

MINUTES of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - January 24, 2023

MINUTES of Special Town Meeting held Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Saybrook Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, Connecticut with 11 persons attending.

First Selectman, Carl Fortuna called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Scott Giegerich moved, seconded by Matt Pugliese and unanimously voted that Carl Fortuna serve as Moderator for the meeting.

Moderator Fortuna then asked the Town Clerk, Sarah V. Becker, to read the call of the 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 \$347,200 toward the \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistant Program funded by \$317,000 from the Town's sidewalk fund 3019 and \$30,200 from the capital non-recurring fund.

First Selectman Fortuna explained the grants received are reimbursable meaning that we must spend the funds first and then receive the grant monies. He went on to review the sidewalk project for which these monies are being used. Allocated is \$2,200,000 and when this part of the project is complete we will have most of the town sidewalks finished. This current request was neglected to be included on the call of the November 28, 2022 Town Meeting.

Barbara Labriola moved, seconded by Joan Broadhurst and unanimously voted to ADOPT Item 1.

ITEM 2. Based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, to approve an appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Funding (ARPA) in the amount of \$12,500 for Sandra Roberts, as recommended by the ad hoc ARPA committee created by the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman Fortuna advised that the ARPA committee has very carefully reviewed all the requests that comes before them and has not granted very many personal requests. He explained that Sandra Roberts is a hairdresser who, due to COVID, lost her "chair" and now has moved to a home-based business. Including this request ARPA has expended \$1,700,000 and still left to be allocated is \$1,200,000.

Scott Giegerich moved, seconded by Matt Pugliese and unanimously voted to ADOPT Item 2.

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah V. Becker, CCMC  
TOWN CLERK