



**RTM PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Town of Branford**

Susan Dahill, Abigail Adams, Chiran Neupane, Shannen Sharkey,  
Gino Popolizio, Gyanu Shrestha, and Adrian Bonenberger, Chair

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**SPECIAL MEETING NOTES**

March 7, 2024

- Call to Order at: 7pm
- Roll Call:
  - a. All present w/Public Services. Ways & Means called roll as well, all present. Selectmen all present as ex officios.
- To consider and act on the following resolution (also available to the public on the Town's website):

"A RESOLUTION AMENDING 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$325,000 FOR THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$325,000 THEREFOR' TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT AND INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION THEREIN BY AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000,000."

Moved by Josh Brooks, seconded by Chris Hynes.

A series of questions from RTM committee members, RTM members in attendance, and citizens were asked of the Deputy Chief of Police, the architect, and Downes Construction, all of whom were in attendance. The Chief of Police also made remarks.

Overall the questions were answered satisfactorily.

Question was called by Representative Popolizio and seconded by Representative Neupane. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

- The special meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm.

Submitted respectfully by Adrian Bonenberger, Chair, Public Services Committee.

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WHEREAS, a resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$325,000 FOR THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$325,000 THEREFOR" was adopted by the Representative Town Meeting on February 8, 2023 (the "Original Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Branford (the "Town") would like to amend the project scope of the Original Resolution to include the addition of the improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

**Section I.** The Original Resolution is hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted, and is amended to modify the scope of the Project, to increase the appropriation and bond authorization therein by \$20,000,000, from \$325,000 to \$20,325,000, and to make amendments to such resolution as set forth herein.

**Section II.** The caption of the Original Resolution is replaced in its entirety as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$20,325,000 FOR THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$20,325,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

**Section III.** Section 1 of the Original Resolution is replaced in its entirety as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$20,325,000 is appropriated by the Town of Branford, Connecticut (the "Town"), for (i) preliminary costs (including architectural and construction management fees) to determine the cost and scope of the renovation of the police headquarters located at 33 Laurel Street in the Town (the "Police Headquarters"), (ii) the planning, acquisition and construction of renovations to the Police Headquarters and the firearms training range located at 30 Harrison Avenue in the Town, including, but not limited to, a carport structure, related site improvements, relocation and temporary facility expenses, communications and computer infrastructure and equipment, furniture, fixtures and equipment, utilities, HVAC systems, repair or improvement of structures affected by the construction, testing, remediation,

surveying, and appurtenances related to the foregoing, or so much thereof or such additional improvements as may be accomplished within said appropriation, and for architectural, engineering, other consultant services as required, in part, and approximately in accordance with the Downes Construction Company report dated November 13, 2023, as may be amended, and (iii) insurance, legal, printing, capitalized interest, financing and debt administration costs (the "Project").

**Section IV.** The first sentence of Section 2 of the Original Resolution is replaced in its entirety as follows:

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$20,325,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law.

**Section V.** Sections 3 through 7 of the Original Resolution remain unchanged and are hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted.