

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - August 24, 2021

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MINUTES of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held August 24, 2021 at the Old Saybrook Town Hall (first floor conference room), 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, Connecticut, at 6:00 p.m. with 17 persons attending. First Selectman Carl Fortuna called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance; he then introduced Selectmen Giegerich and Pugliese. Tom Stevenson moved, seconded by Carol Rzasa and unanimously voted that Carl Fortuna be Moderator of this meeting.

ITEM 1. Based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 as outlined in the USDA rural development grant program for the purposes of funding an architectural feasibility study at the Acton Public Library, which will subsequently be reimbursed in full upon completion of the study, and to place those monies into a new fund entitled: "Acton Library Feasibility Study".

Selectman Fortuna explained what the study entails and that a final recommendation would be by June, 2022. The library was built in 1991 and the Tucker Fund was limited as to the use of the monies and the goal is to make the library more appealing in 2022. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to ADOPT Item 1.

ITEM 2. Based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, to appropriate \$250,000 from the Town's FY21 surplus to the municipal reserve fund ("MRF") and further to transfer these funds to the Town pension plan next fiscal year in order to meet the full ADC for FY22 and to place said funds in the Town Pension Plan Fund 8100 to be used for the purpose of augmenting the FY22 ADC budget.

Following clarification of request by Selectman Fortuna, Carol Rzasa moved, seconded by Matt Pugliese and unanimously voted to ADOPT Item 2.

ITEM 3. Based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, to appropriate the movement of \$150,000 from the Town's surplus for FY2021 and to transfer those funds into an off-budget account called "DPW paving and road maintenance".

Selectman Fortuna advised that the Public Works Department did not use all the funds allocated for roads in the previous budget and instead of using the surplus funds we will transfer the unused 2021 funds into the current budget for the requested 2021 purposes. Carol Rzasa moved, seconded by Matt Pugliese and unanimously voted to ADOPT Item 3.

ITEM 4. Based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, to appropriate the \$200,000 from the Town's surplus for FY2021 and transfer said funds to an off budget Fund called "sidewalk construction".

Selectman Fortuna outlined the sidewalk work to be done which will improve the quality of life in Old Saybrook. Carol Rzasa moved, seconded by Matt Pugliese and unanimously voted to ADOPT Item 4.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah V. Becker, CCMC  
TOWN CLERK