

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MEETING MINUTES

March 13th, 2019

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MODERATOR
Dennis Flanigan



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Jessica Everlith

MAJORITY LEADER
Ray Ingraham

MINORITY LEADER
Chris Sullivan

The meeting was called to order by: Moderator Flanigan at 8:01p.m. The Moderator led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held at Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street.

Town Clerk Arpin swore in three (3) new members of the RTM. Rep. Linda Erlanger (D) to represent the 3rd district, Rep. Shahida Soomro (D) to represent the 4th district, and Rep. Kathy Traugh (D) to represent the 5th district. All three (3) new members were filling vacancies left by previous members of the Democratic caucus.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Rep. Adelman, Rep. Alfone, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Black, Rep. Brockett, Rep. Conklin, Rep. Dunbar, Rep. Erlanger, Rep. Everlith, Rep. Flanigan, Rep. Healy, Rep. Hentschel, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Lawler, Rep. Leonard, Rep. Lombardi, Rep. Riccio, Rep. Soomro, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Torelli, Rep. Traugh, Rep. Twohill, Rep. Wells

Members Absent: Rep. Gordon, Rep. Prete, Rep. Stepanek, Rep. Walker

2 vacancies: District 1 and District 4

Ex Officios Present: Selectman: Cosgrove, **Town Clerk:** Arpin

Ex Officios Not Present: Selectman: Higgins, Ahern

Treasurer: Nardella,

Town Attorney: Aniskovich
(See Attachment)

The Moderator made changes to the committees. Representative Soomro and Representative Lombardi were assigned to the Education Committee, Representative Traugh was assigned to the Public Services Committee, Representative Erlanger was assigned to the Ways and Means Committee.

- 2. Approval of the previous meeting.** Rep. Brockett made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting. 2nd Rep. Adelman. Approved unanimously.

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

The Moderator read a letter from Chairman Leonard of the Rules and Ordinances Committee requesting an agenda item be added to the committee agenda to undertake a study for a uniform enforcement review for all ordinances.

4. Rep. Leonard made a motion to approve an ordinance for tax exemption for handicap equipped vehicles. Rep. Sullivan spoke to the ordinance and confirmed that it supersedes any previous procedures. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Rep. Leonard made a motion to re-refer an item to review Branford's Town dock ordinance and, if appropriate revise the time limits and rights of appeal. Motion approved unanimously.
6. Rep. Leonard made a motion to re-refer the item to consider, and if appropriate, approve changes to Chapter 161 of the Floodplain Management Ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Rep. Leonard made a motion to re-refer the item to consider, and if appropriate, create an ordinance restricting the use of plastic bags. Motion approved unanimously.
8. Rep. Alfone made a motion to re-refer the item to consider, and if appropriate, approve a extended tax abatement of real property taxes on properties located at 13-29 Rogers Street and 142-190 Ivy Street for an additional ten years effective the October 1, 2019 Grand List as permitted by section 169-2(4) of Code of Branford. (Housing Development Corp. and the Branford Interfaith Housing Corp). 2nd by Rep. Dunbar Motion was approved unanimously.

The Moderator also sent the item to Rules and Ordinance committee to review any necessary code changes.

9. Rep. Alfone made a motion to approve a request from the Director of Human Services for the following FY19 budget transfer. The motion was approved with one (1) no vote by Rep. Riccio.

From:	21890000-480296	Undesignated Fund Balance	(\$37,775)
To:	21844010-517000	Regular Wages & Salaries	37,775

RESOLVED: That the RTM approves an increase in the appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2019 Human Services Fund Budget from \$1,480,657 to \$1,518,432. This increase will be funded through an appropriation from fund balance.

10. Rep. Black made a motion to waive rule 4.4.1. 2nd by Rep. Sullivan. The motion was approved with one (1) no vote by Rep. Wells.

Rep. Black made a motion to approve a request from Parks & Recreation for the following budget transfer for FY2019. 2nd by Rep. Hentschel. Rep. Sullivan asked how many additional employees will be required a payout from the town under Accumulated Sick Pay. Motion approved unanimously.

From:	10145030-518250	Contingency	(\$22,176)
To:	10145010-519030	Accumulated Sick Pay	22,176

11. Rep. Alfone made a motion to approve adjusting the Human Resource Director salary for FY2019.

Rep. Sullivan inquired about Seasonal Line Item for the upcoming budget. First Selectman Cosgrove responded saying that the new budget will not include the part time position. The full time Risk Manager will roll into the Human Resources position.

Rep. Riccio inquired about the role of a risk manager. First Selectman Cosgrove said the risk manager position was never filled and the responsibilities and the role of the risk manager was working with insurance carriers and contractors to mitigate risks of contracts and employees.

The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Other Business

Rep. Hentschel read an announcement regarding a walk out and rally organized by high school students on the Branford Green this Friday, March 15 at 12:00pm.

The Moderator said the budget process will start next week and the budget books should be ready shortly.

13. Motion by Rep. Torelli to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Rep. Adelman, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Dated this 24th Day of March, 2019

Respected Submitted,

Jessica L. Everlith
Clerk- Branford RTM

RTM Meeting of: 3/13/2019

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