

Resolution of the Branford Representative Town Meeting: Tabor Property Defense

Whereas, in September 2003 the RTM recognized the need to remediate the Tabor Property and by a unanimous vote supported its acquisition through eminent domain, and

Whereas, past Administrations, both Democratic and Republican, have fully supported the restoration of that property and contributed to the full legal support needed to protect it from further expansion, and

Whereas, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Commission and other pertinent town bodies have consistently and persistently denied further development on that property, and

Whereas, at present a legal case is pending which could grant, by judgment or settlement, the former owner the right to develop the property and thereby make the Town of Branford susceptible to an enormous financial liability to be carried by the Town's taxpayers, and

Whereas, this dispute is a grave matter to all Branford's residents and warrants a comprehensive, expert defense, and

Whereas, we, the members of the RTM, have serious concerns that the case is not being adequately represented by the current defense,

Now therefore be it resolved, the Branford Representative Town Meeting hereby directs the Board of Selectmen to:

- (1) Implement a fully-resourced legal defense team consisting of additional legal professionals who are specialists in this field of litigation and technical professionals who will fully support and the defend the Town's interests, and
- (2) Provide to the RTM a formal response to this resolution by its next regularly scheduled meeting.

MODERATOR:

CLERK:

DATED:

Submitted by Rep. Schwanfelder