



## **Mooney to Remain Board of Finance Chair**

*Cosgrove Says Democrat Who Endorsed His Opponent is Still Best Person for the Job*

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**Branford, CT** – First Selectman-elect Jamie Cosgrove announced today that he has asked Democrat Joseph Mooney to remain Chairman of the Board of Finance. After discussing the request with Cosgrove yesterday, Mooney—who publicly endorsed Cosgrove’s Democrat opponent in this week’s election and was featured prominently in a campaign mailer—accepted Cosgrove’s offer to stay on as Chair. “I am pleased and grateful for the opportunity to continue to Chair the Board,” Mooney said. “I look forward to working closely with the new administration to find solid financial solutions to the issues we will address in the next two years.”

Although tradition holds that the Chair of the six-member Board is typically a member from the same party as the First Selectman, Cosgrove said that Mooney’s experience was more important than partisan politics. “Joe Mooney is a capable, experienced individual with a great grasp of the Town’s financial picture. I am confident that he will continue to work for what was in the best interest of the Town,” Cosgrove said. “The fact that he endorsed my opponent does not matter to me, nor should it bother anyone else who cares about what’s best for Town.”

Cosgrove’s request to retain Mooney as Chairman of the Board of Finance was applauded by RTC Chair Ray Ingraham. “Jamie promised the people of Branford that he would put their best interest before party politics,” Ingraham said. “This decision certainly proves that he was not making empty campaign promises when he said he would put aside party politics and focus on what’s best for Branford.”

Mooney has been on the Board of Finance for over 18 years and has been the Chair since 2002. In fact, the last Republican First Selectman, John Opie, made the same decision to retain Mooney as Chair when he was elected in 2003, although Mooney didn’t publically endorse his opponent that year. “I want my Boards and Commissions to have talented people who are not afraid to ask the hard questions and make the tough decisions,” Cosgrove said, “and I want people who share my commitment to the people of Branford, that’s my only litmus test.”

Cosgrove will be making several more announcements about appointments in the coming week.

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