

**Public Services Committee, Branford RTM  
TOWN OF BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405**

**Marc Riccio  
Ram Shrestha  
Jim Stepanek  
Clare Torelli  
Rich Aitro  
DeeDee Hakun  
Don Conklin, Chair**



**Special Meeting Minutes**

**Public Services Committee Special Meeting  
Minutes**

**April 22, 2021**

**The Public Services Committee of the Branford Representative Town Meeting met remotely per Governor Lamont's Executive order 7B in special session on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. To vote on the budgets presented and discussed at our special meeting of April 8, 2021 for FY'2021/2022 as amended by the Board of Finance.**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum. Committee members in attendance were representative Riccio, Shrestha, Torelli, Aitro, Hakun and Conklin. Other RTM members in attendance were representative Sires, Brockett, Twohill, Everson and Ingraham. Others in attendance were First Selectman Cosgrove, Town Clerk Arpin, Fire Chief Mahony and Town Engineer Hoefflerle.

Representative Aitro moved that we approve the budgets as presented, Second by Representative Hakun. Two amendments were added. Representative Aitro moved to reduce the Engineering regular wages and salaries page 41 ask from 379,391 to 338, 391; a reduction of 41,000. Second by Representative Riccio and approved 3-2.

Representative Conklin moved to reduce the Police Capital ask on page 31.15 for cruisers from 5 to 3; from 180,000 to 108,000 and cruiser equipment from 5 to 3; from 105,000 to 63,000 for a total reduction in ask of 114,000. Total Police Capital ask from 328,327 to 214,357. The two equipped cruisers reduced from the 2021/2022 budget ask will be purchased with unused police funds from the 2020/2021 operating budget. Second by Representative Hakun and approved 5 to 1.

Representative Aitro moved to approve the budgets as presented with the two amendments. Second by Representative Hakun and approved 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully,

Don Conklin, Chair  
April 23, 2021