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BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

**Representative Town Meeting
January 11, 2022- 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Moderator: Dennis Flanigan	Clerk: Donna Laich
Majority Leader: Ray Ingraham	Minority Leader: Tracy Everson

The RTM convened on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. at Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street, to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. Roll Call:

Representatives present: Alfone, Amore, Anderson, Bonenberger, Brooks, Conklin, Erlanger, Everson, Flanigan, Greenberg (virtual), Healy, Hentschel (virtual), Hynes, Ingraham, Laich, Maresca, Sires, Stepanek (virtual), Sullivan, Twohill, Verderame (virtual), Wells.

Representatives absent: Barron, Black, Kelly, Prete, Riccio, Shrestha, Torelli, Witkowski.

Ex Officios present: 1st Selectman Cosgrove, Town Clerk Arpin.

2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings:

Rep. Ingraham made a motion to approve the minutes of the December RTM meeting, 2nd by Rep. Twohill. The minutes were approved in a voice vote with one abstention.

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

Moderator Flanigan read a letter from Evan Breining, Assistant Town Planner, on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission (see attached letter). Moderator Flanigan referred this to the Administrative Services Committee.

4. To consider and if appropriate, Review Tree Warden Ordinance, Charter 16, Article 11 of the Town Code:

Rep. Anderson reported this item remains in discussion and made a motion to re-refer, 2nd by Rep. Ingraham. The item was unanimously re-referred in a voice vote.

5. To consider, and if appropriate, adopt a policy for virtual meetings into our Town Meeting Rules:

Rep. Anderson reported this item remains in discussion and made a motion to re-refer, 2nd by Rep. Brooks. The item was unanimously re-referred in a voice vote.

6. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a Non-partisan Resolution regarding Tweed Airport Expansion:

Rep Brooks made a motion to accept the resolution submitted by Branford resident Sandra Reiners. Rep. Sullivan seconded the motion. Moderator Flanigan read the proposed resolution (see attached). Rep.

Bonenberger made a motion to amend the resolution on the floor and read the proposed, amended resolution. Copies of the amended resolution were provided to all (see attached). The motion was 2nd by Rep. Sullivan. A lengthy discussion continued with concerns and comments from RTM representatives and from residents. Resident Wanda Bubriski gave a brief presentation outlining various concerns related to the expansion of the airport, supporting the need for a full Environmental Impact Study (EIS). The presentation included visual aids in addition to information from the SOS (Save Our Shoreline) organization. The following residents provided further information: Margaret Wheeler, Maureen Vener, and Heather Wells-Sweeney. First selectman Cosgrove provided clarification stating SCROG (South Central Council of Government) has 2 members at the table and 1 of those members is from Branford (David White). The First Selectman stated he trusts the process will address the concerns raised and there will be an opportunity for public comment once the Environmental Assessment is released. A lengthy discussion continued with additional comments from both RTM representatives and residents.

Rep. Ingraham made a motion for a 10 min. recess, 2nd by Rep. Anderson

The meeting continued with a roll call vote resulting in a failure to approve the Amended Resolution (8 Y, 13 N see attached roll call vote). A voice vote was held to approve the original Resolution, which failed in a voice vote.

7. Any other business to come before the RTM:

None

8. Adjournment – 9:38

Motion to adjourn by Rep. Amore, 2nd Rep Wells.

See the BCTV recording of this meeting for details of the conversations.

Donna Laich, RTM Clerk

Dated this 16th day of January 2023

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**LEGAL NOTICE AND CALL
January 11, 2023 8:00 p.m.**

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Neil E. Flanigan
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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8. Adjournment

Dennis T. Flanigan, Moderator
Dated this 4th day of January, 2023



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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December 28, 2022

Dennis T. Flanigan
Moderator, Representative Town Meeting
Town of Branford
1019 Main Street
Branford, Connecticut 06405

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M. J. ...
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Re: PZ#22-5.2 Two Lot Subdivision & Coastal Site Plan at 125 Thimble Island Road

Dear Mr. Flanigan:

I am writing on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission. On July 7, 2022 the Commission voted to approve a two lot subdivision at 125 Thimble Island Road. This Property is owned by Matthew & Stephanie Milano.

As part of the subdivision approval process the Milanos offered the following land dedication and conservation easement to meet the open space requirement from the Subdivision Regulations: an 8,421 square foot portion of land directly adjacent to property owned by the Town of Branford (West Point Field Park) to be deeded as open space. There is also a 21,761 square foot conservation easement spanning across both of the newly created parcels. These are depicted on Drawing No. 1 of 3 entitled "Proposed Subdivision Map" dated April 13, 2022 and last revised on July 6, 2022.

Section 3.04.B of the Town of Branford Subdivision Regulations states "in subdivisions proposed for residential development, open spaces for parks, playgrounds, and/or environmental protection shall be provided in places deemed proper by the Commission."

Furthermore Section 3.04.G states "When a subdivision abuts an existing open space area, the Commission may require the lot lines of such land to form a continuation of the existing open space to provide a single, unified area." The open space land is adjacent to Town of Branford property on West Point Road (West Point Field Park) and can therefore be merged with this property.

RTM action:

The RTM would now have to accept the donation of the open space land and conservation easement to allow the subdivision to be finalized.

**Heard by the Board of
Selectmen on 1/4/2023
and passed unanimously.**

Dennis T. Flanigan
Moderator, Representative Town Meeting
January 3, 2022

Sincerely,

Evan Breining
Assistant Town Planner

p.c. Charles R. Andres, Chairperson – Planning and Zoning Commission
James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman

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M. S. ...
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

RTM Resolution

Be it resolved by the Representative Town Meeting of Branford that:

- 1) Branford wishes to register its disapproval of the increased volume of air traffic emerging from Tweed New Haven Airport because it has an outsized impact on our communities in its direct flight path, notably those of Short Beach, Double Beach, Branford Point, Linden, Pawson, Indian Neck among others.
- 2) The RTM strongly urges that an Environmental Impact Study that measures real-time on the ground data collection rather than theoretical modeling of impact is essential before proceeding with any plans for airport expansion.
- 3) Branford should participate in decisions that impact Branford. We seek a voice on the New Haven Tweed Airport Authority Board when decisions affecting fly-over impact on our Town are taken.

AMENDED TWEED RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Representative Town Meeting of Branford that:

- **The RTM strongly urges the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a full Environmental Impact Study that measures real-time on the ground data collection rather than theoretical modeling of impact before any final approval is given with regard to the proposed airport expansion.**
- **Branford should be able to directly participate in decisions that impact Branford and its 28,000 residents. We seek a voice on the New Haven Tweed Airport Authority Board.**
- **Branford registers its concerns about the increased volume of air traffic emerging from Tweed New Haven Airport because of its impact on the human and natural environment on its direct flight path, notably those of Short Beach, Double Beach, Branford Point, Linden, Pawson, Indian Neck among others.**