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Representative Town Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2021 8:00 p.m.

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

The RTM was convened "in-person" for a special meeting on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street, Branford to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. Roll Call:

Representatives present: Alfone, Anderson, Barron, Black, Bonenberger, Brooks, Conklin, Everson, Erlanger, Flanigan, Greenberg, Healy, Hentschel, Hynes, Ingraham, Kelly, Laich, Maresca, Prete, Shrestha, Sires, Stepanek, Sullivan, Twohill, Verderame, Witkowski.

Representative absent: Amore, Riccio, Torelli, Wells

2. To consider, and if appropriate, approve an agreement by and between the Town of Branford and the Teamsters Local 443, Public Works/Highway Employees to June 30,2023.

- a. Rep Conklin spoke on this item. Public Services heard this at a special meeting presented by the HR director. Rep. Conklin provided a summary of this contract. The contract initially went to mediation and was approved on 10/28. This passed committee 6-0 and was put forward for approval from the RTM.
- b. After a brief discussion the motion passed with a roll call vote - 24 yes and 1 abstention.

3. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a contract between (BOE) and the (BAO) Branford Administrators Organization) Contract July 1 2022-June 30 2025

- a. Rep. Prete stated this item was discussed in a special meeting of the Education Committee. Rep. Prete gave a brief report on the contract. He reported the two parties mediated amongst themselves, without an outside mediator present. A Board of Finance member was part of the negotiating team. (View details of the contract on the BCTV recording of this meeting).
- b. There was a lengthy discussion with comments from several RTM members. RTM members stated a desire to have an RTM representative present during these negotiations in the future in order to be better informed about the contract they are

expected to vote on. This request has been made in the past with no action taken. Many RTM members from both sides of the aisle are in agreement with the suggestion of an RTM representative observing future negotiations.

- c. Resident Gregg Jerolman spoke at length, expressing his opinions and concerns with this contract. A lengthy discussion ensued with comments from several RTM representatives voicing their concerns with the process.
- d. Rep. Prete put the motion forward for approval of this contract by the RTM. The contract was approved with 18 yes votes, and 7 abstentions.

Moderator Flanigan announced the December RTM meeting is canceled.

4. Adjournment: TIME 8:46

Motion to adjourn by Rep. Anderson, 2nd by Rep Ingraham

BRANFORD RTM RECORDED VOTES

RTM Roll Call List ~ Date: 11-29-2021

	NAME	ATTENDANCE	Item 1 Local 443 - PW/Highway	Item 2 BOE - BAO
1	AMORE	Absent		
2	ALFONE	Present	Yes	Yes
3	ANDERSON	Present	Yes	Yes
4	BARRON	Present	Abstain	Abstain
5	BLACK	Present	Yes	Yes
6	BONENBERGER	Present	Yes	Yes
7	BROOKS	Present	Yes	Yes
8	CONKLIN	Present	Yes	Yes
9	EVERSON	Present	Yes	Yes
10	ERLANGER	Present	Yes	Yes
11	FLANIGAN	Present		
12	GREENBERG	Present	Yes	Yes
13	HEALY	Present	Yes	Abstain
14	HENTSCHEL	Present	Yes	Abstain
15	HYNES	Present	Yes	Yes
16	INGRAHAM	Present	Yes	Yes
17	KELLY	Present	Yes	Abstain
18	LAICH	Present	Yes	Abstain
19	MARESCA	Present	Yes	Yes
20	PRETE	Present	Yes	Yes
21	RICCIO	Absent		
22	SHRESTHA	Present zoom	Yes	Yes
23	SIRES	Present	Yes	Yes
24	STEPANEK	Present	Yes	Abstain
25	SULLIVAN	Present zoom	Yes	Yes
26	TORELLI	Absent		
27	TWOHILL	Present	Yes	Yes
28	VERDERAME	Present	Yes	Yes
29	WITKOWSKI	Present	Yes	Abstain
30	WELLS	Absent		
Total			24 Yes - 1 Abstain	18 Yes - 7 Abstain
	Ex Officios			
	1st Selectman Cosgrove	Present		
	Selectman Higgins	Absent		
	Selectman Dunbar	Absent		
	Town Clerk Arpin	Present		
	Treasurer Conkin	Absent		
	Town Attorney Aniskovich	Absent		

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