

**Special Meeting of the Town Board
Town of Westfield
September 8, 2021**

Councilman James Herbert offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption

**Resolution No. 53 of 2021
Town of Westfield**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE WELCH’S BUILDING FOR \$475,000,
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Town purchased the Welch’s Building, located at 2 South Portage Street in the Village of Westfield, along with approximately 14 acres of land behind it, for \$355,000 with the intention of preserving the historic and important building pursuant to Section 119-dd(4) of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, 2 Portage LLC has proposed to purchase the Welch’s Building and approximately 2 acres of land for \$475,000 with the intention of converting the building into a mixed-use facility, and

WHEREAS, the Town would retain approximately 12 acres of land including the Little League baseball field and a multi-use trail; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed purchase price is reasonable, that the sale will produce the maximum financial benefit to taxpayers, that the purchaser is a well-respected developer with considerable ability and experience in renovating historic buildings, and that the transaction is ideally suited to preserve the historic Welch’s Building for several generations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed sale is an Unlisted action for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, has prepared a short Environmental Assessment Form, and has duly adopted a Negative Declaration finding that the proposed sale will not have significant adverse environmental impacts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Westfield, in regular session duly convened, does hereby authorize and direct the Supervisor to finalize and sign a Contract of Sale, and to execute and deliver to 2 Portage LLC such instruments as are necessary to convey the said property for \$475,000, all being subject to permissive referendum as permitted by law.

*This was seconded by Councilman David Spann. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Martha Bills, aye;
Councilman David Spann, aye; Councilman James Herbert aye;*

There being no further business at 3:50pm Supervisor Martha Bills moved and Councilman David Spann seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried

Respectfully submitted,
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Andrea L Babcock, Town Clerk