



RTM RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE

Town of Branford

Adrian Bonenberger, Dan Adelman, Susan Dahill, Ray Ingraham, Peter Black, Trish Anderson
Peter Hentschel, Chair

MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2024, 7:00 PM
Branford Community Center

RECEIVED
2024 APR 22 P 12:40
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
 - a. Present - AB, DA, SD, RI, PB, TA, PH
2. Approval of 3/19/24 Meeting Minutes
 - a. No comments or changes TA moved, RI second, all in favor except DA who abstained because he was absent at that meeting.
3. To hear and review proposed departmental budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTER	PAGE #
Conservation & Environment	Heather Wells Sweeney	50
Building Inspection & Enforcement	Tony Cinicola	37
Inland Wetlands & Natural Resources	Jamie Frederick	26
Planning & Zoning	Harry Smith	23
Zoning Board of Appeals	James Sette / Harry Smith	24
Water Pollution Control Authority	Brian Devlin	40,65-66
Economic Development	Perry Maresca	25

A discussion and explanation of the budget items by department heads was followed by questions from RTM members on the Committee, RTM members in the audience, and also citizens of Branford.

PB moved to approve all of these departmental budgets together, AB seconded.

Unanimously approved.

4. To consider, and if appropriate, recommend the establishment of a Branford Harbor Management Commission as requested by the First Selectman.
 - a. Report from the working group established to research the issues.

Update by Rep. Adelman on progress of working group to date. Group hopes to meet with 1st Selectman Cosgrove soon.

AB moves to re-refer, PB seconds, unanimous approval

5. To consider, and if appropriate, recommend the establishment of a Town Ordinance to regulate short-term rentals in Branford.
 - a. R&O established a working group to initiate background research. The group consisted of PB, PH, AB. Rep Anderson moved to approve, seconded by Rep Ingraham. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Five citizens attended to share their thoughts on the subject of short-term rentals in Branford and spoke about them. A contact sheet was signed by most citizen attendees.
 - c. There will be further opportunities for the public to express their opinions and these will be noticed in future agenda.
6. Other Business
 - a. none
7. Adjourn
 - a. DA move to adjourn, RI second, unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted
Peter Hentschel
Chair, RTM Rules & Ordinances Committee