SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm Buck-Foreman Community Room

Town Clerk Michael Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Four electors were present, including Board of Selectman members John Dillon, Shaun Manning & Michael Pelton.

A motion was made by Shaun Manning, seconded by Michael Pelton, to nominate John Dillon as Moderator. Seeing no other nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Shaun Manning, seconded by Michael Pelton. John Dillon was elected moderator by a unanimous vote.

Moderator Dillon read the Call of the Meeting and instructed the Clerk to record the Call of the Meeting as published in the Middletown Press on Friday February 23, 2024, and the Return of Notice, along with the minutes of the meeting.



Town of Portland, Connecticut

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LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480

The electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Portland, Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified that pursuant to Chapter V, Section 503(g) of the Town Charter, a Special Town Meeting will be held on February 28, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT for the following purpose:

ITEM 1. To Approve and authorize the Town of Portland to enter into an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for State financial assistance with required local match to undertake the project "Portland Downtown & Quarries Master Plan II". The Town is seeking a grant with the DECD in the amount of \$200,000.00, and needs to provide a local match of ten percent (10%) amounting to approximately \$20,000.00, from Building & Planning Departments - Project Match Grant Leverage Funds (08-141-000-89020).

ITEM 2. To authorize Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman, to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decision, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Portland.

A copy of the complete resolution to be voted on is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website at $\underline{www.portlandct.org}$. Dated this 22^{nd} day of February 2024.

Attest:

_Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

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RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on February 22, 2024, I left a duplicate of the attached warning and notice of the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Portland, Connecticut with Michael V. Tierney, its Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the MIDDLETOWN PRESS, a newspaper having a substantial circulation in said town on Friday February 23, 2024.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused to be set upon the signpost or other place nearest the office of the Town Clerk and at all other places and signposts designated by the Town a written copy of said warning and notice.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all the above acts were done before the holding of said Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Dated at Portland, Connecticut this 22sd day of February in the year 2024

A motion was made by Shaun Manning, seconded by Michael Pelton to introduce the Resolution entitled "DECD GRANT – PORTLAND DOWNTOWN & QUARRIES MASTER PLAN II" and to wave the reading of the following resolution.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESOLUTION

Town of Portland, Connecticut February 28, 2024

DECD GRANT - PORTLAND DOWNTOWN & QUARRIES MASTER PLAN II

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) offers grants/financial assistance to municipalities for projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to undertake the project "Portland Downtown & Quarries Master Plan II" the Town of Portland will apply for a grant/financial assistance in the amount of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town needs to provide a local match of ten percent (10%) amounting to approximately \$20,000.00, which was previously set aside in Fund 08 under Building & Planning Departments – Project Match Grant Leverage Funds (08-141-000-89020); and

WHEREAS, Project Match Grant Leverage Funds line item has at least \$20,000 for the required match; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town may enter into an Assistance Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$200,000 and provide the required match of ten percent (10%) amounting to approximately \$20,000 from Fund 08 under Building & Planning Departments – Project Match Grant Leverage Funds (08-141-000-89020), as imposed by C.G.S Section 32-763; and be it further

RESOLVED that Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman, is authorized to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decision, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Portland; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution shall not become effective until approved at a special town meeting as provided by Chapter V, Section 503(g) of the Town Charter.

Moderator John Dillon called for discussion. There were no comments.

Shaun Manning called for a paper ballot vote on the Resolution, seconded by Michael Pelton. The vote was counted by the Moderator and the Clerk, and the result were: Yes-4; No- 0; and 0 abstentions. The Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shaun Manning, seconded by Michael Pelton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Michael V. Tierney, Portland Town Clerk

Dated at Portland, Connecticut, this 29th day of February, 2024