

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

March 19, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

Community Center – 46 Church Street

1. To consider, and if appropriate approve the minutes from February 19, 2025 (as corrected by the Clerk) and March 7, 2025 (special meeting).
2. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Director of Public Works to waive the bid for catch basin cleaning and award the contract to Shaw Vac Services in the amount of \$29 per basin and \$200 per hour for basin cleaning. (Shaw Vac Services matched the lowest price in the CRCOG bid).
3. To consider, and if appropriate, waive the bid for consulting services as outlined in the proposal from Tyche Planning and Policy Group for Branford Land Use Support Services dated March 11, 2025 and award the contract to Tyche Planning and Policy Group in the amount of \$4,200 per month.
4. To consider, and if appropriate, approve the 2025 Stony Creek Town Dock fees for Commercial Passenger Vessel permit fee in the amount of \$1,500 and the Commercial Slip permit fee in the amount of \$1,200.
5. To consider, and if appropriate, approve the following proclamation:

### **Arbor Day**

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

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 town 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 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Town of Branford and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

6. Reappointments:

Board of Finance

Christine Ciociola term to expire January 30, 2028.

Center Revitalization Review Board

Terence Elton and Norbert Church terms to expire March 31, 2028.

Commission on Elderly Services

Patricia Brownell, Laurie Rockwell, Ellen Carucci terms to expire December 31, 2027.

Community Forest commission

Ivy Kim Bigelow term to expire January 30, 2027.

Doreen Larson-Oboyski term to expire January 30, 2028.

Dockmaster – 2025 Boating Season

Leno Torelli

East Shore Health Department District Board

Susan Addiss term to expire February 28, 2028.

Human Services Board

Andy Marlett and Sarah Lockery terms to expire December 31, 2027.

7. Appointments:

Parks and Open Space Authority

Greg Cox term to expire June 30, 2027.

8. Green Use:

To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from National Day of Prayer (Marion Lovig) for use of the Town Green on May 1, 2025 to hold a Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

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9. Correspondence

10. Other

11. Adjournment