

Proclamation

JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of Major General Gordon Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance; and

WHEREAS, one of General Granger's first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas, **General Order Number 3** which began most significantly with: *"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."* and

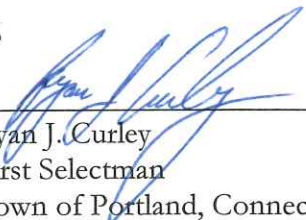
WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, combines the words June and Nineteenth and commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of abolition of slavery throughout the former Confederate States of America and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth today celebrates African American freedom and achievement, with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman of the Town of Portland Connecticut, hereby proclaim June 19, 2024 as "**Juneteenth Day**" in the Town of Portland, Connecticut and urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation, State of Connecticut and Town of Portland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Portland to be affixed this 5th day of June in the year two thousand and twenty-four.

By,



Ryan J. Curley
First Selectman
Town of Portland, Connecticut

Portland Board of Selectmen:

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PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Portland recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2024 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) “Pride Month” throughout the Town of Portland; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQIA+ people in society; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Portland is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQIA+ people in our diverse community with freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQIA+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQIA+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

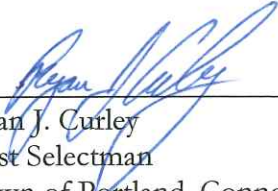
WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Town of Portland calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness, provides support and advocacy for Middlesex County’s LGBTQIA+ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman of the Town of Portland Connecticut, hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQIA+ community, and urge all citizens to recognize all LGBTQIA+ residents whose influential and lasting contributions to our neighborhoods make Portland a vibrant community in which to live, work and visit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Portland to be affixed this 5th day of June in the year two thousand and twenty-four.

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RESOLUTION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Portland, Connecticut

JUNE 5, 2024

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR
TRANSFER OUT-CAP NON REC TOWN AND INCREASE TO ESTIMATED INTEREST
INCOME AND PROPERTY TAXES-PRIOR YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Town of Portland (Town) is attempting to make road improvements to some town roads that may include, but not limited to, a part of High Street, Perry Avenue, Dogwood Drive and a portion of Spring Street; and

WHEREAS, the Town does not have funds in place make the needed payment improvements as the costs estimates exceed the funds that are available in the Town Aid Road Grant Fund and Municipal-Grant-in-Aid Program by approximately \$360,000; and

WHEREAS, revenues in line item #01-000-000-00401 investment income currently exceeds the adjusted budget by at least approximately \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, revenues in line item #01-000-000-00011 Prop Taxes-Prior Years exceeds the original budget estimate due to tax sale proceedings and strong prior year tax collection efforts, the estimated revenues can be increased by the additional \$110,000 needed for the road construction projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves a supplemental appropriation in line item #01-093-000-90012 Transfer Out-Cap Non Rec Town in the amount of \$360,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves funding for the supplemental appropriation in line item #01-093-000-90012 Transfer Out- Cap Non Rec Town through an increase in estimated revenue to line item #01-000-000-00401 Investment Income of \$250,000 and an increase in estimated revenue to line item #01-000-000-00011 Prop Taxes-Prior Years of \$110,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves an increase in estimated revenues #08-141-000-00501 Transfers in General Fund Town of \$360,000 and an increase in supplemental appropriation to expenditure line item #08-141-000-89090 Public Works-Highway Division/Vehicle Maintenance - Road Construction/Drainage.

NOTE: pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Portland Town Charter this requires a public hearing prior to BOS approval, and pursuant to Section 503(b) and 503(g) is subject to approval at a Special Town Meeting

TOWN OF PORTLAND, CT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 5, 2024

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR
THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO A
PRE-K-GRADE 5 SCHOOL

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Portland (the "Town") appropriate \$68,000,000 for costs related to the renovation and expansion of Valley View Elementary School into a pre-K-Grade 5 school (the "Project"). The appropriation may be expended for site improvements, design, construction, renovation and installation costs, engineering and professional fees, inspection, evaluation and surveying costs, materials, equipment, furniture, purchase costs, legal fees, financing costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Project. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Project. The Board of Selectmen or, a building committee, if established, is authorized to determine the particulars of the Project. The Board of Selectmen may reduce or modify the scope of the Project and the entire appropriation may be expended on the Project as so reduced or modified.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town finance the appropriation by issuing the Town's bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$68,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby refers the Project to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24.

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Portland, Connecticut

JUNE 5, 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR
2023-2024 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET-BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is experiencing overages in fiscal year 2024 in purchased services due to not being able to hire/find an internal position for speech and language services that then needed to be provided by a contractor as well as the need for more physical therapy and occupational therapy services than were originally expected; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2024 the Board of Education has had additional tuition costs to private sources and tuition costs to local educational agencies in state due to unexpected outplacements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is incurring more transportation costs for students due to the increase in unexpected outplacements; and

WHEREAS, due to the additional costs placing a significant strain on the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2024 budget, the Board of Education is requesting \$375,000 supplemental appropriation to the 2023-2024 General Fund Operating Budget-Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, revenues in Education Cost Sharing Grant (01-000-000-00101) have come in higher by \$48,917 than budgeted based on an adjustment by State; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$326,083 would be allocated from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund to cover the remainder of the Board of Education's request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves a supplemental appropriation to BOE General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$375,000 through an increase in estimated revenues to line item #01-000-000-00101-Education Cost Sharing Grant of \$48,917 and from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund of \$326,083.

NOTE: pursuant to Chapter XII, Section 1203.4 of the Portland Town Charter this requires a public hearing prior to BOS approval, and is subject to approval at a Special Town Meeting

TOWN OF PORTLAND, CT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 18, 2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That the Town of Portland, for the benefit of the Town's Board of Education, enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement to lease and subsequently purchase eighteen (18) photocopiers, with a lease term not to exceed 48 months, the lease purchase agreement principal amount not to exceed \$150,000, and the annual payments under the lease purchase agreement, consisting of principal and interest, not to exceed \$41,000 for the term of the lease, and to enter into a Service Contract for the photocopiers with annual payments not to exceed \$25,000.

SECTION 2. That the First Selectman is authorized to determine the terms and conditions of, and execute and deliver, the Lease Purchase Agreement and any related documents, and contract with contractors, vendors and others on behalf of the Town to complete the projects.

TOWN OF PORTLAND, CT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 5, 2024

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE AUTHORIZATION OF
A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO APPROVE
THE AUTHORIZATION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Portland, for the benefit of the Town's Board of Education, enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement to lease and subsequently purchase eighteen (18) photocopiers, with a lease term not to exceed 48 months, the lease purchase agreement principal amount not to exceed \$150,000, and the annual payments under the lease purchase agreement, consisting of principal and interest, not to exceed \$41,000 for the term of the lease, and to enter into a Service Contract for the photocopiers with annual payments not to exceed \$25,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached resolution for the Lease Purchase Agreement (the "Resolution") is hereby approved and in accordance with Chapter V, Section 503(f) of the Portland Town Charter this is subject to approval at a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 in accordance with the attached Legal Notice of Special Town Meeting, which is also hereby approved.



Town of Portland, Connecticut

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LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 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(f) of the Town Charter, a Special Town Meeting will be held on June 18, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT for the following purpose:

SECTION 1. That the Town of Portland, for the benefit of the Town's Board of Education, enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement to lease and subsequently purchase eighteen (18) photocopiers, with a lease term not to exceed 48 months, the lease purchase agreement principal amount not to exceed \$150,000, and the annual payments under the lease purchase agreement, consisting of principal and interest, not to exceed \$41,000 for the term of the lease, and to enter into a Service Contract for the photocopiers with annual payments not to exceed \$25,000.

SECTION 2. That the First Selectman is authorized to determine the terms and conditions of, and execute and deliver, the Lease Purchase Agreement and any related documents, and contract with contractors, vendors and others on behalf of the Town to complete the projects.

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 www.portlandct.org. Dated this 6th day of June 2024.

Attest: _____ Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Portland, Connecticut

June 5, 2024

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS – JOBS POND

WHEREAS, the Town of Portland has insufficient funding or other resources available to provide adequate relief from applicable hazards and have thereby requested Federal assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Services (“NRCS”) under the provisions of section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1950, Public Law 81-516 or section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, Public Law 95-334, to restore damages sustained in Middlesex County by ongoing excessive rainwater flooding properties along Jobs Pond, specifically Jobs Gate 1, Jobs Gate 2 and Gate 3 on April 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this work is needed to safeguard lives and property from an imminent hazard of flooding basements damaging home mechanical systems such as heating furnaces, hot water tanks, plumbing and septic tanks. Immediate relief would require removal of water from the Pond; and

WHEREAS, the project objective is the dewatering of Jobs Pond and pipeline construction in an effort to relieve flooding; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS will provide technical and financial assistance to the Town of Portland for the project for implementation of recovery measures, that if left undone, pose a risk to life and/or property; and

WHEREAS, NRCS will pay up to 75% of the eligible construction costs and the Sponsor (the “Town”) is required to contribute a 25% match; and

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates to receive a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to cover the 25% match; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project budget is \$760,000 of which the Federal share is \$572,500 and the Non-Federal (State of CT) share is \$187,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman, to execute and file such application with the USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service under the authority of the Emergency Watershed Protection, 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 the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman, to execute and file such application with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, to execute any amendments, decision, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Portland.

NOTE: pursuant to Portland Town Charter, Chapter V, Section 503(i) is subject to approval at a Special Town Meeting

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Portland, Connecticut

June 5, 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SEND NOTICE OF DEFAULT
OF FIXED ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman, to send a notice of default to BRT DiMarco PTP, LLC pursuant to the SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT TO FIX ASSESSMENT ON REAL PROPERTY dated March 23, 2022 (originally approved March 15, 2017 and amended on October 28, 2021) between the Town of Portland and BRT DiMarco PTP, LLC (the "Agreement"). The notice of default will be sent in accordance with Section 22A of the Agreement.