

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting July 24, 2024 Fire Headquarters – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: Attorney Adam DiFulvio; Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation; Brian Droney, Lead Tradesman; Jon Mulhern, Police Chief; RTM Members: Tracey Everson and Frank Twohill; Dan Hally; Holly Hackett; Lori-Lynn Ross and Carolyn Sires.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into executive session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss strategy related to a proposed settlement from the town's insurance carrier concerning damages in the Cooke v. Shapiro et al lawsuit. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. First Selectman invited Attorney Adam DiFulvio to attend the executive session.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular meeting at 5:09 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

For the record no votes were taken while in executive session. Present in executive session were: First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar, Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins and Attorney Adam DiFulvio.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to consent to the settlement in the Cooke v. Shapiro et al lawsuit. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Brian Droney, Lead Tradesman to waive the bid for the installation of a Three Phase Uninterruptible Power Supply at Fire Headquarters and award the contract to Power Solutions LLC in the amount of \$33,403.62 (the lowest quote received). Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to accept a report from Brian Droney concerning emergency repair to the air conditioning system at the Branford Police Department. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to accept a report from Brian Droney concerning emergency repair to the air conditioning system at the Community House. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request for a bid waiver for a multi-year contract for In-Car Camera Systems for the Police Department fleet and award the contract to Axon. (This item will also require a favorable opinion from the Board of Finance). Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to abate the taxes on List #9870 191 Short Beach Road owned by Hospice for the 2023 and 2024 tax years. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request to place a Christmas Tree at the Supply Pond. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Branford Counseling and Community Services for use of the Town Green on September 29, 2024 from noon to 4:00 p.m. to the Annual Pat Andriole Family Day. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Branford Garden Club for use of the Town Green on October 11, 2024 through November 5, 2024 to hold Scarecrows on the Green. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Board of Ethics

Timothy Lewendon to fill a vacancy left by Peter Stolzman term to expire January 30, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Board of Fire Commissioners

Donald Conklin to fill a vacancy left by Madeline Clem term to expire January 31, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Branford Housing Authority

Lori-Lynn Ross to fill the expired term left by Mark Colello term to expire April 30, 2029. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Nadim Matta to fill a vacancy left by Kate Collins term to expire April 30, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Forest Commission

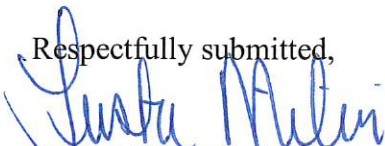
Abigail Adams to fill a vacancy left by Patrick Sweeney term to expire January 30, 2027.  
Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove read an email from Chris Drago.

Other – none

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici, Clerk