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RTM RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE

Town of Branford

Adrian Bonenberger, Dan Adelman, Susan Dahill, Ray Ingraham, Peter Black, Trish Anderson
Peter Hentschel, Chair



MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2025, 7:00 PM, Branford Community Center

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Present – Representatives Adelman, Dahill, Black, Anderson, Hentschel. Absent – Representatives Bonenberger and Ingraham

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Rep Black moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025, meeting, Rep Anderson seconded, all in favor (5-0), the motion passed

3. To hear and review proposed departmental budgets for fiscal year 2025-2026 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTER	PAGE #
Building Inspection & Enforcement	Tony Cinicola	37
Conservation & Environment	Heather Wells Sweeney	50
Inland Wetlands & Natural Resources	Jamie Frederick	26
Planning & Zoning	James Cosgrove	23
Zoning Board of Appeals	James Cosgrove	24
Water Pollution Control Authority	Brian Devlin	40, 65-66, 91-95
Economic Development	Perry Maresca	25

The Committee heard presentations for each of the Departments listed above. Rep Black moved to approve each of these budgets as presented with the following adjustment of the Conservation & Environment Commission budget:

- Reduce the "Advertising, Printing, Binding" line item from \$900 to \$0
- Increase the "Miscellaneous Expenses" line item from \$8,860 to \$9,760

Rep Anderson seconded, all in favor (5-0), the motion passed

4. To consider, and if appropriate, recommend the establishment of a Branford Harbor Management Commission as requested by the First Selectman.

a. Report from the working group.

Rep Adelman reported that the working group has received a review of the current draft by John Casey of Robinson & Cole. The working group will take this into consideration and contact John for further discussion. A revised draft ordinance will be presented to the Committee for a section-by-section review at the next meeting in May.

Rep Black moved to re-refer, Rep Anderson seconded, all in favor (5-0), the motion passed.

5. To consider, and if appropriate, recommend the establishment of a Town Ordinance to regulate short-term rentals in Branford.

- a. Report from the working group.

Rep Black reported that the working group has received an email from Town Attorney Aniskovich noting that he is reviewing the current draft of the ordinance and will respond to the working group shortly. The working group will review his comments and report at the next Committee meeting.

Rep Black moved to re-refer, Rep Anderson seconded, all in favor (5-0), the motion passed.

6. Other Business

None

7. Adjourn

Rep Adelman moved to adjourn, Rep Dahill seconded, all in favor (5-0), the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Peter Hentschel
Chair, RTM Rules & Ordinances Committee