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Representative Town Meeting

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2019

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. 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. Prete, Rep. Riccio, Rep. Sember, Rep. Sires, Rep. Soomro, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Torelli, Rep. Twohill,

Members Absent: Rep. Alfone, Rep. Kelly, Rep. Lombardi, Rep. Stepanek, Rep. Wells

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 the previous meeting minutes: Rep. Ingraham made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Rep. Brockett and approved unanimously.
3. Reception of communications, reports of committees and citizens petitions:
 - a. Moderator Flanigan read the flyer for the Branford Year in Review Celebration to be held on January 16th from 5:30 - 9:30 at Woodwinds (see attached).
4. To consider, and if appropriate, adopt a uniform procedure for Ordinance enforcement pursuant to Town Meeting rules (A236-4.19d). The moderator referred this to the Rules and Ordinance committee
5. To consider, and if appropriate, approve the meeting schedule for RTM sessions for 2020. Rep. Brockett made a motion to approve and Rep. Jackson 2nd the motion. It was unanimously approved.
6. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Recreation Director for the following FY2020 budget transfers:
 - a. Rep. Black reported that this passed committee 5-0 and made a motion to approve the transfer. The motion was approved.

From :	700-45010-579250-19305	Snow Removal Equipment	(\$159)
	700-45010-579410-06311	Community House Roof/Masonry	(2,888)
	700-45010-579400-20312	Foote Park Tennis Court Fencing	<u>(75,000)</u>
			(\$78,047)
To:	700-45010-544300-20234	Tree Removal/Pruning Program	\$3,047
	700-45010-xxxxxx-xxxxx	Foote Park Capital Improvements	<u>75,000</u>
			\$78,047

	700-45010-xxxxxx-xxxxx	Foote Park Capital Improvements	<u>75,000</u>
			\$78,047

7. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Finance Director for the following FY2020 budget transfers to reflect the recently approved collective bargaining agreements for the Fire Union. The agreement is for three years with wage increases of 2.5% per year. Rep. Black made a motion to approve this transfer, it was unanimously approved.

From:	10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$103,529)
To:	10142040-517000	Wages & Salaries	74,556
	10142040-518000	Overtime	5,650
	10142040-518010	Overtime Public Events	527
	10142040-518050	Vacation	7,050
	10142040-518150	Holiday	5,569
	10142040-518200	Sick	3,709
	10142040-519025	Education Incentive	3,423
	10142040-519040	Accrued Payroll	625
	10142040-517670	Medic Shift	<u>2,420</u>
			\$103,529
From:	10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$3,100)
To:	10142040-526100	Uniform and Clothing	\$3,100

8. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Finance Director for the following FY2020 OPEB funding transfer: Rep. Black made a motion to accept the transfer. The transfer was unanimously approved.

From:	10149020-528100	Health Insurance Premiums	(\$727,000)
To:	10149020-599106	Transfer Out OPEB	727,000

9. To consider, and if appropriate approve a request from the Finance Director for the following FY2020 budget transfers and a budget resolution. Rep. Black made a motion to approve the transfers. The transfers were unanimously approved. As to the resolution Rep Black suggested an amendment. Rep. Brockett made a motion to approve the amendment and Rep. Ingraham 2nd the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved to read as follows.

- a. Resolved: The RTM increased appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget from \$115,336,659 to \$115,519,387. This increase will be funded through an increase in miscellaneous income generated from the bond issue and will be used to fund an increase in debt service costs.

From:	10140000-480080	Miscellaneous Income	\$182,728
	10147020-588960	Bond Payments Interest	<u>375,312</u>
			\$558,540
To:	10147020-588960	Interest Payments General Purpose	\$74,512
	10147020-588960	Interest Payments Schools	<u>484,328</u>
			\$558,540

10. Other business to come before the RTM:

- a. Rep. Everson brought attention to the Branford Town website where residents were unable to access "Be Informed," which is an emergency alert system. The first selectman agreed to look into the matter and thanked Rep. Everson for bringing attention to this matter.
- b. Rep. Twohill offered a moment of silence for Rep Riccio's brother and news anchor Denise D' Ascenzo

11. Motion by Rep. Torelli to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Rep. Hentschel and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Dated this 14th day of December 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Laich
Clerk-Branford RTM

BRANFORD RTM RECORDED VOTES

RTM Roll Call List ~ Date: 12-11-2019								
NAME	ATTENDANCE		ITEM 1	ITEM 2	ITEM 3	ITEM 4	ITEM 5	ITEM 6
ADELMAN	present							
ALFONE	-							
ANDERSON	present							
AUSTIN	present							
BLACK	present							
BROCKETT	present							
CONKLIN	present							
EVERSON	present							
ERLANGER	present							
FLANIGAN	present							
GREENBERG	present							
HAKUN	present							
HEALY	present							
HENTSCHEL	present							
HYNES	present							
INGRAHAM	present							
JACKSON	present							
KELLY	-							
LAICH	present							
LOMBARDI	-							
PRETE	present							
RICCIO	present							
SEMBER	present							
SIRES	present							
SOOMRO	present							
STEPANEK	-							
SULLIVAN	present							
TORELLI	present							
TWOHILL	present							
WELLS	-							
		Total						
Ex Officios								
1st Selectman Cosgrove	present							
Selectman Dunbar	present							
Town Clerk Arpin	present							
Treasurer Schwanfelder								
Town Attorney Aniskovich								
Selectman Higgins								

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TOWN OF BRANFORD
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Branford's 375th Year In Review Celebration

WOODWINDS

Thursday, Jan. 16th

5:30-9:30

For more information &
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Call 203-488-8304

Or visit

www.branfordrecreation.org

\$50 per person

FEATURING

Dinner

Live Music by Mid Life Crisis

Dancing

Commemorative 375th
Glass & Book

(Book to be released early 2020)

***Cash Bar**

