

MINUTES of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - April 16, 2024

MINUTES of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Saybrook Town Hall, first floor conference room, 302 Main St., Old Saybrook, Connecticut with nine (9) persons attending.

First Selectman, Carl Fortuna, called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He called on Town Clerk, Sarah V. Becker, to reference the call of the meeting and it was unanimously voted to waive reading the lengthy call. It was duly moved, seconded and unanimously voted that Carl Fortuna serve as Moderator of this meeting.

Item 1. Based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$87,500 so that the town may apply for a resiliency grant from the Long Island Sound Futures Fund, said funds to be drawn from the capital non-recurring fund.

Moderator Fortuna called on Chris Costa, Town Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer, who explained that the request is 25% of the Town match. Old Saybrook is partnering with Westbrook and Clinton on the project, however, Old Saybrook will bear most of the cost. Ms. Costa advised that the grant must be written in the next two (2) weeks and they are working with Fuss & O'Neill in this endeavor.

Carl Fortuna moved, seconded by Gerri Lewis and unanimously voted to ADOPT Item 1.

Item 2. Moderator/First Selectman Fortuna explained that it was discovered prior to the Town Meeting that this item on the call requesting \$87,500 from ARPA funds for an appropriation for a resiliency grant from the Long Island Sound Futures Funds is not allowable due to Federal regulations.

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted in the NEGATIVE.

Selectman Fortuna advised that the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance will revisit the funding request and bring a new question back to a future Town Meeting.

Item 3. Moderator/First Selectman Fortuna explained that just prior to this Town Meeting the Harbor Management Commission brought to his attention that a portion of this Amended Ordinance request was overlooked and therefore not part of this request and should be added to the revision.

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted in the NEGATIVE.

Selectman Fortuna advised that the Board of Selectmen will bring a revised Chapter 209, Waterways, of the Town Code to a future Town Meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah V. Becker, CCMC
Town Clerk