

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
April 12th, 2017

MODERATOR
Dennis Flanigan

CLERK
Adam Hansen



MAJORITY LEADER
Ray Ingraham

MINORITY LEADER
Chris Sullivan

DISTRICT 1
Lisa Ahern
John Carter
Claire Torelli
Frank Twohill
George Wells III
Jennifer Zambrano

DISTRICT 2
Joshua Brooks
Peter Hentschel
James Walker

DISTRICT 3
Ali Abulugma
Peter Black
Peter Jackson

DISTRICT 4
Maryanne Amore
Louis DeSerio
Adam Hansen
Robert Imperato
Darren Lawler

DISTRICT 5
Donald Conklin
Dennis Flanigan
Maryanne Hall
Raymond Ingraham
John Leonard

DISTRICT 6
Anthony Alfone
Edward Prete
Marc Riccio
Chris Sullivan

DISTRICT 7
Tricia Anderson
Lynda Mollow
Robin Sandler

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The Meeting was called to order by: Moderator Flanigan at 8:02p.m. The Moderator welcomed new RTM member of the 4th district Darren Lawler. 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. Abulugma, Rep. Ahern, Rep. Alfone, Rep. Amore, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Brooks, Rep. DeSerio Rep. Flanigan, Rep. Hall, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hentschel, Rep. Imperato, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Lawler, Rep. Leonard, Rep. Mollow, Rep. Prete, Rep. Riccio, Rep. Stepanek, Rep. Sullivan Rep. Twohill, Rep. Zambrano.

Members Absent: Rep. Black, Rep. Carter, Rep. Conklin, Rep. Sandler, Rep. Torelli, Rep. Walker, Rep. Wells.

Ex Officio's Present: Selectmen: Town Clerk: Arpin.

Ex Officio's Not Present: Selectmen: Higgins, Town Treasurer: Nardella. Town Attorney: Aniscovich.

(Note): Selectman Cosgrove arrived after the Roll Call.
(See Attachment)

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Motion by Rep. Ingraham, 2nd by Rep. Imperato to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, motion passed without exception.

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

The Moderator read a letter from Joseph Mooney, Chair Board of Finance regarding the School Ground Rd. bridge replacement.

The Moderator read a letter from Joseph Mooney, Chair Board of Finance:

“RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,565,000 FOR HARBOR STREET CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,565,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

The Moderator read a letter from Doug Denes and announced he was creating an “Ad Hoc Committee” entitled “Branford Hills Town Property Usage Committee” and listed off the members who were going to be assigned to the committee.

1. Rep. Adam Hansen (D4)
2. Rep. Maryanne Amore (D4)
3. Rep. Bob Imperato (D4)
4. Chairperson Rep. Ray Ingraham (D5)
5. Rep. Donald Conklin (D5)

The Moderator read a letter from Robin Latta addressed to Rep. Abulugma. The Moderator stated the concerns did not fall within the preview of the RTM and sent the letter to the Police Chief and Public Works.

4. To consider and, if appropriate, approve a contract between Town of Branford and the United Public Services Employees Union Local #010 to June 30,2019 (Parks and Custodians)

Motion by Rep. Ingraham, 2nd by Rep. Sullivan to waive the reading of RTM Rule (4.4.1) motion passed unanimously. Motion by Rep. Ingraham, 2nd by Rep. Sullivan to approve the contract, motion passed by Roll Call Vote: 18 (yes), 2 (no), and 1 (abstain).
(Note) Rep. Brooks left prior to the Roll Call of this vote.

5. To consider and, if appropriate, approve a contract between Town of Branford and the United Public Services Employees Union Local #405 to June 30,2019 (Town Hall Employees)

Motion by Rep. Alfone, 2nd by Rep. Sullivan to waive RTM Rule (4.4.1) motion passed unanimously. Motion by Rep. Ingraham, 2nd by Rep. Sullivan to approve the contract, motion passed by Roll Call Vote: 18 (yes), 2 (no), 1 (abstain).

6. To consider and, if appropriate, amend Chapter 161, Sec. 161-7 of the Branford Code Book as it relates to the Flood Plain Ordinance and map designations.

Motion by Rep. Leonard, 2nd by Rep. Sullivan to waive RTM Rule (4.4.1) motion passed unanimously. Motion by Rep. Leonard, 2nd by Rep. Ingraham to approve, motion passed unanimously.

7. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Public Works for the following transfers:

From:	10143010-517000	Regular Wages & Salaries	(\$22,303)
To:	10143010-518250	Seasonal & Part Time	22,303
From:	10143010-517000	Regular Wages & Salaries	(\$500)
To:	10143010-526100	Uniforms/Clothing Allowance	500

Motion by Rep. Imperato to approve the transfers, motion passed unanimously.

8. To consider, and if appropriate, approve a request from Solid Waste Management Commission to continue our participation in the household hazardous waste disposal program for an additional three years (HazWaste resolution attached).

Motion by Rep. Imperato to approve, motion passed unanimously.

9. To consider and act on the following proposed resolution:

“RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,565,000 FOR HARBOR STREET CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,565,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

(The purpose of the amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization from \$1,565,000 to \$2,100,000, and ratify, confirm and adopt all prior authorizations and resolutions in connection therewith), and to approve the resolution for adoption.

Motion by Rep. Ingraham, 2nd by Rep. Imperato to waive the reading of the full resolution, motion passed unanimously. Motion by Rep. Imperato, 2nd by Rep. Ingraham to approve the resolution, motion passed by Roll Call Vote 20 (Yes) 0 (No) 1 (Abstain).

10. Any new business to come before the RTM

No new business to come before the RTM.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Rep. Amore, 2nd by Rep. Sullivan to adjourn, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned @ 9:37 p.m.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2017
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Adam J. Hansen
 Clerk-Branford RTM

**BRANFORD RTM
RECORDED VOTES**

4/12/2017 RTM

NAME	ATTENDANCE	ITEM # 4	ITEM #5	ITEM #9	ITEM #	ITEM #	ITEM #	ITEM #	ITEM #	ITEM #
ABULUGMA	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
AHERN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
ALFONE	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
AMORE	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
ANDERSON	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
BLACK										
BROOKS	PRESENT									
CARTER										
CONKLIN										
FLANIGAN	PRESENT									
DeSERIO	PRESENT	NO	NO	YES						
HALL	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
HANSEN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
HENTSCHEL	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
IMPERATO	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
INGRAHAM	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
JACKSON	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
LAWLER	PRESENT	ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN						
LEONARD	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
MOLLOW	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
PRETE	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
RICCIO	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
SANDLER										
STEPANEK	PRESENT	NO	NO	YES						
SULLIVAN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
TORELLI										
TWOHILL	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						
WALKER										
WELLS										
ZAMBRANO	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES						

Ex-Officio's	Selectmen	Town	Clerk	Arpin	Treasurer
	Town Attorney				

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JAMES B. COSGROVE, First Selectman

CLERK
LISA E. ARPIN, Town Clerk

March 28, 2017

To the Representative Town Meeting of
The Town of Branford

Attention: Dennis Flanigan, Moderator

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held March 27, 2017, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,565,000 FOR HARBOR STREET CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,565,000 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 adoption by the Representative Town Meeting.

(The purpose of the amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization from \$1,565,000 to \$2,100,000, and ratify, confirm and adopt all prior authorizations and resolutions in connection therewith).

Very truly yours,

Joseph W. Mooney
Chairman, Board of Finance

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April 6, 2017

Mr. Dennis Flanagan
Moderator, Representative Town Meeting
c/o Office of the Town Clerk
1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

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Re: Request to consider Branford Hills School site for affordable housing

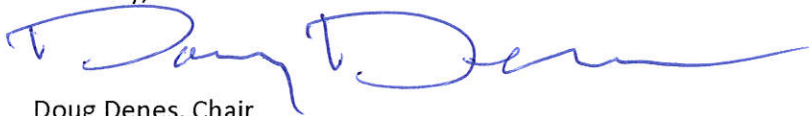
Dear RTM Moderator Flanagan,

Based on our community meeting this week with members of the RTM and the First Selectman, the Branford Housing Authority is following up with a request to the RTM to consider the Branford Hills School site as a development option for the BHA and its development partner, Beacon Communities, to replace all or part of the Parkside Village development.

We understand that with this request, the RTM may form a subcommittee to consider the matter and will move as expeditiously as possible to give the BHA guidance on their support for such a concept. The BHA Commissioners and the staff of Beacon Communities will make ourselves available for any meetings necessary with the RTM and the public as the process moves forward.

Thanks for your assistance and consideration in this matter as the BHA tries to move forward with the creation of quality housing for Branford's most vulnerable.

Sincerely,



Doug Denes, Chair

Dear Rep. Abulugma.

April 4, 2017

I have recently rediscovered letters
written to town departments about present
* unresolved issues. (See Bld. Public Works and
Chief Halloran)

Frankly, Court Street issues go ignored and that
is essentially the problem... Despite
the streets involvement signing petitions and
going to transportation meetings.

Please help be a voice for us.

Thank you.

Rodan Latta
43 Court St.
Branford

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Dear Representative Abulugma,

APRIL 4, 2017

It has taken some time for me to follow up my phone call to you with a letter; Spring may well be on it's way and we should like to forget about winter... but there's a couple of perennial 'hangovers' that I should like to address with you that are storm related.

I live on Court Street. We all know it's narrow, heavily travelled and since there are no sidewalks, pedestrians must walk in the street. The residents on Court Street most recently requested speed bumps or other traffic calming devices but have been turned down by the town.

When it comes to snow and ice, as you are aware, the town of Branford has an ordinance requiring odd^{side} street parking. Can you provide the rationale for this ordinance and explain why we don't have alternate side parking^{ban} so the plows can most effectively remove snow and ice from the street? Why do we not have a parking ban (both sides of streets) like other towns do when a major storm approaches?

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The last storm may not have turned out to be a 'blizzard' as predicted, but it was a good example of why we need a different ordinance when we received a lot of snow that quickly turned into old ice. Not only do we have to be concerned about driving, but we also need to be concerned about pedestrian safety including mail carriers and others that must travel the street.

Short Beach is densely populated. We must do all we can to ensure resident and traveller safety. I would like you to propose an alternate side of street parking ban / complete parking ban rather than the odd side of street parking ban that leaves accumulated snow and ice in the street post storm and poses ^{further} hazards.

Thank you.

Robin Latta

43 Court St.

Branford, Ct. 06405

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Branford Public Works Department

Tom Brennan

Branford, Ct. 06405

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Dear Tom Brennan,

March 1, 2015

I have been in contact with your department frequently this winter, speaking with your secretary who said she would ask others to return my calls concerning my questions about snow removal on the odd side of the street following winter storms.

The first and only time someone has called me back was, I believe, on Friday, February 20th. That was when Joe from the highway department came to 'investigate' and we had a contentious discussion concerning my complaint. He never came to the door to speak to me in person; he apparently called me from across the street and took photos of the front of my house on his cell phone.

My complaint was (and is still unanswered) that although we have had many storms this winter, the odd side of my street has not been plowed in front of my house. I can show you many pictures to support the fact that although it has clearly been plowed by the curb (and parking spaces) next to the Post Office, it has not been plowed further up Court Street despite the fact that no cars have been parked there which would obstruct the plowing.

The only thing Joe said that addressed my complaint was that the road was currently passable and that there is nothing in the town ordinance that suggests the odd side of the street gets plowed even though he said it had been plowed.

I have since requested evidence from your office to support the contention that (other than the Post Office) the odd side of Court Street was plowed at all. Further, I requested information from your telephone log to support the fact that I called about these issues numerous times over the course of the winter and after winter storms to inquire about your policies on this matter.

I tried to speak with you last Friday, Mr. Brennan, but I understand that there were other urgent matters for you to address at the time. So, instead, your secretary told me she would call me back on Monday with the information I requested. As of today, I have still not heard back from your office.

I am not trying to besiege your department with my complaints and I do want to keep this all in perspective, but you see the same thing happened last winter at which point I would

approach the plow drivers when I saw them on Court Street or Pavillion Street and ask them to plow the odd side when the cars were not in the way. They did so when I asked them to do so directly. The only thing is it was a little scary to approach a plow in operation when they didn't necessarily see you coming.

This has truly been an issue for at least the last two winters if not the winter before. Currently, in my advancing age, I am trying to take the least risky options available to me. I hope that means that in writing to you, I will receive a reply that addresses all my concerns.

I do understand now that there is no ordinance to compel your department to plow the odd side of the street after a snowstorm, but I do think it reasonable that it should get plowed so that others who park there (as you are aware, Court Street is narrow and parked cars, some parked illegally, are always on the streets because of businesses like the Post Office, the restaurant or because some residences do not have garages or driveways) have a place to park without further narrowing the street.

I am hoping you have a reasonable policy that applies to plowing the odd side of the street after storms and I am hoping it is supposed to be predictably enforced. If you do not have a policy on this matter, do you think, for safety's sake it would be reasonable and fair to replace the odd side parking ordinance with an alternative side of the street ordinance?

Sincerely,

Robin Latta Tweedy

43 Court St.

Branford, Ct. 06405

No reply.

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June 28, 2016

Kevin Halloran, Chief of Police

Department of Police Services

33 Laurel Street

Branford, Ct. 06405

Dear Kevin Halloran,

Thank you for your letter of May 31, 2016. Unfortunately, I could not find the video you referred me to for the traffic analyzer. My interest was to understand the difference between how the traffic analyzer works and how radar works. Would a radar gun also be able to discern a speeding vehicle? Despite the results of the traffic analyzer, and since all of the people who live on Court believe there is a significant speeding problem (and have signed a petition to that effect), what else can we do to collect data and be taken seriously? Would a radar gun help?

Besides speed, as we know, congestion is a big problem on Court Street. What does the volume of heavy commercial trucks (given the traffic analyzer data collected) tell us? Certainly there must be some average expectation for the number of commercial vehicles traveling on a narrow and densely populated residential street.

Would you be able to estimate when the signs would be put up to try to deter trucks from traveling Alps Road and Court Street? Despite attempts in the past to remind the Public Works Department, I have been waiting almost two years from Public Works for a sign that reads "do not block the driveway."

I am also concerned about the enforcement of traffic violations that contribute to congestion and safety issues on Court Street. There is virtually no enforcement of the parking restrictions at the location of the Post Office and across the street. This can be observed almost any time of the day. Further, I spent the last three days complaining about very large trucks (box and flatbeds) backing down the street in an unsafe manner, parking so that traffic is restricted/blocked and leaving their engines on way over the three minute rule set by the Department of Transportation to alleviate air pollution. None of these drivers paid any attention to my complaints and when I called the dispatcher at the police department, she said that unless the trucks were still there on Court Street by the time an officer reached them, there was nothing she could do despite the fact that I could provide her with license plate numbers. Just who is responsible for enforcing the law if not the police department?

I would really appreciate some serious attention to these matters. Could you please reply?

Sincerely,

Robin Latta Tweedy 43 Court St. Branford

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*This letter
went unanswered
despite many questions.*

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Section 2. The title of the Resolution is amended to read as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,100,000 FOR HARBOR STREET CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 3. Section 2 of the Resolution is amended by substituting the following:

The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,100,000; \$922,000 of project costs is estimated to be paid from grants and \$1,178,000,000 from the proposed bond issue.

Section 4. The first sentence of section 3 of the Resolution is amended to read as follows:

"To meet said appropriation, \$2,100,000 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."

Section 5. The Resolution is further amended by substituting the amount of \$2,100,000 for \$1,565,000, wherever it appears in the Resolution.

RTM approved 4/12/17 with
correction of typo in Section 3.
Was \$1,178,000,000 corrected
to \$1,178,000.

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