

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2024**

Present: Ryan Curley-First Selectman, John Dillon, Michael Hernandez, Robert Hetrick, Jr., Shaun Manning, Michael Pelton, Jim Tripp

Staff: Tom Robinson-Finance Director, Ryan O'Halpin-Public Works Director

Others Present: Members of the Public and Media

1. FIRST SELECTMAN CALL FINANCIAL MEETING TO ORDER

First Selectman Ryan Curley called the Financial Meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Portland Middle School Auditorium located at 93 High Street, Portland, Connecticut.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

Shaun Manning made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Michael Pelton, all were in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried.

4. APPROVE MINUTES: (Special) July 23, 2024

Shaun Manning made a motion, seconded by John Dillon, to approve the July 23, 2024 minutes, all were in favor, motion carried.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: Proclamation to Wayne Duff

Ryan said he attended the 90th birthday celebration for resident Wayne Duff and told of the proclamation in his honor.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Tom Robinson presented the monthly budget report for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st. July is property tax month so we collected about \$165 million. Property rental was around \$22,510. That was Oak Hill prior to their increase of 3%. That adjustment will be in August. Permitting for the spa came in within fiscal 25, larger than was originally anticipated. Expenditures have been in line with what was expected.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSION

- **Resignations**

- R) Brian A. Anzellotti, Inland Wetlands Commission (resigned 7/2/2024) term ends 12/2025
- U) Timothy E. Dickerson, Veterans Affairs Committee (resigned 7/29/2024)
- Reminder – R) Peter A. Castelli, Board of Assessment Appeals (vacancy 5/21/2024 term ends 11/2025)
- Reminder – D) Deborah J. Calavas, Youth Services Advisory Board (resigned 3/21/2024) term ends 11/2027

- **Appointments**

Robert Hetrick nominated Margaret Keser to the regular seat Inland Wetlands, seconded by Michael Pelton, all were in favor, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick nominated Margaret Keser to Board of Assessment Appeals, seconded by Michael Pelton, all were in favor, motion carried.

John Dillon nominated Meg Scata for Youth Services Advisory Board, seconded by Jim Tripp, all were in favor, motion carried.

- **Reappointments**

9. REFUNDS OF EXCESS PAYMENTS

10. STATUS REPORTS

Ryan Curley shared the following:

- The vote from the town meeting that took place before the BOS meeting resulted in a vote of 31 yes and 0 no. Work is cut out for us. Ryan thanked all who supported this.
- Pumping of Jobs Pond: Snyder Civil Engineering was hired. They are procuring materials from all over the country and are scheduled to be in around the 16th. The best estimate is pumping around August 26. There will be a lot of Fall cleanup.
- There will be a P&Z meeting tomorrow night (August 8) in this same room regarding Brainerd Place and an assisted living component. It will be available on zoom and YouTube.
- Milling on High Street started today. Hopefully we will have a new road before school starts. Ryan thanked Ryan O’Halpin and Tom Robinson for their efforts in this and getting William Street milled and paved.
- Portland will be featured on a WTIC segment “Darting Across CT” on Friday August 16 from 6-9 a.m. Melilli’s will host the program. Bob McDougal and Sean Hayes will be interviewed and maybe someone from the new Spa. Ryan encouraged the BOS to attend.
- Congratulated Fire Department for Engine 3 coming in and thanked East Hampton for their loaner engine. He thanked Bob Shea and said the engine is beautiful.
- Portland also got a Senior Center mini van appropriated from the American Rescue Funds specifically for senior centers.

Jim Tripp told of the BOE reimbursement from the State which was 51% plus a 5% bonus associated with being part of open choice.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

12. BOARD OF SELECTMEN GENERAL INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Shaun Manning told of the award ceremony that took place to thank six of our firefighters for their efforts in successfully resuscitating a cardiac arrest patient last year.

13. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

- **Review Town Charter**
- **Ethics Ordinance**

14. ADJOURN MEETING

Shaun Manning made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert Hetrick, all were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoy

Sharon Hoy, Board Clerk