

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting January 24, 2025 Community Center – 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: Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCF; Margaret Lubberda, Director, Human Resources; Colin Sheehan, Special Events Coordinator; Perry Maresca, Economic Development Manager; John Hartwell, RTM Member; Ed Masotta, Branford Festival Committee; and Dan Hally.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m. to discuss a proposed settlement in the Gill v. Town of Branford Heart and Hypertension Claim. First Selectman Cosgrove invited Margaret Lubberda to attend the executive session. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to return to regular meeting at 4:06 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were: First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar, Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Margaret Lubberda, Director, Human Resources.

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

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a proposed settlement in the Gill v. Town of Branford Heart and Hypertension Claim. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to accept a report from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility for the emergency purchase of two new Homa 29hp pumps for the Bradley Pump Station at a cost of \$43,200. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to accept a report from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility for emergency work done on at the Squire Hill Pump Station done by Laydon Industries, LLC in the amount of \$20,538.67. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to waive an informality in the bid received from Gengras Ford, Inc. (Gengras Ford provided the low bid for the purchase of 2025 Ford Interceptor Vehicles. However, the affidavit received with the bid did not include a raised seal by the notary). The informality in the paperwork has been rectified. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the revised Sick Leave policy effective January 1, 2025. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Festival Committee 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 Annual Branford Festival to be held June 15 through June 17, 2025 at Hammer Field (for the record the dates should be June 13 through June 15, 2025). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman of the Town of Branford is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts, and documents necessary to obtain a grant through the state of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management should the town be selected for a grant award.

Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

#### Appointments:

Board of Finance – Yvett Larrieu to fill a vacancy left by Victor Cassella term to expire May 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Central Regional Tourism District – Perry Maresca to fill a vacancy left by Terry Elton term to expire January 31, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Inland Wetlands Commission – Rachel Mirsky to fill a vacancy left by Melissa Funaro term to expire May 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

#### Public Building Commission

Mario Ricozzi to fill a vacancy left by Peter Banca term to expire January 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Carolyn Mancini to fill a vacancy left by Mario Ricozzi term to expire June 30, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk