



## RTM RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE

### Town of Branford

Adrian Bonenberger, Dan Adelman, Susan Dahill, Frank Twohill, Peter Black, Trish Anderson  
Peter Hentschel, Chair

### SCHEDULED MEETING *Minutes*

May 20, 2025, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order - Roll Call  
All present and accounted for
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - **Motion to approve: Rep. Black, Second: Rep. Anderson, Unanimous approval, 7-0**
  - **Change in agenda order moving Blight discussion to last, motion to change: Rep. Black, Second: Rep. Adelman, unanimous approval, 7-0**
3. 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 and review of current draft
    - **The draft is completed and ready to send to Bill Aniskovich**
    - **Changes were made by the working group based on a pro-bono review by an attorney expert John Casey of Robinson & Cole**
    - **Changes were made to simplify the bureaucracy**
    - **The goal is to have this ready for final approval by the RTM on June 11**
    - **Working group feels that a publicized meeting is needed for that final review and vote to approve – this will require a special meeting and a press release to the Sound. The final draft of the ordinance will be reviewed in detail at that meeting.**
    - **Review calendar and set a date for the special meeting**
    - **Vote to refer to a Special Meeting on June 2, 2025, via Zoom at 7:00pm. Motion by Rep. Black, Seconded by Rep. Twohill, Unanimous approval, 7-0**
4. To consider, and if appropriate, recommend the establishment of a Town Ordinance to regulate short-term rentals in Branford.
  - a. Report from the working group and review of current draft
    - **Draft was completed and sent to Bill Aniskovich for an initial review**
    - **Comments from Attorney Aniskovich were received and reviewed by the Working Group – further edits have been made based on that review – no changes in the key elements of the ordinance already discussed have been made.**
    - **The working group is waiting to schedule a zoom call with Bill to further review**
    - **The goal is to have this ready to be approved by the R&O by the end of June and sent to the RTM for September's meeting**

*Wesley*  
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

2025 JUN -4 P 2:09

RECEIVED

- **We will use the regular June meeting for a final review and schedule a further Special meeting later in June if further discussion is necessary.**
  - **Vote to re-refer to the next Regular Meeting, Motion by Rep. Black, Second by Rep. Bonenberger, Unanimous approval, 7-0**
5. To consider, and if appropriate, recommend amending the Town Blight Ordinance, Chapter 124 Blight Prevention, based on recommendations from the Town of Branford's Blight Enforcement Officer.
- a. Establish working group – Frank Twohill, Dan Adelman, Peter Hentschel
- **The working group that drafted the current ordinance (Frank Twohill, Dan Adelman, and Peter Hentschel) previously agreed to review the ordinance with the Blight Enforcement Officer after a year of implementation and consider making changes based on his recommendation.**
  - **This review has been completed, and amendments have been drafted and reviewed by the BEO – John Rusatsky.**
  - **The key changes in the ordinance were reviewed by the R&O Committee.**
  - **The goal is to piggyback this on the schedule for final review of the STRR ordinance with final adoption in September.**
  - **Vote to re-refer to the next regular meeting of R&O, Motion to amend Blight Ordinance: Rep. Adelman, Second: Rep. Twohill, Unanimous approval of the motion 7-0.**
6. Other Business
- **A short conversation followed, in which Rep. Anderson mentioned a property that is blighted and about which she has received correspondence, with no action. Rep. Dahill mentioned the noise ordinance, specifically as it applied to dogs barking. Rep. Anderson also asked about light regulations. This spurred a larger conversation about the lack of effective ordinance enforcement in Branford.**
7. Adjourn
- **Motion to adjourn by Rep. Adelman, Second by Rep. Bonenberger, unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted  
 Peter Hentschel  
 Chair, RTM Rules & Ordinances Committee