

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
September 8, 2014  
Town Grange

The September regular meeting of the East Haddam Board of Finance was called to order at 7:02 pm by Vice Chairman Robert Bennett.

In attendance:

Board of Finance Members:

Robert Bennett  
William DiCristofaro  
Bruce Dutch  
Harvey Thomas  
Raymond Willis

Others:

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman  
Emmett Lyman, Selectman  
Ernie Malavasi, Selectman  
Deb Denette, Town Clerk and recording secretary  
Cindy Varricchio, Finance Director  
Edward Blaschik

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**GUESTS AND AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Nothing noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Small Cities Community Block Grant for Oak Grove Senior Housing Rehabilitation:**

The Town was awarded (on behalf of Oak Grove) a grant in the amount of \$791,210. Brad Parker, Chairman of the Oak Grove Board reported that the funding will replace roofing, windows, doors and kitchens in about half of the units; it will also include the installation of a generator. He added that the facility was built in the early 1980's and is overdue for renovations. Mr. Parker added that the facility was built with federal funding many years ago, the town's role will be similar to when it was built. Mrs. Varricchio added that the town will oversee all payments and grant reimbursement in conjunction with Wagner Associates who will administer the grant. The Board approved the application of this grant. The Board of Finance needs to accept the grant and request the Board of Selectmen to schedule a Town Meeting.

Mr. Bennett requested that signage to the individual apartments be reviewed as it has been a concern of emergency services. It was noted that the Town has a \$10,000 in

kind matching component which is met by administering the grant. Mr. Thomas requested that the paperwork developed for grant applications be included both when approving a grant and accepting it to refresh Board members. Mrs. Varricchio stated that she could accommodate that request.

**Motion by Mr. DiCristofaro to accept the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$791,210 for the Oak Grove Senior Housing Rehabilitation Project and to request that the Board of Selectmen schedule a Town Meeting for approval. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**b. Consumers Union Gift Acceptance**

Consumers Union has given three donations to the Town totaling \$25,000 (representing their Payment in Lieu of taxes). The Town needs to accept the gifts which it received. The donation to the school requires action by the Board of Education as follows:

\$7,300 to the East Haddam Police for a speed trailer.

\$8,700 to the Town for Welcome signs throughout Town Of East Haddam

\$9,000 to the NHRHS athletic department for a backstop for the boy's baseball field

Mr. Thomas inquired as to how these items were selected. Mr. Walter stated that Consumers Union, the Selectmen and the Superintendent meet and discuss several ideas and needs that the town has. Consumers Union then selects from the options presented. The goal of Consumers Union is to select items that benefit the most people.

**Motion was made by Mr. DiCristofaro to accept a gift from Consumers Union of the United States, Inc. in the amount of \$7,300 for the East Haddam Police for a 300M Speed Trailer (revenue account 33050-43000-G1401 and expense account 33005511-58820-G1401) and to request that the Board of Selectmen schedule a town meeting for approval. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. DiCristofaro to accept a gift from Consumers Union of United States, Inc in the amount of \$8,700 for Welcome signs throughout the town (revenue account 33050-43000-G1402 and expense account 33005511-58820-G1402) and to request that the Board of Selectmen schedule a Town meeting for approval. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

A special meeting will be scheduled later in the month of September, dates are still being discussed. Mrs. Varricchio reminded the Board that October's meeting will be the third Monday due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

**Motion was made by Mr. Dutch to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Mr. DiCristofaro seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Denette