

**Special Town Meeting
March 2, 2010**

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Old Town Hall, Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately thirty-five (35) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Mrs. Laurie Alt seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. The motion appointing Deb Denette as Moderator carried unanimously via voice vote.

The moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and presented the call of the meeting. Mr. Charlie Farrow motioned, Mr. Robert Bennett seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the call. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously.

Item #1 Mr. William Brady motioned, Mr. Ken Klein seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman of the Town of East Haddam be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of East Haddam, an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance of \$240,000.00 to acquire permanent interest in land known as the Sabine Property, East Haddam OSWA 329, and to manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

IN ADDITION, Mark B. Walter is hereby authorized to enter into such agreement, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said grant funds be returned to the general fund in accordance with the December 27, 2007 Town Meeting approval for said purchase.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that Mark B. Walter was elected First Selectman and his term of office began on November 7, 2007 and will continue until November 8, 2011. As the First Selectman, Mark B. Walter serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Haddam and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of East Haddam.

Mr. Walter advised that the action would accept nearly a quarter of a million dollars to offset the acquisition price of the open space. There being no comments or additional questions, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2

Mr. Bennett motioned, Mr. Bruce Dutch seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of East Haddam a five-year contract with the East Haddam Ambulance Association as sole provider of BLS emergency ambulance transport (R-2) service and primary provider of first responder (R-1) service on behalf of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town establish an Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with section 3.1 of said agreement.

Mr. Dean Anderson of the Ambulance Association reviewed the lengthy process that brought them to this point. He stated that the Agreement reached will necessitate the town purchasing future ambulances, leaving the Ambulance Association better equipped to provide incentives that will assist with recruitment and retention of emergency responders. The goal of the Agreement is to drive down the mutual aid rate for the town. Questions were asked and answered by Mr. Farrow and Mr. Brady.

There being no additional comments or additional questions, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Attest: This 4th day of March, 2010
Debra H. Denette, East Haddam Town Clerk