

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting February 19, 2025 Community House – 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins. Also present: James Perito, Attorney; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCA; Thomas Mahoney, Fire Chief and Dan Hally.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes from November 20, 2024, December 11, 2024 (special meeting) as corrected by the Clerk, December 20, 2024 (special meeting) and January 24, 2025 (special meeting). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending tax appeals. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Attorney James Perito to attend the executive session. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to return to regular meeting at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion made by to Selectman Dunbar to approve the proposed settlement in the 61 Burban Drive tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to accept a report from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility for emergency work related to the repair of a damaged 8 in sewer line located near 49 Swift Street completed by Laydon Industries, LLC at a cost of \$32,667.82. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Kevin Ortiz, Civil Design Engineer to waive an informality in the bid for the Pedestrian Connectivity Improvement received from Murillo Construction, LLC and award the contract to Murillo Construction LLC in the amount of \$407,757.75. (Murillo Construction, LLC was the low bidder. However, the bid bond was not submitted with the bid package. The bid bond has since been received.) Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library to approve an exemption as permitted by section 115-4 of the Code of the Town of Branford and allow the serving of beer and wine during the Art Opening Receptions to be held on the following dates: March 2 (snow day March 9), April 6, May 4, June 1, June 29, July 27, August 3, August 31, September 7, September 28, October 26 and November 23, 2025.

Appointments:

Academy on the Green – Branford Historical Society Representative
Brittany Ryan term to expire January 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Deputy Emergency Management Director - Thomas Nguyen-Phuoc. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Committee – First Baptist Church Representative
Susan Ward term to expire May 31, 2028. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Planning and Zoning – Alternate
David Dyer term to expire October 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Water Pollution Control Authority
Kirsten Dooley term to expire October 15, 2025. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments

Board of Fire Commissioners

Paul Riccio and Kathy Fox terms to expire January 31, 2028. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Board of Ethics

Kyle Nelson term to expire January 30, 2030. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Parker Memorial Park Commission

Edward Esborn term to expire December 31, 2029. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

The request from the Compassion Club for use of the Town Green on Saturday, April 19, 2025 to hold an Easter Bake Sale from 9:00 a.m. to noon was withdrawn – no action was taken.

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Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Stony Creek Farmers Market for use of Bayview Park to hold Farmer's Markets Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. May 18, 2025 thru November 2, 2025. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

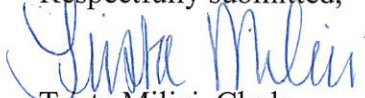
Correspondence:

First Selectman read an email from Kevin Coughlin dated February 10, 2025 re: possible cuts to federal funding and potential impact to the town.

Other: Dan Hally addressed the board concerning correspondence, meetings and special meetings.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Trista Milici, Clerk