

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting October 2, 2024 - Revised Fire Headquarters – 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectwoman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: Brendan Leddy, Director of Facilities, BOE; Frank Twohill, RTM member and Carolyn Sires.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of August 21, 2024. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to enter into Executive session to discuss pending Tax appeals. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to return to regular meeting at 4:43 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by to Selectman Dunbar to approve the proposed settlement in the 35 Thimble Farms Road tax appeal case. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar approve the proposed settlement in the Stony Creek Quarry v. Town of Branford case concerning a manufacturing exemption. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Brendan Leddy, Director of Facilities, BOE addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request to waive the bid for the purchase of a vehicle and allow him to negotiate with McDermott Chevrolet to purchase a full-size SUV for a price not to exceed \$55,000. This item was tabled.

Brendan Leddy, Director of Facilities, BOE addressed the board to provide additional information to waive the bid for the purchase of door hardware and award the contract to Builders Hardware in the amount of \$48,000. This item was tabled.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town of Branford may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate for a grant of \$400,000 for the Trolley Trail Bridge Improvements.

Further Resolved, that James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman is authorized and direct to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Branford and to do

and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Army's Legacy Animal Rescue for use of the Town Green on Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to hold a Halloween Parade for Pups. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Reappointments:

Board of Ethics

Joseph Corrandino term to expire January 30, 2029. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Board of Finance

Harry DiAdamo and Jeffrey Valette terms to expire July 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Board of Recreation

Nancy Drevins to fill a vacancy left by Deb Conklin term to expire October 13, ~~2015~~ 2025. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Center Revitalization Review Board

Phil Carloni, Schuyler Colter and Tricia Bohan Ridinger terms to expire March 31, 2026.

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

Anthony Terry and John Herzan terms to expire March 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Commission on Elderly Services

Alpha Coiro term to expire December 31, 2025. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Conservation and Environment Commission

Adrian Bonenberger, Christie Day, Karyl Lee Hall and Neil Goodlad terms to expire July 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Daniel Cosgrove Animal Shelter

Bernice McKay and Laurie Van Wilgen terms to expire September 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Economic Development Commission

James Fennell and Karen Ragonese terms to expire July 31, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Dan Rabin term to expire April 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Parks and Open Space Authority

Amy Bartels and Wendy Burton terms to expire June 30, 2027. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Shellfish Commission

David Steinhardt term to expire August 31, 2028. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Solid Waste Management Commission

Harvey Heyman and Trudy Muhlbauer terms to expire September 30, 2029. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Stony Creek Architectural Review Board

Elizabeth Wieland and William Murry terms to expire May 31, 2028. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

John Herzan, Sam Kirby and Greg Ames terms to expire May 31, 2029. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Veteran Parade Committee

Alex Palluzzi, Dale Izzo, Dana Strickland, Dennis Flanigan, Elliott Hastings, Harvy Goldstein, John Fitzgerald, Philip Zielinski, Ray Ingraham, Vincent Giordano, Jr. and William O'Brien terms to expire September 30, 2028. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Water Commission

Dan Hally term to expire May 31, 2029. Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

John Nelson term to expire December 31, 2028. Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

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Appointments:

Shellfish Commission

David DeBell to fill a vacancy left by Peter Graves term to expire August 31, 2028. Selectman Dunbar to approve the reappointments. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Other – First Selectman Cosgrove announced that most of public meetings normally held at Fire Headquarters will be moved to the Community Center effective November 4, 2024.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici
Clerk