

# BOARD OF FINANCE

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## MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

Board of Finance Chairman Joseph Mooney called the opening of fiscal 2019-2020 budget hearings to order at 7:00 p.m. at Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street. All board members were present—Harry DiAdamo, Victor Cassella, Robert Imperato, Joseph Mooney, Charles Shelton, Jr., and Jeffrey Vailette.

Also in attendance were First Selectman James Cosgrove, Finance Director James Finch, Assistant Finance Director Kathryn LaBanca and Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk. From the RTM were: Anthony Alfone, Peter Black, Tom Brockett, Don Conklin, Linda Erlanger, Dennis Flanigan, Peter Hentschel, Ray Ingraham, John Leonard (departed at 8pm), Marc Riccio (arrived at 8pm), Chris Sullivan (departed at 8pm) and Frank Twohill.

Chairman Mooney wished good luck to the Branford boy's hockey team in tonight's championship game, and welcomed Harry DiAdamo as a new member of the Board of Finance. Chairman Mooney presented an overview of the budget process, which includes budget hearings tonight, tomorrow and Thursday to conclude the hearings. The Board of Finance will deliberate and reconvene on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> to recommend a budget to the RTM. He noted the mill rate will be set May 20<sup>th</sup> after the RTM deliberates earlier in May.

Chairman Mooney gave the following highlights:

The total budget request for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$116,643,012 with estimated revenues of \$13.8 million, leaving a net-to-be-raised-from-taxation of \$102,837,581 or a 3.5% increase in taxes. There is an estimated grand list of \$3.565 billion or a \$13.7 million increase. On the expenditure side, the total budget request is an increase of 4.1%-- broken down as town operating expenditures increase of 2.8%, capital leases and other requests on the town side of a 47% increase. The total town side of expenditures is a 2.294% increase, and BOE is requesting a 2.1% increase in their operational budget including estimated contributions to the teacher's retirement.

The following departments presented their budgets to the Board of Finance:

### DEPARTMENT

### PRESENTER

#### RTM-RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Conservation & Environment  
Water Pollution Control Authority

Harry Smith  
Karen Hannon  
Dan Gregory/Brian Devlin

Economic Development  
Inland Wetlands & Natural Resources  
Building Inspection & Enforcement  
Planning & Zoning

Perry Maresca  
Diana Ross/Peter Bassermann  
Anthony Cinicola  
Harry Smith

RTM-WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Parks & Open Space	Ainsley Highman
Recreation Department	Alex Palluzzi
including Parker Memorial Park & Young's Park Commission	
Branford Cable Television	Jamie Cosgrove
Sewer Assessment Fund	Jim Finch
Public Celebration	Jim Finch
Employee Group Insurance	Jim Finch
Municipal Insurance	Jim Finch
Pensions & Contributions	Jim Finch
Contingency	Jim Finch
Principal Debt Service	Jim Finch
Interest Debt Service	Jim Finch
Board of Finance	Jim Finch
Fiscal Services	Jim Finch

Chairman Mooney announced (to a round of applause) that the BHS boy's hockey team just clinched the Division II championship by a score of 2-0! He called for a continuance of the budget hearings at 8:42 p.m.; the Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



Lisa E. Arpin, CCTC  
Clerk, Board of Finance