

**PORTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
PORTLAND ALE HOUSE
188 MAIN STREET
JUNE 25, 2024**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Michael Nadolski called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael Nadolski, Robert Petzold, Karen Renner

Members Absent: Angela Hammond, Sarah Weeden

Staff Present: Dan Bourret (Town Planner), Ryan Curley (1st Selectman)

III. ACCEPT AGENDA

Robert Petzold made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Karen Renner, all were in favor, motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting 4/9/2024

Bob Petzold made a motion to table the approval of the 4/9/24 minutes until the next meeting, seconded by Karen Renner, all were in favor, motion carried.

V. BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER AWARD: BUSINESS SELECTION

A discussion ensued regarding the nominations for the Business of the Quarter Award. The vote was taken and it was unanimous. The official announcement will be made at a later date.

VI. BUSINESS SUPPORT/IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Ryan Curley shared information on the Middlesex County Revitalization Commission grant. They will be granting \$1 million over five years; they are now in the third year. This year, Portland was awarded four grants representing approximately \$58,000 to the following businesses: Valle Construction, Hometown Garage, Olson Bachman and River Ridge Farm.

2024 Fair: The plans for this year's fair continue to move forward. A site plan has been submitted. An Emergency Management Plan needs to be submitted.

VII. UPDATES: BRAINERD PLACE, BROWNSTONE AVENUE BROWNFIELD, AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Brainerd Place: The text amendment change has been submitted. There will be a health care age-in-place facility. There will be over 196,000 sq.ft. of commercial space. The BOS approved an extension for Phase I to March 2025. They will not be out of compliance with Liberty Bank. The BOS likes this iteration. This removes the two biggest complaints: traffic and more kids in the schools. Building E is delayed. .

248 Brownstone: Given an extension for the RFP.

Birdon: Sound has gotten better but they are still getting complaints about the noise.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS INPUT/FEEDBACK

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

X. ADJOURN

Dan Bourret made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen Renner, all were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoy

Sharon R. Hoy
Recording Secretary