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Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting December 11, 2024 Community House – 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: Gary Zielinski, Director, Public Works; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCA; Alex Palluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation; Dale Izzo, Asst. Director, Parks and Recreation; Judy Barron, Executive Director, CDR; Michelle Benivegna, Vice-Chair, CDR and Frank Twohill, RTM Member.

Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility provided a report for emergency work necessary for the removal and replacement of 6-inch piping to the check valve structure from the wet well at Riverside Drive Pump Station. The work was performed by Laydon Industries, LLC at a cost of \$17,502.41. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to accept the report. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility to waive the bid for smoke testing of approximately 24,000 linear feet of 8 in. gravity sewer lines and 1,400 linear feet of 10 in. ID gravity sewer lines and award the contract to Savy & Sons for a total cost of \$21,250. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Gary Zielinski, Director of Public Works to waive for CCTV drainage pipe inspection, jetting and removal services an award the contract to Aqualis using the following rates: Jet Vat Combo truck and crew: \$4,000 per day; CCTV with crew: \$3,024.45 per day and Mobilization and demobilization for CCTV and crew \$2,550 per job location. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve a request from Alex Palluzzi, Director Parks and Recreation to waive the requirement for advertising and bidding for paving work at Sliney Fields parking lot and award the contract to Maisano Bros. Inc for a total cost of \$38,500. (Three quotes were received Maisano Bros. Inc was the lowest). Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from James Finch, Finance Director to waive the bid for the purchase of Pension Administration Software and award the contract to in the amount of \$38,600. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Green Use:

To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Chabad-Lubavitch of the Shoreline for use of the Town Green on December 18, 2024 through January 5, 2025 for the placement of a Menorah. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to approve the application. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Branford Parks and Recreation Department for use of the Town Green on January 3, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold the Annual First Night Bonfire Event. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgin to approve the application. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Branford Housing Authority

Bonnie Ballantyne to fill a vacancy left by Andy Wright term to expire April 30, 2026. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins. Seconded by Selectman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectman Dunbar 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 amount of \$75,088.53 for the Operation and Maintenance of a Pumpout Vessel(s) and Construction/Purchase/Installation of a new marine sewage Disposal Facility (MSDF)/Pumpout Vessel(s) or repair or upgrade of an existing MSDF/Pumpout Vessel, for the 2025 season; and

Further Resolved, that James B. Cosgrove, as First Selectman of the Town of Branford, is authorized and directed 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.

(This resolution is necessary to apply for funding through the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to support the Pumpout Vessel Program)

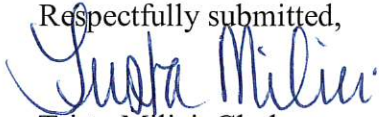
Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Michelle Benivegna, Vice Chairman of the Community Dining Room addressed the board and read a letter dated December 10, 2024 concerning the generator at the CDR.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,



Trista Milici, Clerk