BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2022

Present:  Ryan Curley-First Selectman, John Dillon, Michael Hernandez, Robert Hetrick, Jr., Shaun Manning, Ralph Zampano

Absent: Michael Pelton

Others Present: Dan Bertram (Brainerd Place) via zoom; Members of the Public and Media

1.  FIRST SELECTMAN CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

First Selectman Ryan Curley called the Special Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room located at 265 Main Street, Portland, CT.

2.  Acceptance of Easement from Tilcon for riverfront access

Ryan Curley introduced the easement telling why it was important and thanking Tilcon for their generosity. The easement has been reviewed by the town attorney. This will allow the Town to access the Town property along the river and we will be able to have a gravel road that connects to our property with parking of up to 20 cars. It will allow for a potential boat launch for canoes and kayaks. Ryan will meet with Lou Pear and Rick Sharr regarding the road. There is a grant for $4,000 but it will cost more than that.

Rick Sharr stated that Portland has the longest coastline of any town in CT. Much of it is undeveloped public land along the river with no public access. It’s a great natural area but will need cleanup. He has some ideas regarding fund-raising and believes it will bring in economic development.

A brief discussion followed. One question pertained to the right of first refusal from Tilcon. It was stated that the easement remains with the land and this will be recorded in the land records.

John Dillon made a motion to accept the resolution “Permanent Access and Parking Easement Between the Town of Portland and TILCON INC.” seconded by Robert Hetrick, all were in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried.

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Portland, Connecticut
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PERMANENT ACCESS AND PARKING EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PORTLAND TILCON, INC.

WHEREAS, Tilcon, Inc., a Connecticut corporation with its principal office located in the Town of New Britain, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut is the owner of certain real property located
in said Town of Portland, Connecticut, consisting of three parcels located along Airline Avenue and described more particularly as follows: Parcel No. 10-32; Id. No. 00014100; 16.1 acres, Parcel No. 10-33; Id. No. 00014200; 5 acres; and Parcel No. 10-34; Id. No. 00014300; 17.43 acres; and

WHEREAS, the easement shall be for the following purposes: permanent access and public parking for Town of Portland Riverfront Nature Trail.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Portland, hereby approves of and accepts the easement from Tilcon, Inc. for the permanent access and public parking for Town of Portland Riverfront Nature Trail along Airline Avenue.

3. Discussion on Second Amended and Restated Fixed Assessment Agreement for Brainerd Place

Ryan Curley said after the meeting last week, the BOS agreed with the proposed extension as amended in this agreement. He highlighted the changes after which there was a brief question and answer session.

4. Action on Second Amended and Restated Fixed Assessment Agreement for Brainerd Place

Robert Hetrick made a motion to approve the resolution “Authorizing the fixing of real property assessments,” seconded by Shaun Manning. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Portland, Connecticut
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIXING OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves the second amended and restated Fixed Assessment Agreement dated March 18, 2022 (originally approved March 15, 2017, amended October 14, 2021) between the Town of Portland and BRT DiMarco, PTP, LLC, and authorizes Ryan J. Curley, the First Selectman, to sign the fixed assessment agreement on the Town’s behalf.

5. Public Comment: None

6. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

With no further questions or comments, Shaun Manning made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Robert Hetrick; the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoy, Board Clerk