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**BRANFORD REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING  
LEGAL NOTICE AND CALL  
BUDGET MEETING**

**The RTM will be convened on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. at Joe Trapasso Community House, 46 Church St, to consider and act upon the following matters.**

1. Call to Order, and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2025 meeting
4. Reception of communications, reports of committees, and citizen petitions
5. **The Board of Finance recommends the following budget for fiscal year 2025-2026:**

Board of Education: Operating Budget                      \$ 69,164,640

Board of Education: Special Education                      \$            0

Board of Education Capital & Leases                      \$    770,000

**Subtotal Board of Education:                      \$ 69,934,640**

**Town Departments:                      \$ 71,764.033**

**TOTAL                      \$ 141,698,873**

- A. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of \$ 69,934,640 to the Board of Education (Operating Budget + Capital) for fiscal year 2025-2026.
- B. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of \$ 71,764.033 for all other Town Departments for fiscal year 2025-2026:
  - a. Report and adoption of Education Committee budgets
  - b. Report and adoption of Ways and Means budgets
  - c. Report and adoption of Rules and Ordinances budgets
  - d. Report and adoption of Public Services budgets
  - e. Report and adoption of Administrative Services budgets
6. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of \$ 96,219 to the Open Space Fund Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.
7. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of \$ 17,000 to the Sewer Assessment Fund Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.
8. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of \$72,500 to the BOE Shoreline Adult Education Enrichment Fund Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

9. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of **\$ 633,857** to the BOE School Age Child Care Fund Budget for fiscal year **2025-2026**.
10. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of **\$ 5,159,306** to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget for the fiscal year **2025-2026**.
11. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of appropriation of **\$ 507,538** to the Animal Control Fund Budget for fiscal year **2025-2026**.
12. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of **\$ 2,092,494** to the Human Services Special Revenue Fund Budget for fiscal year **2025-2026**.
13. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance of an appropriation of **\$ 800,000** for the Lease Fund Budget for fiscal year **2025-2026**.
14. To consider and, if appropriate, approve the recommendation of the Board of Finance to the RTM that, with the exception of the 1st Selectman who has elected to take a 0% increase, salaries for the following elected officials increase by 2.0% for each of their two year term of office: Second Selectman, Third Selectman, Treasurer, Board of Assessment Appeals, RTM Moderator, RTM Clerk and Finance Clerk.
15. **The RTM will consider, and if appropriate, approve the following resolution:**

**Whereas**, the Branford Representative Town Meeting understands Branford's undesignated fund balance to be an estimated \$47 million dollars, and

**Whereas**, the Branford Taxpayers have already contributed to its substantial growth through prior taxation over the last ten years; it is

**Resolved:** The RTM respectfully requests that the Board of Finance zero out the increase to be raised by taxation by bringing forward more of the already banked fund balance.
16. To consider and, if appropriate, establish a harbor management commission pursuant to CGS 22a-113k.
17. To consider, and if appropriate, create an ordinance which will encode reasonable restrictions on short-term rentals in Branford.
18. 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.
19. Any other business to come before the RTM.
20. Adjournment.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025

Maryann Amore,

RTM Moderator and Fourth District Representative