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BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Representative Town Meeting
November 1, 2023
Meeting Minutes

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

A special meeting of the RTM convened on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom technology to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. Roll Call:

Representatives Present: Alfone, Amore, Anderson, Barron, Black, Bonenberger, Brooks, Conklin, Erlanger, Everson, Flanigan, Greenberg, Healy, Hentschel, Hesse, Ingraham, Laich, Maresca, Riccio, Shrestha, Sires, Twohill, Verderame.

Representatives Absent: Hynes, Neupane, Prete, Stepanek, Sullivan, Torelli, Wells.

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

2. To receive communications with respect to and consider and act upon a resolution entitled:

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,100,000 FOR THE FLEET FUELING STATION PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,100,000 THEREFOR"

The full text of the Resolution is on file, open to public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

Rep. Healy made a motion to waive the reading of the full resolution, 2nd by Rep. Black. The motion to waive the full reading passed in a roll call vote 22 -1 (see attached roll call vote).

Rep. Healy briefly described the proposed resolution, stating it unanimously passed the Ways and Means committee meeting 5-0. Rep. Healy asked for approval from the RTM. A discussion followed with questions from the RTM. Jim Finch (Finance Director) provided several possible reasons for the decision as to why we should bond instead of paying out of contingency. He stated this will provide the town with more flexibility moving forward. The item passed in a roll call vote 21-1 (see attached roll call vote).

3. To receive communications with respect to and consider and act upon a resolution entitled:

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4. Adjournment: 9:50

Motion to adjourn made by Rep. Anderson, 2nd by Rep. Amore

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

Donna Laich, RTM Clerk

Dated this 6th day of November 2023

BRANFORD RTM RECORDED VOTES

RTM Roll Call List ~ Date: 11-1-2023						
	NAME	ATTENDANCE	Item #2 waive full reading of resolution	Item #2	Item #3 - waive full reading of resolution	Item #3
1	ALFONE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	AMORE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	ANDERSON	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	BARRON	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	BLACK	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	BONENBERGER	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	BROOKS	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	CONKLIN	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	ERLANGER	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	EVERSON	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	FLANIGAN	Present				
12	GREENBERG	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
13	HEALY	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	HENTSCHEL	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	HESSE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
16	HYNES	A				
17	INGRAHAM	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
18	LAICH	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
19	MARESCA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	NEUPANE	A				
21	PRETE	A				
22	RICCIO	Present	No	No	No	Yes
23	SHRESTHA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
24	SIRES	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
25	STEPANEK	A				
26	SULLIVAN	A				
27	TORELLI	A				
28	TWOHILL	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
29	VERDERAME	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
30	WELLS	A				
	Total	23 P; 7 A	21 Yes; 1 No	21Y - 1 N	21 Y - 1 N	22 Y
	Ex Officios					
	1st Selectman Cosgrove	Present				
	Selectman Higgins					
	Selectman Dunbar					
	Town Clerk Arpin	Present				
	Treasurer Conklin					
	Attorney Aniskovich					

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October 31, 2023

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The Town of Branford

Attention: Dennis Flanigan, Moderator

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph W. Mooney", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joseph W. Mooney
Chairman, Board of Finance

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**BRANFORD REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE AND CALL -- SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.**

A special meeting of the RTM will be convened on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom technology

To Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89132397206>

Meeting ID: 891 3239 7206
Dial in: 1-646-931-3860

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4. Adjournment

Dated the 20th day of October, 2023
Dennis T. Flanigan, Moderator

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Kari S. Flanigan
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Item #2

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,100,000 FOR THE FLEET FUELING STATION PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,100,000 THEREFOR

Section 1. The sum of \$1,100,000 is appropriated by the Town of Branford (the "Town") (a) for the installation of a fueling facility for the fire department located in the Town, including, but limited to, planning, design, acquisition and construction costs, equipment, materials, removal of underground storage tanks and related environmental remediation, architects' fees, engineering fees, insurance, inspection costs and project management fees related to the fueling facility, as well as related site improvements or other related work and appurtenances thereto, or such additional improvements as may be accomplished within said appropriation, and (b) for interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and for administrative, printing, financing and legal costs and costs of issuance related thereto (the "Project").

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$1,100,000 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 later date as may be authorized 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 referred to as 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 meet the cost of the Project, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient, with other funds that may be available for the Project, 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 therefrom. 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 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, and 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 thereon. 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, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Statutes").

Section 3. 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 (which may include electronic publication) 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 4. 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 Statutes. 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, and 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 thereon. 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 5. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Treasury Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount and for the Project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the original expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Treasury Regulations may authorize. The Town 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 designee, is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration. The Town Officials are authorized to amend such declaration of

official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis.

Section 6. The Town Officials are hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by Section 3-20e of the 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 7. It is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to issue 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. 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 bond," "tax-advantaged bond," including direct payment and tax credit versions of such bonds.

Item #3

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Section 1. The sum of \$2,250,000 is appropriated by the Town of Branford (the "Town") (a) for the replacement of the Chestnut Street Bridge over the Supply Pond (CT DOT Bridge No. 014001) in the Town, including, but limited to, planning, design, acquisition and construction costs, equipment, materials, architects' fees, engineering fees, insurance, inspection costs and project management fees related to the replacement of the bridge, as well as related sight line improvements or other work related to the bridge replacement and appurtenances thereto, or such additional improvements as may be accomplished within said appropriation, and (b) for interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and for administrative, printing, financing and legal costs and costs of issuance related thereto (the "Project").

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$2,250,000 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 later date as may be authorized 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 referred to as 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 meet the cost of the Project, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient, with other funds that may be available for the Project (including, but not limited to, the estimated anticipated grant from the State in the amount of \$1,039,650), 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 therefrom. 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 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, and 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

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