



**Representative Town Meeting (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

W. Arpin
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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

Moderator Flanigan reviewed the procedures for a remote meeting.

1. Roll Call:

Representatives Present: Adelman, Aitro, Alfone, Anderson, Black, Brockett, Conklin, Everson, Erlanger, Flanigan, Greenberg, Hakun, Healy, Hentschel, Hynes, Ingraham, Jackson, Laich, Prete, Riccio, Sember, Shrestha, Sires, Soomro, Stepanek, Sullivan, Torelli, Twohill, Verderame & Wells (arrived 7:16).

Representatives Absent: none

Ex Officios Present; 1st Selectman Cosgrove, Selectman Dunbar and Town Clerk Arpin.

2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/10/21 RTM meeting by Rep. Aitro; 2nd by Rep. Torelli. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- a. The moderator read correspondence (attached) from Board of Finance Chairman Mooney regarding the Bond Resolution in item 14.

4. To consider, and if appropriate approve the acceptance of Cosgrove Court as a Town road:

- a. Rep. Alfone gave a brief description and reported that this item passed unanimously in committee (Administrative Services). The motion to approve this item passed unanimously.

5. To consider, and if appropriate create a Blight Ordinance for the Town of Branford:

- a. Rep. Black reported that Rules and Ordinances voted 6-0 (one member absent) to re-refer this item. After a brief discussion, the item was unanimously re-referred.

6. To consider, and if appropriate, create an Ordinance pertaining to Unused Capital Funds.

- a. Rep. Black reported Rules and Ordinances met and voted 6-0 to re-refer this item (one member absent). The item was unanimously re-referred.

7. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve an amendment to Chapter 223, Vehicles and Traffic of the Town Code:**
 - a. Rep. Black reported Rules and Ordinances met and that a copy of the new language went out to all members of the RTM and it was also posted on the town's website, verbiage attached. Rep. Black made a motion to waive rule 4.45. 2nd by Rep. Ingraham the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Rep. Black proceeded to give a brief summary of this item. He reported the goal is to have this item passed quickly, thus regulations can be in place before summer. This was approved in committee 6-0, and passed unanimously by the RTM.

 8. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve amendments to Town Meeting rules A-236 -2 (D) 2.4 and section A-236 -4 (C) 4.3.**
 - a. Rep. Black gave a brief description and noted it was approved in committee 6-0 (one member absent). The amendments were unanimously adopted by the RTM, verbiage attached.

 9. **Letters and Petitions: R&O Letter-Request to review Code of Ethics**
 - a. Rep. Black stated Rules & Ordinances met on items 9-11 and voted 6-0 (one member absent) to re-refer items 9, 10, & 11.

 10. **To consider, and make a recommendation to the full RTM regarding disestablishment of the water commission. Sec 105-1 et seq:**
 - a. Re-referred (see item 9)

 11. **To consider, and make a recommendation to the full RTM regarding repeal of ordinances regarding piggeries. Sec. 118-4. This ordinance is duplicative of zoning regulations regulating large animals, Zoning Regulation 37A (2):**
 - a. Re-referred (see item 9)

 12. **To consider, and if appropriate, approve a Resolution pertaining to Insurrection:**
 - a. Rep. Brockett made a motion to accept the resolution (see attached resolution), 2nd by Rep. Sullivan.
 - b. Rep. Brockett explained that this resolution was intended for the February meeting, however in a roll call vote it was not approved as an agenda addition and discussion/debate was not allowed. Rep. Brockett pointed out procedural concerns related to the February 10, 2021 RTM meeting.
 - c. A lengthy discussion followed with comments from RTM members and citizens.
 - d. The resolution was defeated in a roll call vote 16 no to 13 yes. (see attached).
 - e. A full discussion is available on video at BCTV or the Town website.

 13. **To hear a request from the James Blackstone Memorial Library for the replacement of a HVAC Chiller and duct cleaning. This request is accompanied by a request to establish a sinking fund pursuant to the approval of the following resolution:**
 - a. Rep. Prete spoke stating that the item was heard by the Education committee where it passed unanimously. He reported that this item has the support of the First Selectman, the Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Director. Rep. Prete put the item forward for approval.
 - b. After a lengthy discussion with comments from RTM representatives and the public, the item passed unanimously.
- RESOLVED: That the RTM authorizes the establishment of the James Blackstone Memorial Library Sinking Fund which will be initially funded through a contribution from the library.**

14. To consider and act on the following proposed \$24.0 million refunding bond resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$24.0 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" **is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Representative Town Meeting:**

- a. Rep. Black made a motion to waive the reading of the full resolution, 2nd by Rep. Brockett. The motion passed 28-0 with one abstention (see attached).
- b. Rep. Black provided a brief summary of the resolution. The resolution was approved in committee (Ways and Means) 5-0 and put forward for approval by the RTM. The item passed unanimously in a roll call vote (see attached).

15. Any other business to come before the RTM.

- a. Rep. Prete, as a liaison to the library, reviewed goals moving forward and recapped some of the milestones. The full discussion can be reviewed on the BCTV video of this meeting.
- b. Rep. Everson shared a phone number for anyone who needs a COVID vaccine. Town Clerk Arpin stated that the Branford Senior Center can also help with vaccine needs.

16. Adjournment: 8:51

- a. Motion to adjourn by Rep. Torelli 2nd by Twohill

Dated this 16th day of March, 2021
Donna Laich – RTM Clerk

BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF BRANFORD
1019 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 150, BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405

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LISA E. ARPIN, Town Clerk, CCTC CMC

February 23, 2021

To the Representative Town Meeting of
The Town of Branford

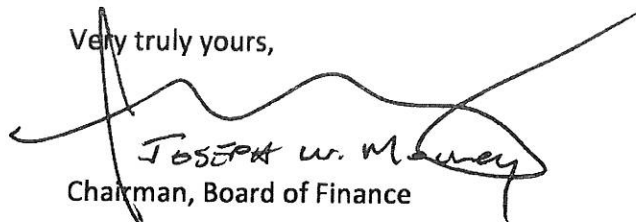
Attention: Dennis Flanigan, Moderator

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held February 22, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$24.0 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"

is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Representative Town Meeting.

Very truly yours,



JOSEPH W. MOONEY
Chairman, Board of Finance

Item #7

In Chapter 223, Vehicles and Traffic, add the following new language:

ARTICLE II Municipal Parking Lots

§ 223-5. Rules and regulations.

The Board of Selectmen is authorized to adopt by majority vote such rules and regulations as it shall determine from time to time regarding the use and operation of any municipal parking lot.

§ 223-6. Posting of Regulations.

Notice of such regulations shall be posted in applicable lots as a requirement of enforcement.

§ 223-7. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any rule or regulation established by the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of this article shall be fined no more than \$100 for each offense.

§ 223-8. Enforcement.

The following officers and agents of the Town of Branford are authorized to act as Enforcement Officers for the provisions of this ordinance:

- (a) Any duly authorized police officer of the Town of Branford;
- (b) Any agent of the Town duly appointed by the Board of Selectmen to enforce this ordinance.

Item #8

Rule 2.4. The RTM Clerk shall prepare the minutes of each meeting and shall deliver said minutes to the Town Clerk not later than seven days after said meeting. The Town Clerk shall distribute said minutes to the RTM members with the call for the next regularly scheduled meeting. The minutes shall be posted on the Town's website.

Add to Rule 4.3:

(4) It shall be the duty and responsibility of each standing or special committee to choose a clerk who shall be responsible for taking the minutes of said committee meeting. The committee clerk shall prepare the minutes of each meeting and shall deliver said minutes to the Town Clerk not later than seven days after said meeting, or prior to the expected action by the full RTM. The minutes shall be posted on the Town's website

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Lisa Arpin
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

March 15, 2020

Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk
TOWN OF BRANFORD
1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Re: RTM-Adoption of Ordinance

Dear Ms. Arpin:

In accordance with the Code of the Town of Branford, Chapter 223, Vehicles and Traffic, the following language was adopted at the March 2021 RTM meeting and is to be added to the existing ordinance.

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At this same meeting the RTM adopted changes to Chapter A-236 Town Meeting Rules. Specifically, Section A 236-2 (D) 2.4 was amended and Section A-236-4 (C) 4.3 had a new section was added. The amended and new language is as follows.

Section A 236-2 (D) 2.4 - The RTM Clerk shall prepare the minutes of each meeting and shall deliver said minutes to the Town Clerk not later than seven days after said meeting. The Town Clerk shall distribute said minutes to the RTM members with the call for the next regularly scheduled meeting. The minutes shall be posted on the Town's website.

Section A-236-4 (C) 4.3 (add the following paragraph (4)).

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Thank you and please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/Donna Laich

RTM Clerk

Item #12
(Defeated)

Mai Stephen
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we are duly elected members of the Branford RTM, and as such were elected by established government practice and process, and agree that we are a Nation of laws, and as members of the Branford RTM are recognized as leaders of our community, and

WHEREAS elected officials we swore an oath to uphold and obey the Constitution of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, through riotous actions, large numbers of American citizens invaded our Nation's Capitol in particular the buildings that house our elected Congressional members and host their passage of laws, and certification of cast electoral ballots as a final step in our National election process, in an effort to interrupt, stop and potentially overturn those results and process and disenfranchise millions of voters,

NOW THEREFORE, we the elected members of the Branford RTM, do wholeheartedly condemn these violent actions and rioting that amount to insurrection against our government and an attempt to overrule the will of the people of our Nation, The United States of America.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$24.0 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

Section 1. \$24.0 million principal amount of refunding bonds of the Town of Branford, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued for the purpose of refunding, including advance refunding, all or any portion of the aggregate principal amount of any issue of Town of Branford (hereinafter, the "Town") General Obligation Bonds now or hereafter outstanding or hereafter authorized, issued and outstanding, (the "Prior Bonds"), including but not limited to outstanding maturities of the Town's issues of 2017 and 2018, and for the payment of all fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith, including redemption price, legal, fiscal advisor, underwriting, accounting, escrow verification, investment broker, printing, rating agencies, registrar, transfer and paying and escrow agents, and such other costs and expenses, and those necessary, appropriate or customarily incurred in connection with the refunding of bonds.

Section 2. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, and be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and Town Treasurer. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest or be sold at such price or prices, including discount or premium, as shall be determined by the First Selectman and the Finance Director (the "Town Officials") pursuant to Section 7-370 of the General Statutes. 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, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds to be issued, the particular issue or portion thereof they shall refund, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time and manner of issue and sale, interest rate on the bonds, designation of registration transfer and paying agent, financial advisor, underwriter, verification agent or other service providers to facilitate the issuance of the bonds and the transactions herein authorized, and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, and their issuance and the use and investment of proceeds, including issuance premium, if any, shall be determined by the Town Officials in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, including but not limited to 7-370 et. seq. The refunding bonds authorized herein may be issued in one or more series, at one or more times and from time to time, provided that, the aggregate principal amount of all such refunding bonds issued shall not exceed \$24.0 million.

Section 3. Section 3. The Town Officials and Town Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to enter into bond purchase contracts for the sale of the bonds, insurance or other credit enhancement contracts, escrow agreements, investment contracts to invest

the proceeds of the bonds pending their use for the purposes of the issue, including purchasing open market treasury securities, State and Local Government Series, or any investment permitted by law, and to execute and deliver such other contracts or certificates necessary or appropriate to consummate the issuance of bonds and transactions herein contemplated, to contract with agents to act on behalf of the Town with respect to any of the foregoing and to apply the proceeds of such bonds for the purposes herein authorized. The agreements contemplated by this section may consist of more than one agreement entered into with more than one party. Any portion of the payment derived from such contracts may be deposited to the refunding escrow or expended to reduce, directly or indirectly, the amount of bonds required to be issued to refund the Town's Prior Bonds.

Section 4. The Town Officials and Town Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories 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 5. The Town Officials and Town Treasurer are authorized to combine with the issue of refunding bonds herein authorized, bonds for any other purpose which the Town has authorized but, as of the issue date of the applicable series of refunding bonds, are unissued, including any bonds authorized subsequent to the date of adoption of this resolution. Solely in connection with such combined issue, the Town Officials and Town Treasurer in addition to the authority conferred upon them by any bond resolution authorizing the issue of the bonds to be combined into one issue with the refunding bonds, are hereby delegated the authority to enter into contracts of purchase for such bonds and to determine their interest rate, and to exercise with respect to such combined issue of bonds the authority herein conferred with respect to the refunding bonds.

Section 6. The Town Officials and Town Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to enter into contracts and to execute and deliver certificates necessary, appropriate or advisable in their determination to consummate the issuance of the bonds and the transactions authorized herein.

Section 7. This Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until repealed by the Representative Town Meeting.

Section 8. It is hereby found and determined that the issue of all, or a portion of, the Bonds, Notes or other obligations of the Town authorized to be issued herein as qualified private activity bonds, or with interest that is includable in gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation (taxable bonds), is in the public interest. In addition, the Town Officials are hereby authorized to issue and utilize without further approval any financing alternative currently or hereafter 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.