

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting March 19, 2025 Community House – 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins. Also present: Gary Zielinski, Public Works Director; Frank Twohill, RTM Member and Carolyn Sires.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the minutes from February 19, 2025 as corrected by the Clerk and March 7, 2025 (special meeting). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to add a proclamation declaring April as Parkinson's Awareness month. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to 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 for calendar year 2025. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to 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. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to 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. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

First Selectman Cosgrove read 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

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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 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.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

First Selectman Cosgrove read the following proclamation:

April As Parkinson's Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disorder affecting millions of people worldwide, impacting their movement, balance, and quality of life; More than 20,000 Connecticut residents have been diagnosed with Parkinson's; and,

WHEREAS, raising awareness about Parkinson's disease is crucial to promote early diagnosis, access to quality care, and continued research towards effective treatments; and,

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease can vary from person to person, including tremors, rigidity, slowness of movement, and speech difficulties; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Branford, do hereby proclaim the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month, urging all citizens to educate themselves about this condition, support those living with Parkinson's disease, and advocate for further research and advancements in treatment options.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Reappointments:

Board of Police Commissioners

Christine Ciociola term to expire January 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Center Revitalization Review Board

Terence Elton and Norbert Church terms to expire March 31, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Commission on Elderly Services

Patricia Brownell, Laurie Rockwell, Ellen Carucci terms to expire December 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Community Forest Commission

Ivy Kim Bigelow term to expire January 30, 2027.

Doreen Larson-Oboyski term to expire January 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Dockmaster – 2025 Boating Season - Leno Torelli. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

East Shore Health Department District Board

Susan Addiss term to expire February 28, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Human Services Board

Andy Marlatt and Sarah Lockery terms to expire December 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Parks and Open Space Authority

Greg Cox term to expire June 30, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to 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. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Correspondence - None

Other - None

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk