

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING July 25th, 2018**

MODERATOR
Dennis Flanigan



CLERK
Jessica Buchanan

MAJORITY LEADER
Ray Ingraham

MINORITY LEADER
Chris Sullivan

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

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The meeting was called to order by: Moderator Flanigan at 8:02p.m. The Moderator led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held at Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Rep. Adelman, Rep. Alfone, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Black, Rep. Brockett, Rep. Buchanan Everlith, Rep. Comey, Rep. Conklin, Rep. DiAdamo, Rep. Dunbar, Rep. Flanigan, Rep. Hall, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Lawler, Rep. Leonard, Rep. Lombardi, Rep. Prete, Rep. Riccio, Rep. Stepanek, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Torelli, Rep. Twohill, Rep. Wells, Rep. Zambrano

Members Absent: Rep. Docknevich, Rep. Hentschel, Rep. Kelly, Rep. Sandler, Rep. Walker

Ex Officios Present: Selectman: Cosgrove Town Clerk: Arpin

Ex Officios Not Present: Selectman: Higgins, Ahern Treasurer: Nardella,

Town Attorney: Aniskovich

(See Attachment)

2. Clerk Buchanan Everlith read a letter from electors Vincent and Sandra Cirillo regarding a noise ordinance as it pertains to excessive dog barking. The Moderator sent the item to the Rules and Ordinance Committee.
3. **Rep. Leonard explained that the Rules and Ordinance committee had recommended an approval for the creation of an Ordinance that enables Tax exemptions for Gold Star Parents and Spouses, however there was some questions about the language so he made a motion to amend the committee report and to re-refer the item.** 2nd by Rep. Sullivan. Motion approved. The item was re-referred.
4. **Rep. Leonard motioned to re-refer this item: To consider, and if appropriate, create Ordinance for Tax exemption for Handicap equipped vehicles.** Motion approved. The item was re-referred.

5. **Rep. Alfone made a motion to approve a three (3) year extension to a lease agreement between the Town of Branford and J&J Blasting.** The motion was passed unanimously
6. **Rep. Leonard explained that the Rules and Ordinances committee has not met on the item to consider, and if appropriate, approve the creation of an advisory committee regarding sustainability. He motioned that the item be re-referred.** 2nd by Rep. Sullivan. Motion approved unanimously
7. **Rep. Conklin made a motion to suspend Rule 441 as the item had not been heard in committee, 2nd by Rep. Ingraham.** Motion approved and rule is suspended.

Rep. Conklin made a motion to approve a request from General Government Buildings for the following budget transfer:

From: 10141170-544100 Utilities- Water, Gas Electric (\$3,150)
To: 10141170-518000 Overtime \$3,150

The motion was 2nd by Rep. Ingraham and approved unanimously.

8. **Rep. Alfone made a motion to deny a request by Branford Housing Authority and Beacon Communities for the Town of Branford to grant access to land to build an access road to Melrose Avenue.**

Rep. Sullivan made a motion to amend the committee report and refer the item to the Board of Selectmen to undergo the proper legislative process. The amended was defeated with a roll call vote of 8 (Y) and 16 (N) votes.

Several electors spoke to the issue including Jay Pottinger, Joseph Giordano, Nancy Kendrick, Ted Zeus, Cenk Sahin, Carolyn Sires, and Lyman McGee

The original motion to deny the request was approved with a roll call vote of 18 (Y) and 6 (N) votes.

9. Rep. Alfone made a motion to approve a request from the Town Engineer for the granting of an easement to Frontier Communications for existing equipment located behind the curb and on town property located at 46 Church Street. Motion was approved with 1 no vote.

The Moderator reminded the RTM that there will be no meeting held in August.

10. Motion by Rep. Torelli to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Rep. Ingraham, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

Dated this 31st Day of July, 2018
Respected Submitted,

Jessica L. Buchanan Everlith
Clerk- Branford RTM

