awareness concerning veteran suicide. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve a request from Nancy Cohen, Activities Coordinator, Canoe Brook Senior Center, for an exemption as permitted by section 115-4 of the Code of the Town of Branford regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public area and allow beer and wine to be served at the Spring Fling Dinner Party on April 30, 2019. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

First Selectman Cosgrove read the following proclamation:

Arbor Day April 26, 2019

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and;

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and;

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nations and the world, and

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Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and;

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and;

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and;

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, therefore, We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Branford, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the Town of Branford and urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici

Clerk