

Special Town Meeting
May 12, 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. Mr. Lyman 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 reviewed the call of the meeting. Ms. Kathleen Klinck motioned, Mr. Bruce Dutch seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the call as presented. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator presented item #1:

Item #1: To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year in the amount of \$27,456,210 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

All those persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut, are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam have removed the above item on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters of the Town of East Haddam who are qualified to vote at Town meetings for "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine on the following question:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$27,456,210, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2010-2011 be approved?

The vote by voting machine will be conducted at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. (in absence of a contrary determination at the Town Meeting) on May 25, 2010.

Mr. Walter and Dr. Solek briefly spoke to the challenges in developing this year's budget and highlighted items from it. Mr. Lyman, Town Street, read into the record a letter received from Zoning Enforcement Officer James Puska regarding reduced hours.

Comments and questions were posed from the following:

Mr. David Sloan, Beebe Road
Mr. Colin Kagel, Norwich Road
Mr. Ed Blaschik, Ray Hill Road
Mr. Brad Parker, Town Street
Mr. Wyley Peckham, Babcock Road
Mr. Richard Parker, Great Hillwood Road
Mr. Richard Everett, Town Street
Mr. Peter Govert, Cedar Meadow Road

The Moderator reiterated that determination of the budget shall be made at referendum on May 25, 2010.

Item #2: Mr. Walt Parkus motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 25, 2010, Mrs. Klinck seconded the motion.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, none was held.

The motion to open the polls at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on May 25, 2010 carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Town Clerk advised that the referendum shall be conducted at the Old Town Hall and that Absentee Ballots are anticipated to be available on Monday, May 17th.

Item #3: Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Govert seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the following revision to the Economic Development Commission Ordinance as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the "Economic Development Commission Ordinance" adopted May 26, 1987 and amended April 26, 1989 be further amended as follows:

Section I. Members

Alternate Members. There shall be two alternate members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen each for a term of five (5) years commencing the date of appointment. Any alternate member may be removed in accordance with Section III of this Ordinance. An alternate member in attendance at a meeting shall be counted in the determination of a quorum. Whenever a member is absent or recuses himself/herself from participation or voting on a matter before the commission, the chairman or the person serving as acting chairman of the meeting shall appoint an alternate member to take the place of the absent or recused member which alternate member shall be invested with all powers and attributes of full membership on the commission for the duration of the meeting or on the matter from which the regular member has recused himself/herself including the right to participate in any discussion and the right to vote.

Mr. Walter and Mr. Scherer each spoke briefly on the proposed amendment. No comments or questions were raised.

The Moderator called for a vote on the motion that the "Economic Development Commission Ordinance" adopted May 26, 1987 and amended April 26, 1989 be further amended as follows:

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Item #4: Mr. Donald McKenzie motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into two-year agreements with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. for a contract for Municipal Bulky Waste Disposal Services, a contract for Municipal Waste and Recyclables Hauling Services and a contract for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services. Mr. Lyman seconded the motion.

Mr. Walter advised that costs will be reduced from \$69.59 to \$61.60 per ton. This will generate approximately \$38,000 in savings, which are already reflected in the proposed budget. Mr. Dave Greider inquired about the nature of the cuts to the transfer station line that total approximately \$43,000. Mr. Walter reviewed the 2010/2011 proposed budget regarding transfer station reductions in comparison to the 2009/2010 budget.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion to enter into two-year agreements with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. for a contract for Municipal Bulky Waste Disposal Services, a contract for Municipal Waste and Recyclables Hauling Services and a contract for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #5: Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Govert seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into a five-year agreement with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. for Single Stream Recyclable Processing.

Mr. Walter stated that the goal is to make recycling easier which will pull more recyclables out of refuse.

Mr. Behilo, Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. Debra Williams raised comments and questions. Whereas the questions were procedural in nature, Mr. Walter suggested that they speak to Mr. Thumm at public works regarding how operation processes will be handled. Ms. Williams stated that it would not have been unreasonable to expect Mr. Thumm to have been in attendance at this meeting.

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator called for a vote. The motion to enter into a five-year agreement with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. for Single Stream Recyclable Processing carried unanimously via voice vote.

Upon a motion made at 8:57 pm by Mr. Blaschik and seconded by Mr. Dutch, the meeting adjourned to referendum at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

Dated at East Haddam this 17th
Day of May, 2010

Attest: Debra H. Denette
East Haddam Town Clerk