

TOWN OF BRANFORD REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 7:30PM

The R&O Committee held a meeting Tuesday May 16, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Branford Community House 46 Church Street Branford CT. This was regular meeting with no Zoom component.

Meeting started at 7:31pm

Peter Black, Chair

Committee in attendance: Peter Hentschel, Tricia Anderson, Karen Hesse and Adrian Bonenberger. Absent: David Wells, Josh Brooks

Also in attendance: Tracy Everson, Carolyn Sires, Chris Hynes, Ray Ingraham and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove. The following matters were addressed:

1. To review a proposed ordinance on gasoline powered leaf blowers and to make a recommendation to the full RTM on adoption.

No presentation was made by the presenter of the proposed ordinance. Discussion by committee and general public then took place. Discussion was made regarding the noise ordinance already in place and the difficulty it is to enforce that, how would this be enforced was questioned. Discussion was made of the efficiency of battery powered lawn equipment and how it has become more efficient with higher powered batteries as technology is developed. It was mentioned that over time the gas power leaf blower may become obsolete on its own as batteries become more accessible. Motion to re-refer by Peter Hentschel second by Tricia Anderson motion failed 3-2 to re-refer. Motion made to take no action by Peter Black second by Tricia Anderson motion carried 3-2 to take no action.

2. To review an ordinance establishing a state mandated Fair Rent Commission to implement case by case rent control in Branford and to make a recommendation to the full RTM.

Discussion to give more time to review to re-refer by Tricia Anderson second by Peter Hentschel. Motion carried unanimously to re-refer

3. To consider creation, by ordinance a Harbor Management Commission.

Harbor Master Vinny Suppa presented multi scenarios from dangerous water conditions, to rogue mooring issues, to missing out on revenue issues and navigational hazards for waterways. Members of the Shell Fish commission shared their concerns as well as the general public. A discussion of where to start first with a plan, with an ordinance regarding a commission with requirements from DEEP and the Town was also discussed. Motion to re-refer by Peter Hentschel second by Tricia Anderson. Motion carried unanimously to re-refer

4. No new business

Motion to adjourn by Karen Hesse second by Adrian Bonenberger

Meeting ended 8:53pm

Peter Black
Chair