

**RTM WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**  
**Town of Branford**



Peter Black, Josh Brooks, Chris Hynes, Alisa Waterman  
John Hartwell, Chair

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**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 24,, 2024  
7:00 PM, Community House, 46 Church Street

There was a special meeting of the RTM Ways & Means Committee on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Branford Community House, 45 Church Street. Also attending in addition to the presenters were First Selectman Cosgrove, RTM Representatives Amore and Everson.

1. Roll Call
  - a. all members present
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes from the regular meeting of March 6th 2024, and the special joint meeting with Public Services of March 7th 2024 were reviewed and approved. Representative Black moved, and Representative Waterman seconded, passed 5-0.
3. To hear and approve proposed department budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTER	PAGE #
Branford Cable Television	Jamie Cosgrove	28
Representative Black moved, Representative Waterman seconded, passed 5-0		
Recreation Department	Alex Palluzzi/Dale Izzo	46
Representative Brooks moved, Representative Hynes seconded, passed 5-0		
Parks & Open Space Authority	Richard Shanahan	47, 61
Representative Hynes moved, Representative Brooks seconded, passed 5-0		
Pensions & Contributions	Jim Finch/Margaret Luberda	56
Employee Group Insurance	Jim Finch/Margaret Luberda	57
Municipal Insurance	Jim Finch/Margaret Luberda	58
These three were considered and approved in one motion		
Representative Black moved, Representative Hynes seconded, passed 5-0		
Board of Finance	Jim Finch	13
Representative Brooks moved, Representative Black seconded, passed 5-0		
Fiscal Services	Jim Finch	14
Representative Brooks moved, Representative Black seconded, passed 5-0		

Public Celebration	Jim Finch	49
<p>First Selectman Cosgrove read a letter requesting that the monthly stipend for the Town's band director be increased to \$500 monthly, or about \$50/hour for ten months of events. This would result in an increase of \$1812 to Seasonal and Part Time Help. The upcoming vote on the Contingency fund was identified as a potential place to offset.</p> <p>Representative Black was not in favor.</p> <p>Representative Brooks moved the amendment, Representative Waterman seconded, passed 4-1</p> <p>Representative Brooks moved the recommendation, Representative Hynes seconded, passed 4-1,</p>		
Principal Debt Service	Jim Finch	53
Interest Debt Service	Jim Finch	54
<p>These two debt were considered in one motion</p> <p>Representative Black moved, Representative Brooks seconded, passed 5-0</p>		
Contingency	Jim Finch	59
<p>Following the vote on Public Celebration, the Committee recommended an offsetting decrease in the 2025 Contingency budget of \$1812</p> <p>Representative Brooks moved, Representative Hynes seconded, passed 5-0</p>		
Sewer Assessment Fund	Jim Finch	64
<p>Representative Brooks moved, Representative Hynes seconded, passed 5-0</p>		

4. Other Business

Finance Director Finch noted the need for the committee to address two lease fund items found on page 60 of the budget

Lease Fund Town	\$150,000
Lease Fund BOE	\$125,000

Director Finch explained that the Town's fund paid for the annual rental of the Public Works garage, while the BOE funds were part of their technology budget.

Representative Black moved, Representative Waterman seconded, passed 5-0

5. Adjourn 9:35 pm

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Respectfully Submitted  
 John Hartwell  
 Chair, RTM Ways & Means Committee