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Representative Town Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Flanigan at 8:02 p.m. The Moderator led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street.

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. Hakun, Rep. Healy, Rep. Hentschel, Rep. Hynes, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Laich, Rep. Lombardi, Rep. Sember, Rep. Sires, Rep. Soomro, Rep. Stepanek, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Torelli, Rep. Twohill, Rep. Wells

Members Absent: Rep. Kelly, Rep. Prete, Rep. Riccio

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

Ex Officios Not Present: Selectman Higgins, Treasurer: Schwanfelder, Town Attorney: Aniskovich

2. **Approval of minutes of previous meetings:** Rep. Ingraham motioned to approve the minutes of the 12-11- 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Rep. Hentschel and unanimously approved.
3. **Reception of communications, reports of committees, and citizen petitions:**
 - a. Moderator Flanigan read the following communications:
 - i. Flyer for the Monthly Food Collection to benefit "Feed Branford Kids" (see attached)
 - ii. Flyer for Living Wisely and Well on Planet Earth (see attached)

- iii. Letter from Representative Twohill re: proposed blight ordinance. Moderator Flanigan referred this to R/O (see attached)
- iv. Letter from J. Mooney re: Resolution adopted by Board of Finance on 1-27-2020 (see attached)

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, seconded by Rep. Sullivan. The item was unanimously re-referred.
5. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve a second addendum to lease agreement between the Town of Branford and the Volunteer Services Center extending the lease for an additional 20 year period.**
 - a. Rep. Alfone made a motion to approve. Motion unanimously carried.
6. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Human Resources Director for the following FY2020 budget transfer on behalf of the Tax Collector**
 - a. Rep. Black made a motion to approve this item as did Rep. Alfone. The item passed with a vote of 25 to 2. Rep. Stepanek and Rep. Sires voted no.

From:	10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$35,400)
To:	10141070-533280	Consulting Services	35,400

7. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Town Planner for the following FY2020 budget transfer:**
 - a. Rep. Black explained that although this was not discussed at R/O this month, they did have discussions with the Town Planner. He made a motion to waive rule 441, seconded by Rep. Brockett and unanimously approved.
 - b. Rep. Black made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Rep. Conklin. Rep. Sullivan asked if we could hear from the Town Planner who spoke briefly on the item. The item was unanimously approved.

From:	10141130-517000	Regular Wages & Salaries	(\$12,000)
To:	10141130-533280	Consulting Services	12,000

8. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Parks and Open Space Authority for the following FY2020 budget transfer:**

From:	20545050-518350	Open Space Patrol	(\$13,700)
To:	20545050-579400	Capital Outlay-Improvements	13,700

9. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Parks and Open Space Authority for the following FY2020 budget transfer:**

From:	20545050-518350	Open Space Patrol	(\$12,869)
To:	20545050-518250	Seasonal and Part-time Help	12,869

- a. Rep. Black asked to combine items 8 & 9. Both items were heard and unanimously passed at Ways & Means.
- b. Rep. Black made a motion for approval of items 8 & 9. The items were unanimously passed.

10. To receive communications with respect to and consider and act upon a resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,750,000 FOR MAIN STREET ROAD AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,750,000 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 on file, open to public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

- a. Rep. Black made a motion to waive the reading of the full resolution since everyone had received the full resolution in an email. The motion was seconded by Rep. Sullivan and unanimously approved.
- b. Rep. Black explained the item in some detail with added detail from Rep. Brockett. Rep. Sullivan asked if low impact drainage would be considered in this project. Rep. Black reported that the Town Engineer is planning to incorporate permeable surfaces where possible. Rep. Twohill commented that this will be positive for Branford.
- c. The item required a roll call vote. The item passed unanimously, 27-0 (see attached roll call and vote tally sheet)

11. To consider, and if appropriate, approve Agreement by and between The Town of Branford and the Branford Dispatchers-The Connecticut Organization for Public Safety Employees Unit # 014 to June 30, 2021

- a. Rep. Alfone, Chair of the Public Services Committee reported that this item passed committee unanimously on 2/6/2020.
- b. Rep. Sullivan raised a concern regarding this item not being on the original agenda. The item was included on the revised agenda (2-11-20). Several representatives offered discussion and comments regarding the Agreement. This item passed in a roll call vote 26 - 1 (see attached roll call and vote tally sheet)

12. Any other business to come before the RTM

- a. Rep. Brockett thanked everyone for wearing red to support Women's Heart Health month and thanked Rep. Soomro and Everson for the idea.
- b. Rep. Erlanger reminded everyone about the upcoming Living Wisely and Well on Planet Earth event scheduled for Feb. 19th and encourage all to attend.
- c. Rep. Everson thanked the 1st selectman and Fire Chief for their quick response to addressing the issues with the town's emergency alert system.

13. Adjournment.

- a. Rep. Torelli motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Rep. Jackson and unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Laich, Clerk-Branford RTM

BRANFORD RTM RECORDED VOTES

RTM Roll Call List ~ Date: February 12, 2020					
NAME	ATTENDANCE	Roll Call Votes			
		ITEM 10	ITEM 11	ITEM	ITEM
1 ADELMAN	present	Yes	Yes		
2 ALFONE	present	Yes	Yes		
3 ANDERSON	present	Yes	Yes		
4 AUSTIN	present	Yes	Yes		
5 BLACK	present	Yes	Yes		
6 BROCKETT	present	Yes	Yes		
7 CONKLIN	present	Yes	Yes		
8 EVERSON	present	Yes	Yes		
9 ERLANGER	present	Yes	Yes		
10 FLANIGAN	present	Yes	Yes		
11 GREENBERG	present	Yes	Yes		
12 HAKUN	present	Yes	Yes		
13 HEALY	present	Yes	Yes		
14 HENTSCHEL	present	Yes	Yes		
15 HYNES	present	Yes	Yes		
16 INGRAHAM	present	Yes	Yes		
17 JACKSON	present	Yes	Yes		
18 KELLY	absent	-	-		
19 LAICH	present	Yes	Yes		
20 LOMBARDI	present	Yes	Yes		
21 PRETE	absent	-	-		
22 RICCIO	absent	-	-		
23 SEMBER	present	Yes	Yes		
24 SIRES	present	Yes	Yes		
25 SOOMRO	present	Yes	Yes		
26 STEPANEK	present	Yes	Yes		
27 SULLIVAN	present	Yes	No		
28 TORELLI	present	Yes	Yes		
29 TWOHILL	present	Yes	Yes		
30 WELLS	present	Yes	Yes		
Total		27 Yes	26 Yes 1 No		
Ex Officios					
1st Selectman Cosgrove	present				
Selectman Dunbar	present				
Town Clerk Arpin	present				
Treasurer Schwanfelder					
Town Attorney Aniskovich					
Selectman Higgins					

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LISA E. ARPIN, CMC CCTC
Town Clerk



TELEPHONE
(203) 315-0633

**** FEBRUARY ****
Monthly Food Collection
to benefit "Feed Branford Kids"

February collection items:
Canned Chicken or Tuna

Snacks of any kind*

*Individual serving snacks containing NO nuts or peanut butter, needing NO refrigeration

Please bring donations by February 28, 2020 to:
Branford Town Clerk's Office
1019 Main Street, First Floor
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Next month's item will be announced at the end of the month)



DID YOU KNOW...

- **Feed Branford Kids (FBK) is a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization supported only by monetary and food donations. The Board of Directors are all volunteers.**
- **34% of Branford children are on free or reduced-cost lunches. FBK's mission is to ensure all Branford kids have enough to eat every day – school days, weekends and holidays.**
- **Single-serving, shelf-stable food deliveries are made weekly to Branford schools and are distributed confidentially.**

*Any single-serving food (individually wrapped) portions ready-to-serve or items able to be prepared in a microwave are accepted. *Peanut butter, nut products or items requiring refrigeration cannot be accepted.

FeedBranfordKids.org



Converting to Renewable Energy

The "Why, What and How"

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: Free Admission

Trinity Church on the Branford Green

Wednesday, Feb. 19: Can Branford Be a "Renewable Energy Community" by 2050?

Branford's Clean Energy Committee presents an update on planning.

Learning, Empowering, Reducing our Ecological Footprint
www.livingwiselyandwell.org

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RTM Biz: Proposed Branford Blight Ordinance

Frank Twohill <franktwohill@hotmail.com>

Wed 1/22/2020 6:22 PM

To: Dennis Flanigan <dennisflanigan9245@gmail.com>

Cc: Ray Ingraham <ingradad@gmail.com>

 1 attachments (338 KB)

blight ordinance guilford.pdf;

Dear Mr. Moderator:

I was contacted by a constituent. He brought to my attention three specific properties in Branford that might be considered to be in blighted condition.

Attached please find the Guilford CT blight Ordinance as a model ordinance, which my constituent referred to in our discussion.

I worked on this issue years ago with former RTM Representative Brian Festa when he chaired the Rules and Ordinances Committee.

However, a blight ordinance in Branford was never enacted.

Now with several properties of concern in Branford, this is a good time to revisit this Issue. I believe the RTM should take another look at possibly enacting a Town wide blight ordinance.

Please refer this matter to the RTM Rules and Ordinances Committee for further consideration at their scheduled Tuesday, February 18 meeting, at 7 p. m., at the Joe Trapasso Community House.

Thank you,

Frank Twohill,
RTM Representative, First District

BLIGHT ORDINANCE
for the
Town of Guilford

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Section 1: Purpose.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Municipal Powers Act (Sec. 7-148, et seq) of the State of Connecticut General Statutes. It is hereby found and declared that there may exist within the Town of Guilford a number of real properties, which are vacant and/or in a blighted condition, whose continued existence may contribute to the decline of neighborhoods. It is further found that the existence of such properties adversely affects the economic well being of the Town and is inimical to the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. It is further found that many of the properties can be rehabilitated, reconstructed, or reused so as to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing and ancillary commercial facilities, and that such rehabilitation, reconstruction, or reuse would eliminate, remedy and prevent the adverse conditions described above. This ordinance is sensitive to the private property rights of the citizens of Guilford and to extenuating circumstances due to age, disability, and citizens' economic situations.

Section 2: Scope of Provisions.

No owner of real property located in the Town of Guilford shall allow, create, maintain, or cause to be created or maintained, housing blight. This Ordinance shall apply to the maintenance of all housing properties now in

existence or hereafter constructed, maintained, or modified but shall exclude: agricultural lands as defined in Section 22-3(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, land preserved in its natural state through conservation easements, or areas designated as inland wetlands and watercourses.

Section 3: Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- 1) **Housing Blight** shall mean the condition of any structure or parcel of land upon which housing is located in which at least one of the following conditions exist:
 - a) It is in a condition which poses a serious threat to the safety, health, and general welfare of the community as determined by the Director of Health, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Fire Marshall or Building Inspector,
 - b) It is attracting illegal activity as documented by the Police Department.
 - c) It is not being maintained as evidenced by the existence of the following conditions: it is open to the elements, or has collapsing or missing walls, roofs, windows, doors or is unable to provide shelter, or serve the purpose for which it was constructed due to damage, dilapidation, decay, or severe animal infestation; the property in the public view is chronically neglected or abandoned.
 - d) It has material which is incapable of performing the function for which it is designed including, but not limited to: abandoned, discarded, or

unused objects; equipment such as automobiles, boats, and recreation vehicles which are unregistered and missing parts, not complete in appearance and in an obvious state of disrepair; parts of automobiles, furniture, appliances, cans, boxes, scrap metal, tires, batteries, containers and garbage that are in the public view. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Housing Blight shall not include such temporary conditions, not to exceed six (6) months in duration, as may be reasonably related to the repair or restoration of a single boat owned by the property owner or his tenant.

- 2) **Dilapidation** shall mean partial ruin, decay or disrepair of housing property such that it would not qualify for a certificate of use and occupancy, or which is deemed unsafe or which is designated as unfit for habitation as defined in the State Basic Building Code.
- 3) **Abandoned** shall mean any property which is deserted.
- 4) **Neighborhood** shall mean an area of the town comprising premises or parcels of land any part of which is contiguous with any other parcel within the town.
- 5) **Public view** shall mean visible from any public right-of-way or neighborhood.
- 6) **Premises** shall be deemed to include any buildings, dwellings, parcels of land or structures contained within the scope of this ordinance.
- 7) **Blight Enforcement Officer** shall mean the Director of Health, the Zoning Enforcement Officer or any police officer of the Town of Guilford.

Section 4: Special Consideration.

Special consideration may be given to individuals that are disabled, elderly, or low income in the Town's effort to correct housing blight. If an individual cannot maintain a reasonable level of upkeep of his owner-occupied residence because the individual is disabled, elderly or low income, and no capable person resides in the residence, the town may give the person a reasonable amount of time to correct the problem, the duration of which shall be in the discretion of the Blight Enforcement Officer. If needed, assistance in finding solutions will be offered by the Town.

1) **Capable Individual** shall mean a person that can be reasonably expected to perform maintenance and yard work around a property or premises. This shall include children above sixteen (16) years of age, without a physical or mental disability as defined herein.

2) **Disabled Individual** shall mean, in the case of an owner occupied residence, an individual who has a disability meeting the definitions for the mental or physical disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and does not have a household member capable of providing the necessary maintenance.

3) **Elderly Individual** shall mean an individual over the age of sixty-five (65), who does not have a household member capable of providing the necessary maintenance

4) **Low Income Individual** shall mean, in the case of an owner occupied residence, an individual, or where more than one person resides in the premises, a family unit, that has an income below the highest level of “qualifying income” established by Conn. Gen. Statute Section 12-170d(a)(3).

Section 5: Enforcement by Citation.

- 1) The Blight Enforcement Officer is empowered to issue citations for any violation of this ordinance by leaving a copy of such citation form with the owner of the housing property or by affixing same to the premises. He shall also send a copy of the form by certified mail, return receipt requested to the owner of the property.
- 2) The citation form shall contain the following information.
 - a) The address of the affected property.
 - b) The exact nature of the violation.
 - c) The time allowed for corrective action (not to exceed 60 days).
 - d) The penalty for continued violation of this ordinance.
 - e) The availability of a hearing procedure before the Blight Appeals Committee pursuant to Conn. Gen. Statute Section 7-152c.
 - d) The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be \$90 for each day that a violation continues.

Section 6: Initiation of Legal Proceedings

In addition to the citation process described herein, the Director of Health is authorized to initiate legal proceedings in the Superior Court for the immediate correction of the violation(s), collection of any penalties, and the recovery of all costs including cost of remedial action(s) authorized by the court and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Town of Guilford to enforce this ordinance.

Section 7: Hearing Procedure for Citations.

- 1) The Town hereby specifically adopts the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-152c for the establishment of a citation hearing process for alleged violations of this Ordinance.
- 2) There shall be a Blight Appeals Committee consisting of three (3) residents of the Town of Guilford, appointed by the First Selectman and approved by the Board of Selectmen, who shall act by majority vote as citation hearing officers in all hearings for alleged violations of this Ordinance.
- 3) The Director of Health, at any time within twelve months from the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines, penalties, costs or fees for any citation issued for an alleged violation of this ordinance, shall send notice to the person cited. Such notice shall inform the person cited:
 - (a) Of the allegations against him and the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees due;
 - (b) that he may contest his liability before the Blight Appeals Committee by delivering in person or by mail written notice within ten days of the date thereof;
 - (c) that if he does not demand such a hearing, an assessment

and judgment shall be entered against him; and (d) that such judgment may issue without further notice.

4) If the person who is sent notice pursuant to subsection (3) of this section wishes to admit liability for any alleged violation, he may, without requesting a hearing, pay the full amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees admitted to in person or by mail to the Town Clerk. Such payment shall be inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any person who does not deliver or mail written demand for a hearing within ten days of the date of the first notice provided for in subsection (3) of this section shall be deemed to have admitted liability, and the Director of Health shall certify such person's failure to respond to the Blight Appeals Committee. The Blight Appeals Committee shall thereupon enter and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees provided for by the applicable ordinances and shall follow the procedures set forth in Conn. Gen. Statute 7-152c(f).

5) Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice of the date, time and place for the hearing. Such hearing shall be held not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of the mailing of notice, provided the Blight Appeals Committee shall grant upon good cause shown any reasonable request by any interested party for postponement or continuance. The procedures and conduct of such hearing, the assessment of fines, penalties, costs or fees and the entry of judgment in Superior Court upon such assessment shall be as provided in Conn. Gen. Statute Section 7-152c.

Section 8: Minimum Standards

Nothing in this ordinance shall limit the power and authority of the Town Building Inspector, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Fire Marshall or the Director of Health to enforce their respective regulations.

- 1) In any case where a provision of this ordinance is found to be in conflict with a provision of any zoning, building, fire, safety or health ordinance, regulation or other code of the Town or State, if such provision of this ordinance establishes a higher standard for the promotion and protection of the health and safety and property values of the people such provision shall be enforceable pursuant to the procedures established herein.
- 2) This ordinance shall not be intended to affect violations of any other ordinances, codes or regulations whether existing prior to or subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance. Such violations shall be governed by and shall continue to be subject to enforcement under the provisions of such ordinances, codes or regulations in effect at the time the violation occurred, and/or by enforcement of this ordinance, as may be appropriate.

Section 9: Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty days after its publication in accordance with the Guilford Town Charter.

BOARD OF FINANCE

TOWN OF BRANFORD

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January 28, 2020

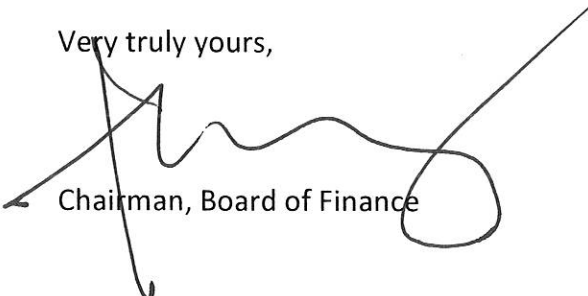
To the Representative Town Meeting of
The Town of Branford

Attention: Dennis Flanigan, Moderator

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held January 27, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,750,000 FOR MAIN STREET ROAD AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,750,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE" is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Representative Town Meeting.

Very truly yours,


Chairman, Board of Finance

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RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,750,000 FOR MAIN STREET ROAD AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,750,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

Section 1. The sum of \$2,750,000 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of Main Street road and related improvements including but not limited to, road extension, connection and relocation, horizontal and vertical realignment, drainage installation, reclamation, paving, curbing, milling, capping, utility relocation, ADA compliance, sidewalks, and for improvements to structures or utilities, incidental, appurtenant or encountered in the course of or necessary to such road improvements and for engineering, design, traffic control, administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto (the "Project"). The appropriation is inclusive of grants, and proceeds reallocated from the Gateway Project.

Section 2. The Gateway Project bond resolution is repealed as of the effective date of this resolution, and approximately \$200,000 therefrom shall be applied to the Project and appropriation herein.

Section 3. To meet said appropriation, \$2,750,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date, or such longer period as may be allowed by law. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer (the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer hereinafter the "Town Officials"), and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Town Officials. Said bonds shall be issued in the amount necessary to provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. Capital project revenues, including bid premiums and income derived from the investment of proceeds from bonds issued pursuant to this resolution (and net investment income derived from the investment of note proceeds) are authorized to be credited by the Director of Finance to the project account and expended to pay project expenses customarily paid there from, provided that such expenditures shall be applied against the appropriation, and the bond authorization shall be reduced by the amount of capital project revenues so credited. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, or, be combined with other bonds of the Town and such combined issue shall be in the denomination per aggregate maturity of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Town Officials, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Town Officials, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Town Officials and be approved as to their legality by Bond Counsel. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Town Officials. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit

prescribed by law, that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall be paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other funds available for the payment thereof. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, shall be determined by the Town Officials, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended.

Section 4. Said bonds shall be sold by the Town Officials in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals, auction, or similar competitive process at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds.

Section 5. The Town Officials are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Town Officials, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Town Officials, be approved as to their legality by Bond Counsel, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Town Officials, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall be paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other funds available for the payment thereof. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 6. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The Town (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The

Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 7. The Town Officials are hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by section 3-20e of the general statutes with respect to secondary market disclosure and to provide annual information and notices of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution.

Section 8. It is hereby found and determined that it is in public interest to issue all, or a portion of, the Bonds, Notes or other obligations of the Town as qualified private activity bonds, or with interest that is includable in gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to issue and utilize without further approval any financing alternative available to municipal governments pursuant to law including but not limited to any "tax credit bonds" or "Build America Bonds" including Direct Payment and Tax Credit versions.

TOWN OF BRANFORD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN ENGINEER
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JOHN M. HOEFFERLE, PE, CFM
TOWN ENGINEER

Tel. 203-315-0606
Fax: 203-315-2188

Mr. Joseph Mooney, Chairman
Board of Finance

January 23rd, 2020

Re: Main Street LoTCIP Projects

Dear Chairman Mooney:

I'm writing in support of the proposed Bond Resolution for the Main Street Reconstruction project as presented by the Finance Director, Jim Finch. The Resolution includes language repealing the bond resolution for the Gateway Project and reallocating those funds towards a new Main Street Reconstruction project.

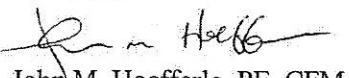
The Gateway Project conceptually began as a simple roundabout at the intersections of Main Street, South Main Street (Rt 146), and Cedar Streets, and streetscape improvements from the roundabout to Kirkham Street as shown in a Scenic Highway Gateway Plan prepared in 2008. Funding was sought for the Project from the SCRCOG through the Local Transportation Capital Improvement (LoTCIP) grant program in 2014, and funding was requested through the Town bodies shortly thereafter. The original estimate amounted to \$3,300,000 and was funded through a bond resolution for FY15. After preliminary engineering design was completed in 2017, the roundabout had grown in scope and cost (estimated \$5,300,000), would not include streetscape improvements, and was subsequently determined to no longer be in the best interests of the Town.

The Town has since asked and received approval from the SCRCOG to reallocate available funding from the Gateway Project to two separate projects: Meadow Street Reconstruction (Phase I locally funded FY20) and the Main Street Reconstruction project. We are now requesting from the Town bodies for funds from the Gateway Project to be reallocated to the Main Street Reconstruction project. Our initial estimate for the Reconstruction project is \$250,000 for design (locally funded) and \$2,500,000 for construction (LoTCIP grant).

I have enclosed for your review the original conceptual Gateway plan from 2008, the resulting preliminary Gateway conceptual plan from 2017, and a summary of planned improvements for the Main Street Reconstruction project.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these projects prior to the meeting, please feel free to reach out to my office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


John M. Hoeffler, PE, CFM
Town Engineer

Enclosures

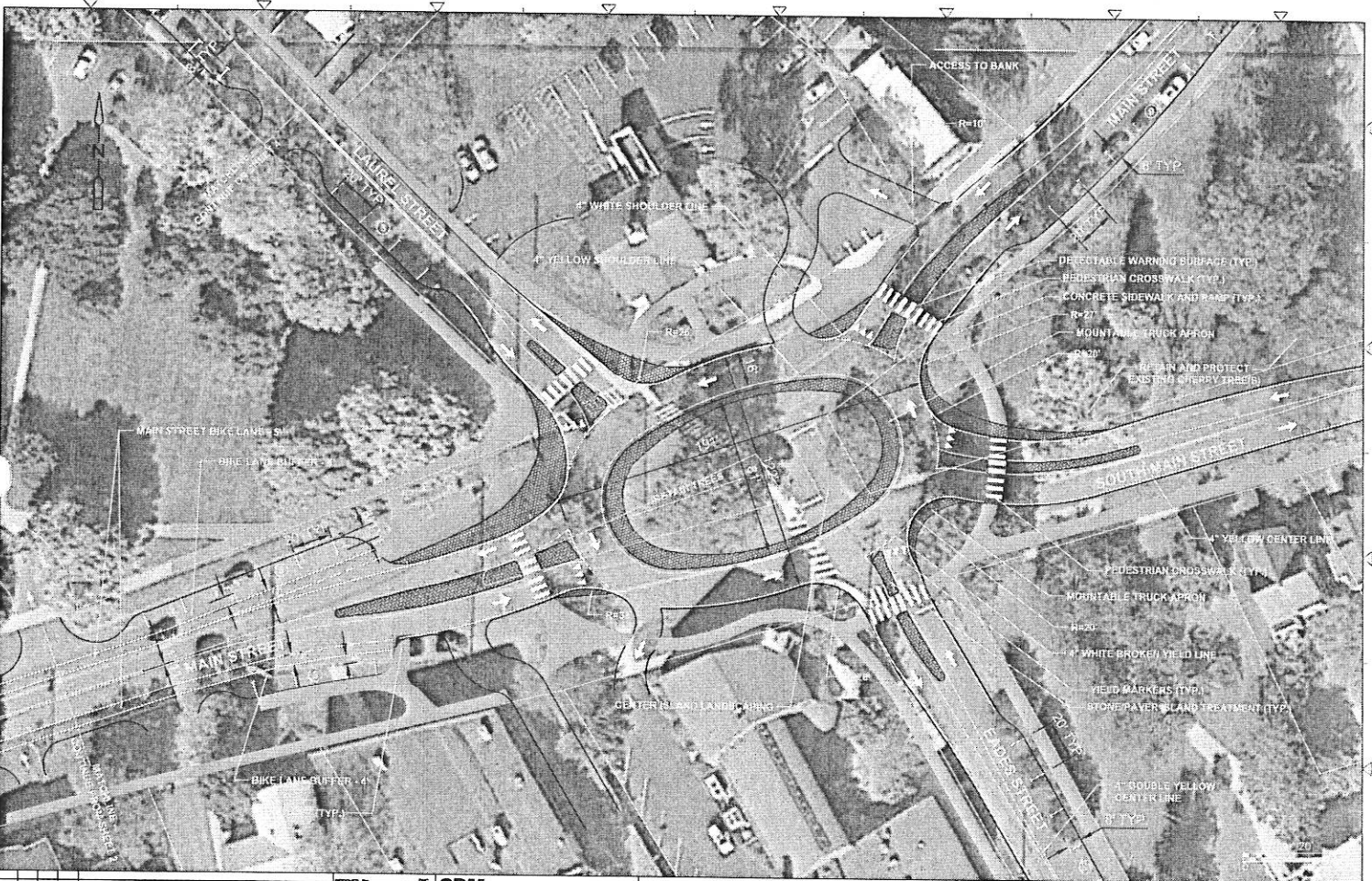
cc: James Cosgrove, First Selectman
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 MAIN STREET GATEWAY
 COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS

CONCEPTUAL ROUNDABOUT AT
 THE INTERSECTION OF
 MAIN STREET (ROUTE 146) AND
 SOUTH MAIN STREET (ROUTE 146)

PROJECT NO.	111337
SHEET NO.	3

30% SUBMITTAL - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Main Street Reconstruction Summary

The pavement structure of Main Street is beyond its useful life and is in need of full reconstruction. Originally reconstructed around 1990, localized drainage issues and abandoned trolley tracks within the current pavement structure have accelerated its deterioration in recent years. Existing sidewalk ramps are not fully ADA compliant, and damaged curbing and brick sidewalk throughout the Streetscape are in need of rehabilitation.

The project limits are proposed from South Main Street (Rt 146) to Chestnut Street. Streetscape will be provided in areas where concrete curbing and concrete sidewalk exist, existing Streetscape will be rehabilitated where needed, and ADA upgrades - including audible crosswalk pedestrian signals at Main and Montowese - will be incorporated into the design. Permeable pavements within parking areas will also be incorporated, where appropriate, in order to improve drainage and work towards MS4 compliance.

Initial engineering estimates through the Engineering Department amount to \$250,000 in design costs, funded by the Town, to leverage \$2,500,000 in LoTCIP grant funding.

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