

**Special Town Meeting
June 30, 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 fifteen (15) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark B. Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Selectman Emmett 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 defined the rules of conduct and reviewed the call of the meeting. Melissa Ziobron motioned, Bob Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the call as presented. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1: Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: (a) to appropriate the sum of \$733,955.56 to reimburse the project account related to the Town's Grade 4 - 8 Middle School Project for certain interest costs associated with its \$18,070,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes dated May 16, 2007 and which matured on May 15, 2008; and (b) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

Cindy Varricchio, Finance Administrator for the Town, explained that the action is not the allocation of new funds. She stated that costs for the project were originally allocated from the wrong account without proper approvals, and that this corrective action is necessary to correct that administrative error that occurred in 2007. No questions were raised.

The motion authorizing the appropriation of \$733,955.56 to reimburse the project account related to the Town's Grade 4 - 8 Middle School Project for certain interest costs associated with its \$18,070,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes dated May 16, 2007 and which matured on May 15, 2008; and (b) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2: Selectman Peter Govert motioned, Mrs. Ziobron seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$40,000.00 for fiscal year 2009-2010 from Capital—Ambulance Association (845-534501) to Reserves—Ambulance Association (781-578325).

Mrs. Varricchio explained that this action is also the transfer of funds from one account to another and is not new funding. The 09-10 budget established a line item to begin a savings for the purchase of town ambulances. This action authorizes the transfer. No questions were raised.

The motion authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$40,000 for fiscal year 2009-2010 from Capital - Ambulance Association (845-534501) to Reserves - Ambulance Association (781-5878325) carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3: Mrs. Ziobron motioned, Patty Stricker seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve an ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program Ordinance".

Mr. Walter noted that the ordinance offers an exciting opportunity to jump start business. He thanked Mrs. Stricker, Mr. Scherer and Mrs. Ziobron of the Economic Development Commission. Responsive to inquiry it was noted that only new or expanding businesses will benefit from this ordinance, and added that each application will go before town meeting for approval in order to receive abatement.

The motion authorizing the ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program Ordinance" carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4: Mrs. Ziobron motioned, Mr. Govert seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$4,093.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant", as provided for in the 2009-2010 budget (revenue budget 746-431510 and expense budget 746-531510). Neither comments nor questions were raised.

The motion accepting the \$4,093.00 Grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant", as provided for in the 2009-2010 budget (revenue budget 746-431510 and expense budget 746-531510) carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #5: Mrs. Ziobron motioned, Mr. Lyman 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 \$247,500.00 to acquire permanent interest in land known as the Patrell Property, East Haddam OSWA 330, and to manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said grant funds be distributed as follows: The Nature Conservancy-\$41,250, East Haddam Land Trust-\$13,750, Town of East Haddam-\$192,500 in accordance with the August 22, 2007 Town Meeting approval for said purchase.

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 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.

Responsive to inquiry from Mrs. Ziobron, it was noted that this is a result of the long process of obtaining reimbursement funding from the State of Connecticut. There being no further inquiry, the moderator called for a vote on the motion.

The Resolution authorizing the First Selectman of the Town of East Haddam 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 \$247,500.00 to acquire permanent interest in land known as the Patrell Property, East Haddam OSWA 330, as noted above carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Harvey Thomas, duly seconded and unanimously voted via voice vote the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Attest Debra H. Denette, East Haddam Town Clerk July 15, 2010