

Board of Selectmen
Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium
June 10, 2013
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter, Emmett Lyman. Absent: John Blaschik
Also Present:

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 9:25 pm and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Grant Acceptance – Connecticut Humanities Council Grant: Mr. Walter reported that this is the grant applied for through the EDC for the Sherlock Holmes Radio Play at Gillette Castle State Park. The project director for this is Kandie Carle. Mr. Walter noted that the next steps are to proceed with the town approval process through the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,681.00 from the Connecticut Humanities Council, Incorporated, for the “Sherlock Holmes Radio Play at Gillette Castle State Park”, and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

3. 2013 – 2014 Proposed Budget Resolution: Mr. Walter presented the resolution to send the budget to Town Meeting then referendum.

Motion made by Mr. Walter and seconded by Mr. Lyman, to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting is hereby called to be held on June 19, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall on Town Street in the said Town of East Haddam, Connecticut (the "Town Meeting"), to consider the resolution recommended and approved by the Board of Finance at its meeting held on June 10, 2013 to approve the budget of \$28,359,313 for fiscal year 2013 – 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, hereby removes the item described above on the call of the Town Meeting for submission to the voters on June 27, 2013 for vote by voting machine by the voters entitled to vote at the Town Meeting between the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut under the following heading:

Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$28,359,313, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2013- 2014 be approved?

The moderator of the Town Meeting shall adjourn such meeting after reasonable discussion of such item and conclusion of such other business as may properly come before the Town Meeting and order such vote by voting machine in accordance with this resolution and Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voters at the Town Meeting shall determine whether the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on June 27, 2013 and this resolution is hereby added to the agenda of such meeting.

4. Call for Town Meeting: The Selectmen discussed the call to send the budget and other items to Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the following call for Town Meeting:

The Electors and citizens of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut qualified to vote in Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Town Street in the said Town of East Haddam at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 for the following purposes, to wit:

Item 1. To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$28,359,313 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 \$28,359,313, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2013–2014 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 June 27, 2013.

Item 2. To 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 June 27, 2013.

Item 3: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power granted by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management under section 4-66g(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes (the Small Town

Economic Assistance Program Act), the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of East Haddam make an application to the State for \$431,200 in order to undertake the Center for Community Agriculture Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of East Haddam:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by section 4-66g(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes (STEAP).
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of East Haddam in an amount not to exceed \$431,200 is hereby approved and that Mark B. Walter, the First Selectman is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with The State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of East Haddam.

Item 4: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,681.00 from the Connecticut Humanities Council, Incorporated, for the “Sherlock Holmes Radio Play at Gillette Castle State Park (revenue account 79-431510-G1205 and expense account 79-541750-G1205).

Item 5: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of \$16,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. to the Town of East Haddam Center for Community Agriculture for a timber framed garden shed (revenue account 79-431510-G1304 and expense account 79-541750-G1304).

Item 6: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Rathbun Free Memorial Library and the East Haddam Free Public Library and the Board of Selectmen to approve an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Create the East Haddam Public Library”. Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office during normal business hours.

Item 7: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to dismiss with gratitude the members of the Middle School Conversion Committee. Said Committee having been duly created by legislative body of the Town of East Haddam assembled July 31, 2007, for the purpose of converting the former Middle School to Town Offices.

Item 8: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer in the amount of \$35,851.65 from the General Fund (781-579790) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (25-115160).
Unanimous aye.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Tape: None

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary