

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MEETING MINUTES

March 14th, 2018

MODERATOR
Dennis Flanigan

CLERK
Adam Hansen



MAJORITY LEADER
Ray Ingraham

MINORITY LEADER
Chris Sullivan

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The Meeting was called to order by: Moderator Flanigan at 8:05p.m. The Moderator led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held at Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main St.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Rep. Adelman, Rep. Alfone, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Black, Rep. Brockett, Rep. Buchanan, Rep. Comey, Rep. Conklin, Rep. DiAdamo, Rep. Dockenvich, Rep. Dunbar, Rep. Flanigan, Rep. Hall, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hentschel, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Kelly, Rep. Lawlor Rep. Leonard, Rep. Sandler, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Twoill, Rep. Walker, Rep. Wells , Rep. Zambrano.

Members Absent: Rep. Prete, Rep. Riccio, Rep. Stepanek, Rep. Torelli.

Ex Officio's Present: Selectmen: Cosgrove, Ahern. **Town Clerk:** Arpin.

Ex Officio's Not Present: Selectmen: Higgins. **Town Treasurer:** Nardella. **Town**

Attorney: Aniskovich.

(See Attachment)

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

Rep. Buchanan brought to attention to reflect the minutes to show the Crescent Bluff Item was sent to Administrative Services and not Rules & Ordinances, motion by Rep. Brockett, 2nd by Rep. Ingraham to approve the minutes as amended, motion passed unanimously.

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

The Moderator read a letter from Chairman of the Board of Finance: Joseph Mooney that on February 26th, 2018, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolution appropriating \$1,500,000 for a new Indian Neck Firehouse and authorizing the issue of \$1,500.000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose"

RTM Clerk Hansen read a letter from elector/resident Cristy Cantu with concerns about the Community House Renovation and disturbances at Sliney School. Selectman Cosgrove addressed the concerns.

4. To consider, and if appropriate, create Ordinance that enables Tax exemptions for Gold Star Parents and Spouses.

Motion by Rep. Leonard to re-refer, motion passed unanimously.

5. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a contract between Town of Branford and UPSEU Unit #424 Waste Water Treatment Plant Employees from 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2020.

Motion by Rep. Leonard to approve the contract, Roll Call Vote ordered by the Moderator, Roll Call Vote recorded: (23) YES (0) NO (1) Abstain, contract was approved.

6. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a contract between Town of Branford and UPSEU the Town of Branford Employees Union from 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2020.

Motion by Rep. Alfone to approve the contract, Roll Call Vote ordered by the Moderator, Roll Call Vote recorded: (22) YES (0) NO (2) Abstain, contract was approved.

7. To consider, and if appropriate, amend the Town Code Sections 71-3 & 109-2.

Motion by Rep. Leonard to reject, Roll Call Vote was requested, Roll Call Vote recorded: (17) YES (8) NO (0) Abstain, motion passed.

8. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a resolution from the Indian Neck Fire Station Company #9 Building Committee for \$1.5 million (full resolution attached.)

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Presentation of firehouse project presented by Fire Chief (Mahoney), Assistant Fire Chief (Heffernan), Fire Commissioner (Massey), and Architect (Stein).

Motion by Rep. Conklin, 2nd by Rep. Ingraham to waive Town Meeting Rule (4.4.1.), motion passed, (1) NO VOTE by Rep. Jackson.

Motion by Rep. Black, 2nd by Rep. Hansen to waive the reading of the full resolution, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Ingraham, 2nd by Rep. Black to approve the resolution.

Several electors/citizens of Branford spoke to the item including residents from Cocheco Ave: George Platt, Debbie Platt, Matt Geelan and Vincent Farricielli from Autumn Ridge.

Motion by Rep. Sullivan, 2nd by Rep. Ingraham to take a five-minute recess, motion passed unanimously.

Moderator ordered a Roll Call Vote for the approval of the resolution, Roll Call Vote recorded: (25) YES (0) NO (0) Abstain, resolution passed.

9. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from the Town Clerk for the following budget transfer:

From: 10141080-566100	Office Supplies	(\$200)
To: 10141080-544300	Purch. Services	200

Motion by Rep. Alfone to approve the transfer, motion passed unanimously.

10. To consider, and if appropriate, accept Crescent Bluff Avenue as a town road.

Motion by Rep. Alfone to take no action, subsidiary motion by Rep. Brockett, 2nd by Rep. Sullivan to send the item/letter to the Board of Selectman, subsidiary motion failed by a show of hands, main motion passed by voice vote.

11. Any other business to come before the RTM.

Rep. Comey spoke to the issue of the use of social media by members of the RTM in using survey's, polls, etc. and cautioned members to be careful about what is and is not officially coming from the RTM.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Rep. Buchanan, 2nd by Rep. Kelly to adjourn, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned @ 9:56 p.m.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam J. Hansen

Clerk-Branford RTM

BOARD OF FINANCE

TOWN OF BRANFORD

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February 27, 2018

To the Representative Town Meeting of The Town of Branford

Attention: Dennis Flanigan, Moderator

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held February 26, 2018, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolution appropriating \$1,500,000 for a new Indian Neck Firehouse and authorizing the issue of \$1,500,000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose”

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

Very truly yours,

Joseph W. Mooney
Chairman, Board of Finance

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RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 FOR A NEW INDIAN NECK FIREHOUSE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,500,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of a replacement for the Indian Neck Firehouse (Company 9), located at 6-10 Linden Avenue, including demolition of the existing structure, construction of an approximately 5,000 sq. ft. structure on the site of the existing structure, bay areas, meeting and training space, showers, FEMA compliance features, and for engineering, consultant fees, equipment, administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto, or so much thereof or such additional improvements as may be accomplished within the appropriation. The appropriation shall be inclusive of grants.

Section 2. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and is expected to be paid from an estimated \$500,000 State grant and the bonds authorized herein.

Section 3. To meet said appropriation, \$1,500,000 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. 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 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 provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose 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 there from, provided that such expenditures shall be applied against the appropriation, and the bond authorization shall be reduced by the amount of capital project revenues so credited. 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 bearer form or 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, that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the

pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 7. The Town Officials are hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by section 3-20e of the general 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 8. It is hereby found and determined that it is in public interest to issue all, or a portion of, the Bonds, Notes or other obligations of the Town 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 First Selectman and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to issue and utilize without further approval any financing alternative 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.