

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2024**

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

Others Present: Tom Robinson (Finance Director), Members of the Public and Media

1. FIRST SELECTMAN CALL MEETING TO ORDER

First Selectman Ryan Curley called the Financial Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room located at 265 Main Street, Portland, Connecticut.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES: (Regular) September 18, 2024

Shaun Manning made a motion, seconded by Robert Hetrick, to approve the September 18, 2024 minutes. John Dillon abstained from the vote, all others were in favor, motion carried.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Ryan read a communication from the America250 CT Group asking for participation in two upcoming activities. Assistance was requested for the project, a contact person assigned, and volunteers. John Dillon told of some details from the last activity of America 250 in which the town participated.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

**7. RESOLUTION TO CALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2024
REGARDING THE SALE OF THE DECOMMISSIONED 1948 MACK ANTIQUE
PUMPER FIRE TRUCK (MACK #4)**

Ryan explained that the town meeting had previously been mistakenly scheduled on a Jewish holiday and had to be cancelled. This is to reschedule that meeting. John Dillon read the resolution and moved that the meeting be held at 6:40 p.m. on October 23rd, seconded by Jim Tripp. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT

October 9, 2024

RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WHEREAS, on or about 1982, the members of Portland Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) Company #2 raised funds for the purpose of restoring the decommissioned 1948 Mack Antique Pumper Fire Truck (Mack #4) of which took approximately three years to complete and cost around \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, while continuously being stored at PVFD Co. #2 Fire House, the members made all repairs and maintenance on the Mack #4; and

WHEREAS, the members of PVD Co. #2 have officially requested to purchase the 1948 Mack Antique Pumper Fire Truck for the purpose of using it at Fire Department events such as parades and functioning as a casket coach.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the transfer of ownership of the 1948 Mack Antique Pumper Fire Truck for the consideration of one dollar is hereby recommended and shall be submitted to a Special Town Meeting to be held on October 23, 2024 in accordance with the attached Warning of Special Town Meeting, which is also hereby approved. A copy of the full text of the Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

8. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Tom Robinson presented the monthly budget report, indicating the accounts that need to be watched.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Resignations
 - U) Timothy E. Dickerson, Veterans Affairs Committee (resigned 7/29/2024)
- Appointments
- Reappointments:

Robert Hetrick nominated David Rutter from an alternate to a full member on the Veterans Affairs Committee, seconded by Shaun Manning. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

10. REFUNDS OF EXCESS PAYMENTS:

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Vault Trust [\$709.58]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Coughlin, James R [\$143.08]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Toyota Lease Trust [\$690.10][\$582.98]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Hanrahan, David A [\$713.69][\$68.52]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Ives, Andrew G [\$77.42]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Macksoud, Mark/Macksoud Julie [\$17.46]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Fairways Golf Inc [\$66.16]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Honda Lease Trust [\$205.64]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Ingraham, Alison M [\$121.57]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Robert Hetrick made a motion, seconded by Michael Pelton, to reimburse Corelogic Centralized Refunds [\$7,477.92]. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

11. STATUS REPORTS

Ryan Curley shared the following:

- Marc Perras has retired as lead mechanic and Josh Aresco has been promoted to that position. The Town is now looking for an assistant mechanic.
- The resignation of Ryan O’Halpin was received. His last day will be November 1. The search is on for a new director. Kudos to Ryan for all he’s done for the town.
- We have a new highway division truck driver, Joseph Mullen.
- Michelle Nuhn from Killingworth has been hired as the new tax collector replacing Cindy Gotta who retired.
- Henry Colangelo is the new ZEO.
- Heather Celinski is the Senior Center Administrative Assistant
- The swearing-in of the 12th police officer Michael Perrotti took place.
- Well monitoring will begin on October 21st. Production well drilling will be coming soon.
- The RFP for developer of Brownstone Avenue is currently open.
- Dan Bourret is working on RFP for conservation and development.
- Engine 3 is officially in service and ready to go on calls. The East Hampton engine will stay for an additional week. On October 15, a celebration will be held for the Portland and East Hampton Fire Departments at the fire department picnic grounds.
- Pancake breakfasts will begin again this Sunday.

- Election will take place on November 5. Absentee ballots are available now. Referendum questions will be included on the ballot.
- Jobs Pond Dewatering Project pump was turned off on Friday. Water level is down seven feet. Breezy Corners and Air Line Trail will be open on October 14.
- Nordic Spa will break ground in another month.
- Eversource will energize the Starbucks building at Brainerd Place next week.
- Halloween on Main will take place on October 25.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. BOARD OF SELECTMEN GENERAL INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Michael Pelton said the Portland Fair was fantastic. He thanked Chris Cote for allowing it to happen on his land.

Shaun Manning said the dates for the annual food drive have been set. The bags will be dropped off on the 10th of November and picked up on the 17th. It is posted on Facebook.

14. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

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

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: FIXED ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT BRAINERD PLACE

At 7:32 p.m., Shaun Manning made a motion to enter the Executive Session, seconded by Michael Pelton. Dan Bertram was invited to attend, all were in favor, motion carried. Bobby Hetrick left the meeting at 9:20 PM.

The Executive Session was exited at 9:51 PM.

16. ADJOURN MEETING

Shaun Manning made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Dillon. Vote unanimous; the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoy

Sharon Hoy, Board Clerk