



**Representative Town Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.
SPECIAL Meeting**

Donna Laich
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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

The RTM held a Special remote meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following matters.

1. **Review of remote meeting requirements and Roll Call.**
 - a. Moderator Flanigan reviewed the rules of the meeting and explained the rules of a “Special Meeting.
 - b. **Representatives Present:** Adelman, Alfone, Anderson, Austin, Black, Brockett, Conklin, Everson, Erlanger, Flanigan, Greenberg, Hakun, Healy, Hentschel, Hynes, Ingraham, Jackson, Laich, Prete, Riccio, Sember, Shrestha, Sires, Soomro, Stepanek, Sullivan, Torelli, Twohill, & Wells.
Representatives Absent: Kelly
Ex Officios Present; 1st Selectman Cosgrove, Selectman Dunbar and Town Clerk Arpin.
 - c. Town Clerk Arpin advised the RTM that Representative Sean Kelly resigned.
2. **To consider, and if appropriate approve amendment to Chapter A236-4 (c) Rule 4.3 section (4).**
3. **To consider, and if appropriate create a Blight Ordinance for the Town of Branford.**
4. **To consider, and if appropriate, create an Ordinance pertaining to Unused Capital Funds.**
5. **To review and if appropriate, approve amendment to RTM Rule A236-1 (k) (4) to change the number of citizens signatures on a Petition to the RTM from 50 to 250.**

Representative Black; Chairman of the Rules and Ordinances Committee reported that there was no December 2020 meeting and made a Motion to re-refer Items 2 through 5. Rep. Ingraham 2nd the motion and the Motion was unanimously approved.

6. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve the contract Between the Board of Education and the Branford Education Assoc. From July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2024.**

Representative Sullivan recused himself from this item and temporarily left the meeting because of a conflict. Representative Prete; Chairman of the Education Committee made a brief presentation and reported the Committee adopted the contract between the Board of Education and the Branford

Education Association with 4 votes in the affirmative, 2 in the negative and 1 abstention. Rep. Prete made a Motion to approve the contract. After lengthy discussion and screen sharing documents, from RTM members as well as members of the public, the Motion passed in a roll call vote 14-13.

Rep. Sullivan rejoined the RTM meeting.

7. To consider, and if appropriate, eliminate the position of Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal and create and fund the position of Assistant Fire Chief and position of Fire Marshal.

Representative Conklin; Chairman of the Public Services Committee reported that the request to eliminate the position of Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal and create and fund the position of Assistant Fire Chief and position of Fire Marshal was adopted in committee and made a Motion to approve. After a brief discussion the Motion was unanimously approved.

8. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a transfer from the Board of Police Commissioners as follows:

<u>From</u>		
10142010-517000	Regular Salaries	\$4,558
<u>To:</u>		
10142010-519050	Stipend	4,558

Representative Conklin; Chairman of the Public Services Committee reported that the request to authorize the transfer of a stipend for the position of Crime Analyst was unanimously approved in Committee. Rep. Conklin made a Motion to approve. After a brief discussion the Motion was unanimously approved.

9. To hear a request from the Town Engineer for an increase in appropriation for the Branford Point Seawall and Wharf improvements, and consider, and if appropriate, approve the Finance Director’s corresponding transfers and resolution:

General Fund

<u>From</u>		
10190000-480296	Fund Balance	\$225,000
<u>To:</u>		
10150000-599116	Operating Transfers Out Fund 700	225,000

Fund 700

From	Description	Amount
70090000-490010	Transfer In	\$225,000
70043010-544300-19236	Seawall Repairs (Public Works)	200,000
70043010-544300-20236	Seawall Repairs (Public Works)	25,000
70043050-544300-xxxx	Seawall Repairs (Engineering Branford Point)	\$450,000

Transfer and Resolution from Fund Balance

Resolved: That the RTM approves an increase in appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund Budget from \$118,017,243 to \$118,242,243. This increase will be funded through an appropriation from fund balance and will be used to increase the budget for the Branford Point Seawall and Wharf improvements.

Representative Conklin; Chairman of the Public Services Committee reported that this matter was heard in committee and was unanimously approved with a 6-0 vote. Rep. Conklin made a motion to waive the full reading of the resolution. Rep. Ingraham 2nd the Motion and the reading of the full resolution was unanimously waived. Rep. Conklin made a motion to approve the transfer that was approved unanimously by the RTM.

10. Letters and Petitions:

R&O Letter- Request to review Code of Ethics
Letter- Examination of POCD process

Representative Black; Chairman of the Rules and Ordinance Committee made a Motion to re-refer both letters. Rep. Sullivan 2nd the motion and it was unanimously approved by the RTM.

Moderator Flanigan reported that this is Rep. Austin's last meeting as she will be resigning from the RTM. She was appointed to serve on the Police Commission. Rep. Austin was thanked for her service to the RTM.

11. Adjournment:

Rep. Torelli made a Motion to adjourn; 2nd by Rep. Sember. The Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8.37 p.m.

Dated this 16th day of January 2021

Donna Laich
RTM Clerk

