

Special Town Meeting
September 9, 2014

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately twelve (12) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Kim Barrows seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mark Walters motioned to close nominations, Bob Casner 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 presented the call of the meeting. Mrs. Barrows motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve the written agreement with Eddie's Autobody Specialists, Inc. for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and that Mark B. Walter is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Agreement, for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he or she may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the Agreement Regarding Real Property Tax Assessment.

Discussion was held. Mr. Simmons, Mr. Walter, Mrs. Barrows and Lynn Branscombe each spoke on the issue. It was determined that the abatement will equate to approximately \$1200 over a three year period. It was noted that the assessed value of the expansion increased by approximately \$34,000.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a motion to approve the written agreement with Eddie's Autobody Specialists, Inc. for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled "Tax and Business Incentive Program" adopted June 30, 2010 and that Mark B. Walter is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Agreement, for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he or she may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the Agreement Regarding Real Property Tax Assessment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Angie Jansky motioned, Mr. Casner seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of \$5,000 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to Fund 2600 - Historic Document Preservation Fund; and that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant.

Mrs. Denette advised that this grant will continue a re-indexing project to computerize land records. Currently computerized records go back to 1955 with images from 1997. The project will pick up from 1955 and work backwards. She added that the scanning aspect of the project is being done in house. It was noted to be a very labor intensive project with no outside costs associated with it. To date the Clerk's Office has back scanned 360 volumes; which equates to over 125,000 pages.

Mrs. Barrows commended the initiative that put the land records on line. There being no other discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation and appropriated to Fund 2600 - Historic Document Preservation Fund; and that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Walter motioned; Mr. Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant in the amount of \$4,573.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000.00 and 10542070-51590-\$573.00).

Responsive to inquiry from Mrs. Barrows, Mr. Mansfield stated that this grant offsets the costs of salaries of emergency management personnel. He stated that .52 cents per capita is how the figure is derived at.

There being no further discussion the Moderator called for a motion to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,573.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000.00 and 10542070-51590-\$573.00). The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Jansky motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize five-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.

Several comments were raised; questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Jansky stated that she is concerned with the length of the contract as a resolution with the local haulers has not occurred. Mr. Walter stated that the current contract had expired, Willimantic Waste offered the best price for East Haddam and its nearest competitor, CRRA is presently unstable. The moderator called for a vote; the motion passed with Mrs. Branscombe and Mrs. Barrows objecting.

There being no further business, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Blaschik motioned; Mr. Casner seconded to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Debra H. Denette, September 16, 2014