

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**LEGAL NOTICE AND CALL
April 15, 2020 8:00 p.m. Remote Meeting**

Members of the public may attend the meeting via by telephone or by other technology by clicking the Zoom hyperlink. Choose your option below and you will be prompted to enter the meeting I.D. 982 160 566 and password 953358. There is no "participant I.D."—when asked, press the pound sign "#" to enter the remote meeting.

This remote meeting will follow guidelines set forth in the Governor's Executive Order 7B "Suspension of In-Person Open Meeting Requirements," excerpt attached.

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The RTM will be convened on Wednesday April 15, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street, to consider and act up on the following matters:

1. Review of the Governor's Executive Order 7B regarding conducting remote meetings
2. Roll Call.
3. Approval of minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting.
4. Reception of communications reports of committees, and citizen petitions.

5. The following non-budget essential items to be referred to the June 10, 2020 meeting.
- To consider, and if appropriate, adopt a uniform procedure for Ordinance enforcement pursuant to Town Meeting rules (A236-4.19d)
 - To consider and if appropriate, adopt a blight ordinance.
 - To consider, and if appropriate, approve an appropriation in the Coastal Resiliency Fund for the purchase of a property and structure located at 17 Creek Court and act on the resolution:
 - Citizens petitions:
 - An examination of the possible improprieties occurring during Costco's Inland Wetlands application and independent peer review, along with an examination of the investigation into the matter promised by the First Selectman.
 - To consider the possibility of public health hazards emanating from the demolition debris piles at the former Atlantic Wire site.
 - An examination of the role of the Town of Branford in the removal of an earthen berm by the Branford Land Trust at Jarvis creek and the potential safety hazards from the resulting flooding of Route 146.
 - An examination of the 77-acre Tabor Property, its current use and the development of a master plan.
 - An examination of past and present living conditions at Parkside Village housing complex and its oversight by the Branford Housing Authority.
6. To consider and if appropriate approve Sanitary Sewer assessment easement and subordination agreement for property at 497 East Main Street.
7. To consider and if appropriate adopt a resolution on tax deferment due to COVID-19 crisis.
8. To receive communications with respect to and consider and act upon a resolution entitled:
- “RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$6.8 MILLION TOWN OF BRANFORD GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, AUTHORIZING COMBINING INTO ONE ISSUE AND MAKING DETERMINATIONS WITH THE REFUNDING BONDS ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS OF THE TOWN, AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE INVESTMENT OF REFUNDING ESCROW AND ITS REINVESTMENT OVER ITS TERM.”
- The full text of the Resolution is attached and is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.*
9. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Board of Police Commissioners for the following budget transfer:

From:	10142010-517000	Regular Salaries	(\$15,905)
To:	10142010-579300	Furniture	15,905

10. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Board of Recreation for the following budget transfer:

From:	10145010-544100	Utilities-Water, Gas, Electric	(\$6,000)
To:	10145010-544300	Purchase Services – R & M	6,000

11. To receive communications with respect to and consider and act upon a resolution entitled:

“RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FOR TOWN WIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$500,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

The full text of the Resolution is attached and is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

12. To receive communications with respect to and consider and act upon a resolution entitled:

“RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$350,000 FOR STONY CREEK WHARF RECONSTRUCTION (2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$350,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

The full text of the Resolution is attached and is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

13. To receive communications with respect to and consider and act upon a resolution entitled:

“RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$5,245,000 FOR THE BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL LIBRARY RENOVATION (2018) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$5,245,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

(The purpose of the amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization from \$5,245,000 to \$5,745,000, and ratify, confirm and adopt all prior authorizations and resolutions in connection therewith).

The full text of the Resolution is attached and is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

14. To receive communications with respect to and consider and act upon a resolution entitled:

“RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$6,000,000 FOR THE TOWN OF BRANFORD TOWN-WIDE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$6,000,000 BOND, LEASE OR OTHER FINANCING OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

(The purpose of the amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization from \$6,000,000 to \$6,200,000, and ratify, confirm and adopt all prior authorizations and resolutions in connection therewith).

The full text of the Resolution is attached and is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

15. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Finance Director for the following budget transfer and resolution:

General Fund

From:	10190000-480296	Fund Balance	(\$79,607)
To:	10150000-599121 (New Account)	Transfer Out Municipal Facilities Fund	79,607

Municipal Facilities Fund

From:	72090000-480296-18503	Transfer In	(\$79,607)
To:	72041020-579400-18503 (New Account)	Energy Performance Contracts	79,607

RESOLVED: That the RTM approves transfers out \$79,607 to the Municipal Facilities Fund to fund turf field lighting projects through the energy conservation project. This transfer out will be funded from undesignated fund balance and increase the Fiscal year 2020 General Fund budget from \$115,519,387 to \$115,598,994.

16. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Finance Director for the following budget transfer and resolution:

Transfers from Fund Balance

<u>From</u>		
101-90000-480296	Fund Balance	\$309,950
<u>To:</u>		
101-50000-599110	Transfer Out Capital Fund (Supply Pond Dam)	20,000
	Transfer Out Capital Fund (Parker Park)	95,000
	Transfer Out Capital Fund (Pisgah Brook)	39,950
101-41190-544300	Purchased Services (IT)	38,394
101-41190-579150	Technology Acquisitions	47,653
101-41190-579200	Software	68,953
	Total	\$309,950

RESOLVED: That the RTM appropriates from undesignated fund balance of \$309,950 to fund various capital items and technology needs. This appropriation increase the Fiscal year 2020 General Fund budget from \$115,598,894 to \$115,908,944.

17. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Finance Director for the following budget transfer:

General Fund Contingency Transfer

<u>From</u>		
101-49040-588802	Contingency	\$50,000
<u>To:</u>		
101-50000-599110	Transfer Out Capital Fund (Resource Inventory)	10,000
	Transfer Out Capital Fund (Phone System)	40,000
	Total	\$50,000

This transfer will enable the town to implement a phone system upgrade and allow the Conservation Commission to initiate a natural resource inventory.

18. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Finance Director for the following budget transfer:

Fund 720

<u>From</u>		
720441020-579500-17322	Restroom Trailer	\$22,079
<u>To:</u>		
New Project	Stony Creek Dock	22,079

19. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Finance Director for the following budget transfer:

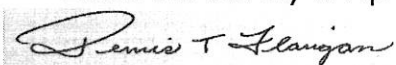
Fund 700

<u>From</u>		
70045030-579250-12322	Parker Park Mower	\$200
70043050-579500-07313	DEP Long Island Study (Engineering)	172
70043050-533960-08316	Tabor DPW/Design (Engineering)	1,893
70042040-579410-09311	FD Exhaust (Fire)	3,067
70042040-579250-13301	Generators – (Fire)	1,531
	Total	\$6,863
<u>To:</u>		
70045010-579400-20231	Field Renovation (Recreation)	\$200
70043050-579400-17318	Supply Pond Dam Repairs (Engineering)	2,065
70042040-579250-20308	Cardiac Monitors (Fire)	4,598
	Total	\$6,863

20. Any other business to come before the RTM.

21. Adjournment.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2020



Dennis T. Flanigan, RTM Moderator

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7B

Item #1

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – FURTHER SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF STATUTES**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

Excerpt regarding remote meetings:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NED LAMONT, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Connecticut, do hereby ORDER AND DIRECT:

1. **Suspension of In-Person Open Meeting Requirements.** Sections 1-206, 1-225, and 1-226 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and any open meeting provision of any municipal charter, ordinance, or regulation that conflicts with this order, are suspended to the extent necessary to permit any public agency to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting or requiring in-person, public access to such meetings, and to hold such meetings or proceedings remotely by conference call, videoconference or other technology, provided that: 1) the public has the ability to view or listen to each meeting or proceeding in real time, by telephone, video, or other technology; 2) any such meeting or proceeding is recorded or transcribed, and such recording or transcript shall be posted on the agency's website within seven (7) days of the meeting or proceeding, and made available within a reasonable time in the agency's office; 3) the required notice and agenda for each meeting or proceeding is posted on the agency's website and shall include information about how the meeting will be conducted and how the public can access it; 4) any materials relevant to matters on the agenda, including but not limited to materials related to specific applications, if applicable, shall be submitted to the agency a minimum of twenty four (24) hours prior and posted to the agency's website for public inspection prior to, during, and after the meeting, and any exhibits to be submitted by members of the public shall, to the extent feasible, also be submitted to the agency a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and posted to the agency's website for public inspection prior to, during, and after the meeting; and 5) all speakers taking part in any such meeting or proceeding shall clearly state their name and title, if applicable, before speaking on each occasion that they speak.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

Representative Town Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020 8:00 p.m.

Moderator: Dennis T. Flanigan	Clerk: Donna Laich
Majority Leader: Ray Ingraham	Minority Leader: Tom Brockett

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Rep. Adelman, Rep. Alfone, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Austin, Rep. Black, Rep. Brockett, Rep. Conklin, Rep. Everson, Rep. Erlanger, Rep. Flanigan, Rep. Greenberg, Rep. Healy, Rep. Hentschel, Rep. Hynes, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. Laich, Rep. Lombardi, Rep. Sember, Rep. Sires, Rep. Stepanek, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Twohill

Members Absent: Rep. Hakun, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Kelly, Rep. Prete, Rep. Riccio, Rep. Soomro, Rep. Torelli, Rep. Wells

Ex Officios Present: 1st Selectman Cosgrove, 2nd Selectman Dunbar, Town Clerk: Arpin

Ex Officios not present: Treasurer: Schwanfelder, Town Attorney: Aniskovich, Selectman Higgins

2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings:

- a. Rep. Brockett made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12th RTM meeting. The motion was 2nd by Rep. Ingraham and unanimously approved.

3. Reception of communications, reports of committees, and citizen petitions:

Moderator Flannigan read the following communications:

- a. March Madness Food Collection for "Feed Branford Kids" (attached)
- b. Citizen Petition - Tabor Property (attached). Moderator Flannigan referred to Administrative Services Committee
- c. Citizen Petition - Parkside Housing (attached). Moderator Flannigan referred to the Rules and Ordinances Committee.

- d. Citizen Petition - Costco (attached). Moderator Flannigan referred to the Rules and Ordinances Committee.
 - e. Citizen Petition - Atlantic Wharf (attached). Moderator Flannigan referred to Administrative Services Committee
 - f. Citizen Petition - Jarvis Creek (attached). Moderator Flannigan referred to the Administrative Services Committee.
 - g. Resident Wayne Cook requested 6 letters dated March 10, 2020 be read into the record. The moderator declined Mr. Cook's request as the letters were not submitted in a timely manner.
- 4. To consider, and if appropriate, adopt a uniform procedure for Ordinance enforcement pursuant to Town Meeting rules (A236-4.19d)**
- a. Rep. Black made a motion to re-refer this item. This motion was unanimously approved.
- 5. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a agreement by and between the Town of Branford and the United Public Services Employees Union Local #010, Parks, Recreation and Custodians, through June 30, 2022.**
- a. Rep. Black made a motion to approve this item. During discussion Rep. Sullivan objected to the new language of the Union Security Clause. The motion was approved in a Roll call vote (see attached roll call and vote tally).
- 6. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a agreement by and between the Town of Branford and the United Public Services Employees Union, Local #405, Town Hall through June 30, 2022**
- a. Rep. Alfone made a motion to approve this item. During discussion Rep. Sullivan objected to the new language of the Union Security Clause. The motion was approved in a Roll call vote (see attached roll call and vote tally).
- 7. To consider, and if appropriate, create a Blight Ordinance for the Town of Branford.**
- a. Rep. Black reported that this item was recommended for re-referral in the Rules and Ordinances committee. He made a motion to re-refer; the item was unanimously re-referred.
- 8. To consider if appropriate, an appropriation from the general fund into the land acquisition fund to provide additional resources for the Crescent Bluff land purchase as per a required condition of the settlement, and to create**

**an appropriation in the land acquisition fund for the total purchase amount;
and act on the following resolution:**

General Fund Transfer:

From:	10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$25,000)
To:	10150000-599123	Transfer Out Land Acquisition	25,000

Land Acquisition Fund:

Increase:	73541020-490010-xxxx	Transfer In	\$25,000
Increase:	73590000-480296-xxxx	Fund Balance Transfer	\$175,000
Increase:	73541020-579610-xxxx	Land Acquisition	\$200,000

RESOLVED: The RTM approves an appropriation of \$200,000 in the Land Acquisition Fund. This appropriation will be funded through an appropriation from fund balance and transfer from the general fund.

- a. Rep. Black and Rep. Alfone reported the Ways and Means Committee and the Administrative Services Committee unanimously approved this item and made a joint motion to approve. Rep. Black and Rep. Alfone explained that a settlement involving Crescent Bluff Avenue and years of litigation was in the best interest of the Town. After a lengthy discussion, the RTM unanimously approved the motion. (see attached roll call and vote tally sheet).

9.To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Human Services Director for the following budget transfers:

From:	21844010-533900	Other Purchased Services	(\$33,620)
To:	21844010-518250	Seasonal/Part-time Help	33,620

From:	21844010-533900	Other Purchased Services	(\$4,000)
To:	21844010-579300	Furniture & Fixtures	4,000

- a. Rep Alfone reported this item passed the Administrative Services Committee 6-0 and made a motion for approval of this item. The item carried unanimously.

10. To consider a request from the First Selectman regarding an appropriation of \$14,000 for the creation of an emergency management stipend account.

- a. Rep. Black reported this item passed Ways and Means Committee by a 4-1 vote. Rep. Alfone reported this item passed the Administrative Services Committee with a 4-2 vote. Rep. Black and Rep. Alfone made a joint motion to approve this item. Rep. Brockett offered a minority report from the Ways and Means Committee. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was approved with Reps. Brockett, Everson, Laich, Sember, Stepanek, and Sullivan dissenting.

11. To consider, and if appropriate, approve an appropriation in the Coastal Resiliency Fund for the purchase of a property and structure located at 17 Creek Court and act on the resolution:

Coastal Resiliency Fund:

Increase:	740-90000-480296-xxxx	Fund Balance Transfer	\$125,000
Increase:	740-41020-579610-xxxx	Land Acquisition	125,000

RESOLVED: The RTM approves an appropriation of \$125,000 in the Coastal Resiliency Fund. This appropriation will be funded through an appropriation from fund balance.

- a. Rep. Alfone reported this matter came before the Administrative Services Committee and after a lengthy discussion the matter was unanimously re-referred. Rep Black of the Ways and Means Committee also reported that committee agreed to re-refer. A joint motion to re-refer was offered and the item was re-referred.

12. Any other business to come before RTM.

- a. Rep. Sullivan brought up two items discussed at the Rules and Ordinances Committee ; the repeal of the Town Water Commission and an ordinance regarding piggeries. He asked that both be formally placed on the Rules and Ordinances agenda.
- b. Resident Wayne Cook handed out a booklet entitled "Fighting Small Town Corruption. Mr. Cook also spoke about the removal of his signs.

13. Adjournment.

- a. Rep. Brockett made a motion to adjourn, the motion was 2nd by Rep. Ingraham.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 8:59

Dated this 11th day of March 2020
Respectfully submitted,

Donna Laich
Clerk-Branford RTM

BRANFORD RTM RECORDED VOTES

RTM Roll Call List ~ 3-11-2020

	NAME	ATTENDANCE	ITEM 5	ITEM 6	ITEM 8		
1	ADELMAN	present	yes	yes	yes		
2	ALFONE	present	yes	yes	yes		
3	ANDERSON	present	yes	yes	yes		
4	AUSTIN	present	yes	yes	yes		
5	BLACK	present	yes	yes	yes		
6	BROCKETT	present	yes	yes	yes		
7	CONKLIN	present	yes	yes	yes		
8	EVERSON	present	yes	yes	yes		
9	ERLANGER	present	yes	yes	yes		
10	FLANIGAN	present	-	-	-		
11	GREENBERG	present	yes	yes	yes		
12	HAKUN	ABS	-	-	-		
13	HEALY	present	yes	yes	yes		
14	HENTSCHEL	present	yes	yes	yes		
15	HYNES	present	yes	yes	yes		
16	INGRAHAM	present	yes	yes	yes		
17	JACKSON	ABS	-	-	-		
18	KELLY	ABS	-	-	-		
19	LAICH	present	yes	yes	yes		
20	LOMBARDI	present	yes	yes	yes		
21	PRETE	ABS	-	-	-		
22	RICCIO	ABS	-	-	-		
23	SEMBER	present	yes	yes	yes		
24	SIRES	present	yes	yes	yes		
25	SOOMRO	ABS	-	-	-		
26	STEPANEK	present	yes	yes	yes		
27	SULLIVAN	present	no	no	yes		
28	TORELLI	ABS	-	-	-		
29	TWOHILL	present	yes	yes	yes		
30	WELLS	ABS	-	-	-		
	Total						
	Ex Officios						
	1st Selectman Cosgrove	present					
	2nd Selectman Dunbar	present					
	Town Clerk Arpin	present					
	Treasurer Schwanfelder						
	Town Attorney Aniskovich						
	Selectman Higgins						

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**612 East Main Street
Branford, CT 06405
203-815-5796**

March 10, 2020

Dennis Flanigan, Moderator
Branford RTM
Branford Town Hall 1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Dear Branford RTM,

It is asked that the following item be placed on the RTM agenda and sent to the appropriate committee:

“An examination of Connecticut General Statute 8-30g, the history of its use in Branford, and possible strategies for preventing its misuse now and in the future.”

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2020

Branford RTM
c/o Dennis Flanigan, Moderator
Branford Town Hall 1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Dear Branford RTM,

It is asked that the following item be placed on the RTM agenda and sent to the appropriate committee:

“An examination of the targeted and unauthorized removal of “TOWN HALL CORRUPT”, TOWN HALL FRAUD” and “FIGHTING FOR A FAIR PROCESS” signs from state highways by the Public Works Department.”

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2020

Branford RTM
c/o Dennis Flanigan, Moderator
Branford Town Hall 1019 Main Street
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Dear Branford RTM,

At a prior meeting of the RTM Ways and Means Committee, in which an additional \$150,000 was requested for legal fees, no committee member in attendance knew-- nor were any inquiries made--as to what services constituted the amount. In fact, if not for citizen input, the entire \$150,000 would have been approved by the committee with no questions asked and with no member knowing what legal services they had just approved funding for.

Furthermore, in direct violation of RTM rules and the town charter that funding must first be appropriated for any expense, the \$150,000 requested had already been spent and was being submitted for payment after the fact.

In light of this lack of due diligence and violations of the charter--and the additional revelation at the meeting that only the first selectman reviews and approves the town's legal invoices--it is asked that the RTM send this mater to committee and establish a procedure by which all legal fees are examined and understood by your body before they are approved for payment.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2020

Branford RTM
c/o Dennis Flanigan, Moderator
Branford Town Hall 1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Dear Branford RTM,

In light of increasing citizen concern that in excess of \$45 million dollars--generated by over taxation--is being retained by the Town in the fund balance and health insurance accounts, a detailed explanation of the rationale behind this is requested.

While it is understood that it is advisable to hold some amount in the fund balance, it is our further understanding that this need not exceed ten per cent of the town's budget, or about \$11 million dollars. In addition, the reasoning behind approximately \$20 million dollars sitting in the health insurance account is also unclear.

It is asked that this matter be placed on the RTM agenda and sent to the appropriate committee for a full examination of why taxpayer money is being handled in this manner.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2020

Dennis Flanigan, Moderator
Branford RTM
Branford Town Hall 1019 Main Street
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Dear Branford RTM,

“An examination of the backroom manipulation of Branford’s Plan of Conservation and Development, the steering of development by Town Hall, and the preferential creation of an all-inclusive “Superzone” for selected properties at Exit 53.”

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2020

Branford RTM
c/o Dennis Flanigan, Moderator
Branford Town Hall 1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Dear Branford RTM,

Enclosed is a copy of an article "Fighting 'Small Town' Corruption: How to Obtain Accountability, Oversight, and Transparency" published by the Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity.

In light of what an increasing number of citizens consider to be the occurrence of fraud, corruption, and cover-up in Branford Town Hall, it is asked that this article be referred to the RTM Rules & Ordinance Committee for thorough consideration and the subsequent establishment of an improved Code of Ethics.

Sincerely,

Wayne N. Cooke

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

Item #4

JAMES B. COSGROVE
First Selectman


RAYMOND E. DUNBAR, JR.
JOSEPH E. HIGGINS, JR.



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www.branford-ct.gov

DATE: March 14, 2020

TO: Dennis Flanigan, RTM Moderator

FROM: James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman 

RE: RTM Agenda

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting held on March 4, 2020, the board approved a recommendation by the Solid Waste Management Commission to approve the attached resolution to continue Branford's participation in the Haz Waste Central program for an additional three years.

Please place this item on the next agenda of the RTM for legislative approval. Thank you for your consideration.

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut 06511-5966 203-562-4020
<http://www.rwater.com>

January 24, 2020

Mr. James Cosgrove, First Selectman
Branford Town Hall
1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Dear First Selectman Cosgrove:

Since 1990, Branford has provided its residents with a safe way to properly dispose of household chemicals by being a member of the HazWaste Central (HWC) program. HWC is Connecticut's first permanent household hazardous waste collection center and is located at the Regional Water Authority's headquarters in New Haven. It has served 16 communities, including Branford, for almost 30 years.

Branford's current commitment resolution to participate in HWC expires June 30, 2020. A new three-year commitment resolution for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 is needed to ensure Branford residents can continue to bring their household hazardous waste to the facility. Please present the enclosed resolution at your next Representative Town meeting for approval, and have the resolution signed and certified by the Town Clerk. Kindly return one copy to the HWC office, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven and file a certified copy in your Town Clerk's office.

The Municipal Planning Committee (MPC) of HWC is comprised of a representative from each member community. The MPC meets to discuss and act on HWC operations. The representative on record for Branford needs to be updated. Please appoint a new MPC representative and MPC alternate to represent Branford. The appointment letter should also be sent to the HWC office.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 203-401-2720 or lvitalgiano@rwater.com.

Sincerely,

Lori Vitagliano

Government and Public Relations Specialist

cc: Larry Bingaman, RWA President & Chief Executive Officer
Mario Ricozzi, RWA RPB Representative

RESOLUTION

Town of BRANFORD

CONFIRMING COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, as agent for the South Central Regional Council of Governments and participating municipalities, has undertaken the permitting, construction and operation of a regional facility for the collection of household hazardous waste and conditionally exempt small quantity generator business waste at its headquarters at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities participating in the facility are able to have residents drop off their household hazardous wastes on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon, and conditionally exempt small quantity generators deliver business waste on Saturday mornings, by appointment from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., from spring through fall for proper processing, transportation and disposal;

WHEREAS, the facility is owned, managed and operated under the supervision of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the benefit of the participating municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town OF Branford THAT:

The Town of Branford declares its commitment to continue participation in the regional household hazardous waste collection center for a minimum three-year period (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023), and confirms its intent to contribute financially for the operation, processing, transportation and disposal of household hazardous waste.

The Town of Branford authorizes its First Selectman to enter into this agreement with the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the operation of the facility. Such agreement will permit the Authority to act as its agent to maintain the facility, to contract with a vendor for the transportation and disposal of the hazardous wastes, to receive financial support from grant sources, to enter into agreements with other municipalities and to operate the facility.

Invoicing will be based on a two part formula:

1. Annual operational costs are based on the number of 1- and 2- family housing units in Branford, and
2. Annual transportation and waste disposal costs are prorated by residents' usage.

This resolution shall be effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Branford Representative Town Meeting, at its meeting held on _____.

Town of Branford:

Town Clerk

Date