

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

October 10th, 2018

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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 8:03p.m. The Moderator led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held at Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street.

The Moderator welcomed Rep. Healy to the 7th District RTM to replace the vacancy left by Rep. Sandler. The Moderator assigned Rep. Healy to the Ways and Means committee.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Rep. Adelman, Rep. Alfone, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Black, Rep. Brockett, Rep. Comey, Rep. Conklin, Rep. DiAdamo, Rep. Docknevich, Rep. Dunbar, Rep. Everlith, Rep. Flanigan, Rep. Gordon, Rep. Hall, Rep. Healy, Rep. Hentschel, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Lombardi, Rep. Leonard, Rep. Prete, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Torelli, Rep. Twohill, Rep. Walker, Rep. Wells

Members Absent: Rep. Kelly, Rep. Lawler, Rep. Stepanek,

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

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

Town Attorney: Aniskovich

(See Attachment)

2. **Approval of the previous meeting.** Rep. Ingraham made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2018 minutes. 2nd Rep. Sullivan. Approved unanimously.

3. **Reception of communications, reports of committees, and citizen petitions.**
None

4. Rep. Leonard made a motion to approve an ordinance to create tax exemptions for Gold Star Parents and Spouses. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Rep. Leonard made a motion to re-refer an item to create tax exemptions for handicap vehicles. Motion to re-refer approved unanimously.

6. Rep. Leonard made a motion to approve the creation of an advisory committee regarding sustainability. Rep. Hentschel proposed an amendment to change the language at the end paragraph 5 to read “does hereby authorize the First Selectman to establish an advisory sustainability team” per the town attorney’s recommendations. 2nd by Ingraham. Amendment approved. Sullivan made a motion to waive Rule 9.5, which is any written document to be relied upon by full RTM vote must be distributed in written or electronic form. 2nd by Ingraham. Approved unanimously. Motion approved unanimously as amended. Updated and approved resolution attached.
7. Rep. Leonard made a motion to re-refer the item regarding the review and revise (if appropriate) the limits of the Branford Town Dock Ordinance. Motion to re-refer the item approved unanimously.
8. Rep. Leonard made a motion to re-refer the item to consider, review, and propose changes to the Town of Branford Noise Ordinance. Motion to re-refer approved with 1 NO vote from Rep. Riccio.
9. Rep. Conklin makes a motion to waive Rule 4.4.1. 2nd Rep. Brockett. Rule waived unanimously. Rep. Conklin made a motion to approve the following budget transfer request from the Solid Waste Management Commission for FY 2019. 2nd Rep. Adelman. Approved unanimously

From	10143040-544353	Material Handling	(\$24,500)
To	10143040-588060	Condo Association Rebates	\$24,500

10. Rep. Black made a motion to waive Rule 4.4.1. 2nd by Rep Sullivan. Rule waived unanimously. Rep. Black made a motion to approve the request from the Finance Department for the following budget transfer for FY2018. 2nd Rep. Walker. Approved unanimously.

From	10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$12,000)
To	10141090-533550	Legal Services	\$12,000

11. Rep. Alfone made a motion to waive rule 4.4.1. 2nd by Rep. Adelman. Rule waived unanimously. Rep. Alfone made a motion to approve a request from the Town Clerk for the following budget transfers. 2nd by Rep. Twohill. Approved unanimously.

FY2018:			
From	10141080-555400	Advertising, Printing, Binding	(\$912)
To	10131080-588200	Memberships, Conferences, Meetings,	\$912
FY 2019:			
From	10141080-533300	Material Handling	(\$250)
To	10141090-519025	Condo Association Rebates	\$250

12. Rep. Alfone made a motion to waive Rule 4.4.1. 2nd Rep. Twohill. Rule waived unanimously. Rep. Alfone gave the floor to the Town Engineer who presented details about the item. Rep. Alfone made a motion to approve a revocable license agreement for use of the Town right of way located at 9 Autumn Ridge Road. 2nd by Rep. Walker. Motion approved with 1 (NO) Vote by Rep. Riccio.

24. Other Business

Rep. Hentschel reminded everyone that the Plan of Conservation and Development has been finalized and is being sent to planning and zoning commission who has the responsibility to amend or revise as they see appropriate. It is available for viewing on the internet.

Town Clerk Arpin made a PSA that absentee ballots are now available for pickup in the Town Clerk's office. Votes will be counted if the ballot is received by Town Clerk's office by 8pm on Election Day. Same day voter registration and polling is available in the basement of Town Hall. Monday before Election Day is the last day to register in person.

Rep. Ingraham reminded everyone that the Veteran's Parade is November 11 on the green at 1pm, parade at 1:30pm and encouraged all to attend.

25. Motion by Rep. Torelli to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Rep. Dunbar, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Dated this 18 Day of October, 2018
Respected Submitted,

Jessica L. Everlith
Clerk- Branford RTM

Resolution Supporting the Town of Branford's Participation In the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities, with the vision that: *Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.*

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is designed to boost local economies, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating costs, and provide grants and additional support to municipalities.

WHEREAS, The Town of Branford embraces an ongoing process of working toward greater sustainability, selecting which actions it chooses to pursue from the voluntary menu of actions provided by Sustainable CT.

RESOLVED, by the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Branford that we do hereby authorize the First Selectman or his designee to serve as the Town of Branford's Sustainable CT contact person for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification process and authorize [him/her] to complete Municipal Registration on behalf of the Town of Branford.

RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within the Town of Branford on matters of sustainability, and in order to promote the Town of Branford's local initiatives and actions toward Sustainable CT Municipal Certification, the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Branford does hereby authorize the First Selectman to establish an advisory Sustainability Team.

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Sustainability Team must be held within 90 days of passing this resolution and that the Sustainability Team shall meet as frequently as needed, but no less than quarterly.

RESOLVED, that the Sustainability Team shall report annually to the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Branford on the progress of its activities toward Sustainable CT certification, with reports and presentations made publicly available.

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