

Special Town Meeting
May 6, 2014

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:03 at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately fifty (50) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Rob Smith seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion closing nomination carried unanimously via voice vote. The Town Clerk called for a vote appointing Deb Denette to serve as Moderator, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and read the call of the meeting. Mr. Smith motioned to accept the call as read. Patrick Lacy seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mrs. Denette noted that item #1 has been removed by the Board of Selectmen to referendum;

Item #1 to consider and discuss (but not to vote on) the Town Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in the amount of \$29,731,259 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 \$29,731,259,
as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year
2014-2015 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 20, 2014.

Opportunity for discussion was held.

Speakers included Mrs. Joan Dill, Mr. Randy Dill, Mr. Todd Gelston, Mrs. Susan Link, Mr. Paul Stuhlman, Mr. Robert Casner, Mr. Mark Walter, Mrs. Cindy Varricchio, and Dr. MaryBeth Iacobelli.

The decision on item #1 will be rendered at referendum on May 20, 2014.

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Item 2. Mr. Bruce Dutch motioned that the legislative body herein assembled 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 20, 2014. Mr. Randy Dill seconded the motion.

Opportunity for comment was offered, none was brought forward.

The Moderator called for a vote to open the polls at 6:00 a.m. for the May 20, 2014 referendum. She advised that a Nay vote would open the polls at 12:00 noon, as per State Statute. The motion opening the polls at 6:00 a.m. carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 3. Mr. Harvey Thomas motioned, Mr. Todd Gelston seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$500.00 from the Kitchen Gardeners International, for the "Green Committee-Food Bank Victory Garden (revenue account 75-431520-G1401 and expense account 35-541750-G1401).

Opportunity for comment was offered, none was brought forward.

The Moderator called for a vote to accept a grant in the amount of \$500.00 from the Kitchen Gardeners International, for the "Green Committee-Food Bank Victory Garden (revenue account 75-431520-G1401 and expense account 35-541750-G1401). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

The meeting adjourned to referendum upon a motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Laurie Alt and carried unanimously at 8:35 p.m.

Attest: Debra H. Denette
East Haddam Town Clerk
May 8, 2014