

TOWN OF BRANFORD
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

The Rules and Ordinances Committee of the Representative Town Meeting of Branford will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at the Branford Community House, Bonus Room, 46 Church Street, Branford. The following items will be discussed:

1. To consider, and if appropriate, adopt a policy for virtual meetings into our Town Meeting Rules.
2. To consider , and if appropriate, recommend to the full RTM, adoption of the following ordinance regarding use of golf carts on public roads :

Golf Carts

A. Authority; Permitting Operation of Golf Carts on Public Roads. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2 of Special Act A237-8 (June 9, 1933) Vol.21, Page 1103 Special Laws and Public Act 09-187.

B. The operation of golf carts is restricted to the following sections of the town within the following established boundaries, additional areas will be added with approval of RTM and Police Commission Traffic Committee.

Pine Orchard:

1. To the west: from the intersection of Pine Orchard Road with the Amtrak rail track along Pine Orchard Road to Yowago Avenue to the intersection of the extension of Yowago Avenue with Long Island Sound.
2. To the south: along Long Island Sound from the intersection of the extension of the Branford Steam Railway (Tilcon) rail track to the intersection of Yowago Avenue with Long Island Sound.
3. To the north: from the intersection of Pine Orchard Road with the Amtrak rail track to its intersection with the Branford Steam Railway (Tilcon) rail track; and
4. To the east: by the Branford Steam Railway (Tilcon) rail track from its intersection with the Amtrak rail track to its extension southerly to Long Island Sound.

Pawson:

1. From the east intersection of Linden Avenue, Sybil Ave and South Montowese street.
2. To the west Branford Harbor (encompassing entire peninsula)

Waverly / Hotchkiss Grove:

1. From Sybil Avenue to the west.
2. To the east to Yowago Ave.
3. To the north to Amtrak railroad track
4. To the south to Long Island Sound

C. The operation of golf carts is permitted during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset) only.

D. Operation of golf carts is only permitted on roads with speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less.

E. Carts shall have seat belts/passenger restraints for all rear facing passengers.

F. Each golf cart must be equipped with an operable horn in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of section 14-80 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

G. Each golf cart shall be equipped with a flag that is positioned to assist operators of motor vehicles in observing the location and operation of such golf cart.

Such flag must meet the following requirements:

1. The flag shall be a minimum of six- and one-half feet (6 ½ ') in height measured from the road surface
2. The flag shall be mounted behind the driver's side of the golf cart.
3. The flag shall be high visibility fluorescent yellow in color with a minimum of 100 square inches.

H. Each golf cart must be equipped with operable head lamps (as defined by CGS 14-96b) and tail lamps (as defined by CGS14-96c).

I. It is illegal to operate a golf cart on State roads

J. The operator of any such golf cart shall possess and carry a valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license while operating such golf cart.

K. While operating the golf cart, the owner of such golf cart shall carry proof of insurance in accordance with section 14-112 of the Connecticut General Statutes pursuant to the following requirements:

1. The owner of each golf cart must submit proof of financial responsibility to satisfy any claim for damages by reason of personal injury to, or the death of, any one person of \$20,000, or by reason of personal injury to, or the death of, more than one person on account of any accident of at least \$40,000, and for damage to property of at least \$10,000.

L. The Police Department will schedule inspections at a time and place to be announced to determine if the golf carts meet the requirements of this Traffic Regulation and will issue to the owner a Certificate of Compliance for presentation to the Tax Collector.³

M. Each golf cart shall be registered at the office of the Town Tax Collector for a fee of \$25.00. The registration sticker shall be marked with the owner's last name and shall be displayed on the left rear bumper of the golf cart. The registration shall be renewed at the time of the expiration date as shown on the sticker. The renewal period is every two years in March of the odd years for a \$25. Fee.

Penalty:

The operation of golf carts in the Town shall be subject to all of the provisions (as applicable) of Chapter 248 of the General Statutes, including but not limited to, sections 14-222 and 14- 227a. O. Any person who operates a golf cart in violation of any provisions of this traffic regulation shall have committed an infraction.

Peter Black, Chair