

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting June 26, 2024 Fire Headquarters – 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 were: Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation; Dale Izzo, Asst. Director Parks and Recreation; James Finch Finance Director; Robert Kovi, Director of Technology, BOE; Mackey Dykes, Vice President Financing Programs, CT Green Bank; Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Members: Shirley McCarthy, Dan Rabin, John Prins, Eunice Mahler and Greg Ames; RTM Members: Donna Laich and Frank Twohill and Carolyn Sires.

The Board did not go into Executive Session to discuss tax appeals. The board was provided with a letter from Attorney James Perito outlining the proposed settlement. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a proposed settlement in the 1 Halstead v. Town of Branford tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Item #3 was moved to the end of the agenda.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Alex Palluzzi, Director of Parks and Recreation to waive the bid for the purchase of a 2024 Kia EV9 electric vehicle from Premier Kia in the amount of \$57,430. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to waive the requirement for advertising and bidding and approve a Power Purchase Agreement with the CT Green Bank for a proposed solar array located at 100 Tabor Drive – Ecology Park. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. For the record it was noted that the resolution needed to be approved as part of this action. The Board waived the reading of the full resolution. The resolution will be filed on record with the minutes.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to waive the requirement for advertising and bidding and approve a Power Purchase Agreement with the CT Green Bank and approve the resolution authorizing the First Selectman execute the necessary documents. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

To review and discuss a Petition to add plant and flower beds to the green area near the First Baptist Church and Tyler Park. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that he would consult with the Green Committee. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the additional plant and flower beds to the green area near the First Baptist Church and Tyler Park. The request for the structure was not included in the approval. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a four year lease agreement between the Town of Branford and American Capital for 750 HP Chromebooks at annual cost of \$84,044.68 including financing fees. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Masonic Temple for use of the Town Green on May 31, 2025 (rain date June 1, 2025) from noon to 7:00 p.m. to hold Celtic Festival. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from the Society of Nepalese in America for use of the Town Green on July 13, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to hold Nepal Day Parade 2024. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Board of Finance

Deborah Conklin to fill a vacancy left by Charles Shelton term to expire July 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Inland Wetlands

Melissa Papanones term to expire May 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

David Gocłowski from alternate position to fill a full member position left by Mark Steinberg term to expire May 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Waste Water Treatment Facility to waive an informality in the bid received from Whitfield Sanitation. (The Affidavit received with the bid did not include a raised seal by the notary). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Other – none

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Motion made by Selectwoman Higgin to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk