

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REIMBURSABLE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR A SEPTIC LOCAL PARTNERS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town Septic Remediation Committee has met since 2021 to identify and map in-town properties located on private septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Septic Remediation Committee held a public workshop on December 7, 2021 to request property owners participate in surveys regarding septic, income limits, and property conditions, and willingness to participate; and

WHEREAS, the Septic Remediation Committee identified approximately 150 properties with varying age and conditions of septic systems across all five wards in town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Septic Remediation Committee and staff identified a grant opportunity to help in-town property owners on septic to connect to the Town's public sewer and that did not require a match of local funds; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality authorized and reserved a reimbursable Septic Local Partners Program grant to the Town the amount of \$750,000.00 to administer septic assistance utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality approved a Program Design that allows for qualified, first come-first serve property owners to participate through a reimbursement based on income guidelines on October 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement must be executed by March 31, 2024, with 50% of the grant amount disbursed by December 31, 2025, and the grant completed in 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warrenton Town Council Hereby Authorizes the Town Manager to sign a grant agreement with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the Septic Local Partner Program for In-Town Properties for \$750,000.00 in reimbursable grant revenue to implement the Septic Local Partner Program grant.

Votes:

Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. William Semple; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Eric Gagnon; Mr. Paul Mooney; Mr. David McGuire

Nays:

ATTEST: _____

Town Recorder

