

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
December 12th, 2018**

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

MODERATOR
Dennis Flanigan



CLERK
Jessica Everlith

MAJORITY LEADER
Ray Ingraham

MINORITY LEADER
Chris Sullivan

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. Anderson, Rep. Black, Rep. Brockett, Rep. Comey, Rep. Conklin,, 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. Twohill, Rep. Walker, Rep. Wells, Rep. Stepanek,

Members Absent: Rep. Adelman, Rep. Alfone, Rep. DiAdamo Rep. Kelly, Rep. Torelli, Rep. Lawler

Ex Officios Present: Selectman: Cosgrove,

Ex Officios Not Present:, Selectman: Higgins, Ahern **Town Clerk:** Arpin

Treasurer: Nardella,

Town Attorney: Aniskovich

(See Attachment)

2. **Approval of the previous meeting.** Rep. Ingraham made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2018 minutes. 2nd Rep. Dunbar. Approved unanimously.

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

The Moderator read a resolution from Joe Mooney, Chairperson of the Board of Finance alerting the RTM that: At a regular meeting of the Board of Finance held November 26, 2018, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION AMENDING A 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” is hereby adopted and recommended for adoption by the Representative Town Meeting.

The Moderator read correspondence from Rep, Walker proposing that the RTM look into the possibility of banning the purchase, sale, and distribution of plastic helium balloons. The Moderator sent this to the Rules and Ordinances committee for review.

The Moderator read a proposal from Rep. Brockett regarding the policy of flag displays across town property. The Moderator indicated that Rep. Flanigan, Rep. Ingraham, and Rep. Brockett would collaborate to create a proposed resolution for the next RTM meeting.

The Moderator read a request from elector Margaret (Meg) Kilgore to have the RTM review a proposed ban on single use plastic bags in Branford. The proposal was sent to the Rules and Ordinances committee for review and action. Kilgore addressed the RTM to elaborate on the request.

4. Rep. Leonard made a motion to re-refer an item to create tax exemptions for handicap vehicles. Motion to re-refer approved unanimously.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Rep. Flanigan read the 2019 RTM Meeting schedule. (attached). The original schedule was amended to move the meeting on September 11 to September 10. Rep. Ingraham made a motion to approve the schedule as amended, 2nd by Rep. Hentschel. Approved unanimously. Later in the meeting Rep. Twohill made a motion to to amend the calendar to change the November meeting to be held on November 19, per the town code. 2nd by Rep. Riccio. Approved unanimously. See attached for full calendar.
8. Rep. Black made a motion to approve a request from Parks & Recreation for the following budget transfer for FY2019. Approved unanimously

From:	700-45010-579400-17231	Field Renovation	(\$12)
	700-45010-579400-17232	Court Renovation	(4350)
	700-45010-579400-17233	Field Fencing	(939)
	700-45010-579400-18231	Field Renovation	(3,086)

	700-45010-579400-18232	Court Renovation	(4,000)
	700-45010-579400-18233	Field Fencing	(9,010)
	700-45010-579410-18305	Hammer Field Roofing	(800)
	700-45010-579410-18306	Foote Park Roofing	(4,800)
	700-45010-579410-18307	Foote Park Fencing	(12,700)
	700-45010-579410-19307	Foote Park Fencing	(75,000)
		Total	(\$114,697)

To:	700-45010-579400-19231	Field Renovation Program	\$3,898
	700-45010-579400-19232	Court Renovation Program	8,350
	700-45010-579400-19233	Field Fencing Replacement Program	9,949
	700-45010-579400-19320	Foote Park Restroom Renovations	<u>93,300</u>
		Total	\$114,697

9. Rep. Black made a motion to approve the following budget transfer for FY2019 pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement for the Supervisor's Union. Approved unanimously

FY 2019 Supervisors' Union Wage Adjustments for Salary Accounts

From:		
10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$48,543)
To:		
10141040-517000	Wages & Salaries – Fiscal Services	4,378
10141130-517000	Wages & Salaries -Planning	5,263
10141050-517000	Wages & Salaries - Assessor	4,340
10143050-517000	Wages & Salaries - Engineering	5,466
10143040-517000	Wages & Salaries – Solid Waste	3,176
10142050-517000	Wages & Salaries - Building	4,214
10142060-599104	Transfer Out - Animal Control	3,030
10144020-517000	Wages & Salaries – Elderly Services	4,423
10146020-517000	Wages & Salaries - WWL	4,169
10145010-517000	Wages & Salaries - Recreation	3,289
10143010-517000	Wages & Salaries - DPW	3,314
10141160-517000	Wages & Salaries – Inland Wetlands	3,481
	Total	\$48,543

FY 2019 Retro Wages

From:		
10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$23,984)
To:		
10141040-519070	Retro Wages – Fiscal Services	2,163
10141130-519070	Retro Wages - Planning	2,600
10141050-519070	Retro Wages - Assessor	2,143
10143050-519070	Retro Wages - Engineering	2,704
10143040-519070	Retro Wages – Solid Waste	1,560
10142050-519070	Retro Wages - Building	2,080
10142060-599104	Transfer Out - Animal Control	1,496
10144020-519070	Retro Wages – Elderly Services	2,184
10146020-519070	Retro Wages - WWL	2,060
10145010-519070	Retro Wages - Recreation	1,623
10143010-519070	Retro Wages - DPW	1,644
10141160-519070	Retro Wages – Inland Wetlands	1,727
	Total	\$23,984

Corresponding Fund Transfer:

Animal Control Fund		
Increase Revenue:		
20690000-490010	Transfer In - General Fund	\$4,526
Increase Expenditures:		
20642060-517000	Wages & Salaries	3,030
20642060-519070	Retro Wages – Animal Control	1,496
	Total	\$4,526

10. Rep. Black made a motion to waive the reading of the full resolution. 2nd by Rep. Sullivan. Motion to waive reading approved unanimously. Rep. Black made a motion to approve the following resolution. 2nd by Rep. Sullivan. Approved unanimously by roll call vote (see attached).

“RESOLUTION AMENDING A 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”

(The purpose of the amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization from \$2,100,000 to \$2,200,000, and ratify, confirm and adopt all prior authorizations and resolutions in connection therewith).

11. Other business:

Rep. Sullivan inquired about the updated schedule for the Community House project. First Selectman Cosgrove said the project should be done in May due to some delays.

Rep. Comey inquired about the completion of the Harbor St. Bridge project. First Selectman Cosgrove said the full project should be completed by the end of December.

Rep. Flanigan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

25. Motion by Rep. Dunbar to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Rep. Ingraham, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Dated this 21 Day of December, 2018
Respected Submitted,

Jessica L. Everlith
Clerk- Branford RTM

BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF BRANFORD
1019 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 150, BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405

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November 26, 2018

To the Representative Town Meeting of
The Town of Branford

Attention: Dennis Flanigan, Moderator

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TOWN OF BRANFORD
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

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(The purpose of the amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization from \$2,100,000 to \$2,200,000, 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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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION
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ISSUE OF \$2,100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID
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FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The Resolution adopted April 12, 2017, entitled "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", which is hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted, is amended by increasing the appropriation and bond authorization by \$100,000 to a total of \$2,200,000 as follows:

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

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,200,000 FOR HARBOR
STREET CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUE OF \$2,200,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET
SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE
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FOR SUCH PURPOSE

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

The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,200,000; \$1,021,000 of project costs is estimated to be paid from grants and \$1,179,000,000 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, \$2,200,000 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 \$2,200,000 for \$2,100,000, wherever it appears in the Resolution.

BRANFORD REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m. and are held at Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street, 2nd Floor Training Room.

January 9 (Special)

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 14 (budget)

June 12

September 10 (Tuesday)

October 9

November 19 (Tuesday)

December 11

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TOWN OF BRANFORD
BRANFORD, CT 06407

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis T. Flanigan, Moderator

Approved at the 12/12/18 RTM meeting

Jim Walker

From: "Jim Walker" <jimwalker39@att.net>
Date: Monday, December 3, 2018 8:43 PM
To: <dennisflanigan9245@gmail.com>
Cc: "JENNIFER WALKER" <jennifer.walker@snet.net>
Subject: town ban on plastic helium balloons

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To: Dennis Flanigan, Moderator, Branford Representative Town Meeting
From: Jim Walker-RTM, 2nd District
Date: December 3, 2018

Dear Mr. Moderator (Dennis),

I would like to propose that we look into the possibility of banning the purchase, sale, and distribution of plastic helium balloons in the town of Branford. While my wife and I were out of state during the summer months, we did witness hundreds of plastic balloons September-November sailing by and either entangling themselves in trees or landing in Long Island Sound where they pose a significant risk to seabirds and marine life, particularly turtles and fish. These are agents of death along the shoreline, not simply horrific litter. It is my understanding that some forward-thinking locales like Nantucket, parts of Block Island, and Newport have banned these balloons and, quite clearly, with a coagulated sheet of plastic in the Pacific Ocean larger than the country of France, limitations upon the use and distribution of plastic will and should be growing in intensity.

Thank you, Dennis. I hope you and your family have a most enjoyable and healthy holiday season.

Jim Walker

December 3, 2018

Dennis Flanigan, Moderator
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
14 Brightwood Lane
Branford, CT 06405

Re: Public Buildings-American Flag/POW-MIA Flag

Dear Representative Flanigan:

In the Town of Branford the American Flag and the POW/MIA Flag is flown in some locations and yet only the American Flag is flown in other locations. It is my view, the Town should have a consistent policy and both the American Flag, and the POW/MIA Flag should be flown at all public locations, including schools.

I would greatly appreciate you referring this to the appropriate entity for a resolution consistent with the contents of this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Thomas Brockett
7th District RTM
4 Milo Drive
Branford, CT 06405

cc: Jessica Everlith, Clerk
RTM
14 Mill Plain Rd. Unit B
Branford, CT 06405

42 Turtle Bay Drive
Branford, CT 06405-4973
November 28, 2018

Branford Representative Town Meeting
Dennis Flanigan, Moderator
Jessica Everlith, Clerk
c/o Branford Town Hall
Branford, CT 06405

Copy to: Mrs. Jessica Everlith, RTM Clerk
14 Mill Plain Rd, Unit B
Branford, CT 06405

Re: Proposed Plastic Bag Ordinance

Dear Moderator,

I am writing to you on behalf of BYO Branford, a group of Branford concerned citizens, who are proposing that an ordinance be adopted by the Branford Representative Town Meeting (RTM), with the purpose to protect and improve the environment of Branford including its coastline and marine life, and the health, safety, and welfare of its residents by reducing the use of plastic and paper bags and encouraging the use of reusable checkout bags when making retail purchases.

Our BYO Branford group has collected over 830 signatures of Branford residents over 18 years old! We also have shown an informative, interesting movie called "Bag It" on four occasions and will continue to show it to various groups within our town.

We have talked to Branford merchants on Main St., West Main St., North Main St., Lectes Island Rd., and Brushy Hill Plaza. Twenty merchants have publically supported our effort, and an additional 13 agreed to put up our poster reminding shoppers to use their own reusable bags for checkout!

In addition, we have designed a large cloth washable shopping bag with our logo on one side and that of Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound on the other side. To date we have given out 300 of these bags to residents excited about using them when shopping. And, we will continue to order more to distribute. Plus, coming up soon, our committee will be collecting extra cloth shopping bags from residents and our committee members to distribute to additional residents without cloth shopping bags.

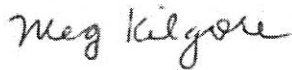
Here are a few statistics that have encouraged our group members to dedicate themselves to this effort:

Single-use plastic bags:

- Usually get tossed after a single use and 20% of them wind up in the ocean
- Break down into tiny pieces that enter the food chain and are toxic to humans and animals
- Trap and are eaten by whales, birds, and turtles and kill wildlife
- Get loose as litter and are a blight on the landscape
- Accumulate in 5 different trash islands that cover up to 8% of the oceans
- **WE HAVE ALTERNATIVES. SIMPLE SOLUTIONS LIKE REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS!!**

Branford has 20 miles of coastline, and is known for its Thimble Islands, Branford Harbor and River, boating, fishing, clams and oyster beds, and swimming, plus spectacular views along the shore. All of this is one of Branford's most valuable assets. We ask for support from the RTM to pass this ordinance to help protect it now!

Sincerely,



Margaret (Meg) Kilgore
BYO Branford