RESOLUTION BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town of Portland, Connecticut

July 21, 2021

Pollinator Pathways

WHEREAS, The Town of Portland intends to protect pollinators in our community; and

WHEREAS, we strive to protect our native plant and tree species in Town; and

WHEREAS, we collaborate with our vendors and suppliers as much as possible to use plants free of chemicals that may be harmful to pollinators; and

WHEREAS, Portland uses Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques on Town owned land; and

WHEREAS, Portland wishes to maximize pollinator protection through such techniques as education, outreach and creating pollinator gardens; and

WHEREAS, we encourage the addition of clover to grass lawns and/or the reduction of the need to mow grass to every 2-3 weeks; and

WHEREAS, we will work to identify areas where lawns are not used for walking, playing, sitting or other human recreation, and replace those lawns where ever possible with native trees, shrubs, or perennials offering resources for pollinators.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Town of Portland, its Public Works and Grounds will strive to maintain, create and improve its Pollinator Pathways and will partner with such groups as the Schools, Garden Clubs, Air Line Trail Committee, Brownstone Quorum and other volunteer and civic groups homeowners and businesses to improve the Pollinator Pathways throughout the Town of Portland.