

TOWN OF PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
February 13, 2025

First Selectman Michael Pelton called the public hearing to order 6:00 p.m. and explained the purpose of the public hearing. Mr. Pelton then read the legal notice as follows:

Pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Portland Town Charter, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.** in the Buck Foreman Community Room to consider public comments and questions, both orally and in writing on the below supplemental appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 \$200,000 funded from unassigned fund balance of the General Fund of \$200,000; 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 \$200,000 and increase in Supplemental Appropriation to expenditure line item #08-141-000-89090 Public Works – Highway Division/Vehicle Maintenance – Road Construction/Drainage of \$200,000; and be it further

RESOLVED that Michael A. Pelton, First Selectman, and/or his designee, may sign and execute any required documents for the grant process.

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Portland, Connecticut
February 5, 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRANSFER OUT-CAP NON RECURRING
TOWN**

WHEREAS, the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant guidelines were released January 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the highest potential total grant award from STEAP in any year is \$1,000,000 with a 20% match preferred; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends on submitting a grant for the second phase of the High Street Watermain Replacement including road reconstruction for \$1,000,000 with a 20% match of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, funds are needed to be set aside for the match; and

WHEREAS, \$200,000 is needed for the match to be allocated from unassigned fund balance of the General Fund.

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NOTE: In accordance with Chapter XII Section 1203.4 requires a public hearing and requires approval at a Special Town Meeting. This Special Town Meeting also in accordance with Section 503.

Ryan O’Halpin explained the project and grant. It is a continuation of the High Street Project that was done last year. Phase II this year will replace asbestos water mains and repaving from the High School to Clearview Drive. This grant application would allow a Phase III, which would be the replacement of water mains and road reconstruction from Clearview Drive to William Street. Depending on how quotes come in, the grant would allow crews to replace additional water main pipe north on High Street, past the intersection of William Street. The asbestos water mains have been prone to catastrophic failure, and this project would reduce the number of water main breaks in that area. Once the water mains have been updated, the road would be reconstructed. Phase III would likely go out to bid next winter and work would likely occur in the summer of 2026. Construction would be scheduled for when school is not in session, to reduce the impact on traffic.

Ryan further explained that the town plans to apply for the full \$1,000,000 STEEP Grant, which would require a \$200,000 contribution from the town. He felt that since this was a continuation of the current project, also funded by a STEEP Grant, the chances were good of obtaining the grant.

It was then opened for public comment.

With no further comments, the hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael V. Tierney, Portland Town Clerk