

Special Town Meeting
October 16, 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 ten (10) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Bob Casner seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mark Walters motioned to close nominations, Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations 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. Mr. Casner 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. Walter motioned, Emmett Lyman seconded that the legislative body herein assembled authorize a transfer of \$50,000 from the Board of Finance Contingency Fund to the Capital Projects Facilities Evaluation budget to conduct an environmental study to determine necessary abatements, for architectural fees to redesign the building, for a second construction cost estimate and for the continued services of the construction management firm as requested by the Municipal Facilities Advisory Group for the conversion of the former Middle School.

Mr. Walter stated that this expenditure will enable the project to be brought to referendum. He stated that the town has been approved for approximately \$20,000,000 in USDA loans at a maximum interest rate of 4%. He stated that the Board of Finance has determined that the town can afford a debt load of \$15,000,000 - \$20,000,000 for all projects. Questions were asked and answered by Mr. Walter with the assistance of representatives from O & G.

The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to authorize \$50,000 from the Board of Finance Contingency Fund to the Capital Projects Facilities Evaluation budget to conduct an environmental study to determine necessary abatements, for architectural fees to redesign the building, for a second construction cost estimate and for the continued services of the construction management firm as requested by the Municipal Facilities Advisory Group for the conversion of the former Middle School. The motion carried. Two nay votes were recorded. (Bob Casner and Dave Denette).

Mr. Casner motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept a grant for Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program for the purpose of the development of contract plans, specifications and estimates in conjunction with the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04656) over the Moodus River at a total cost of \$30,200 with a 20% municipal share in the amount of \$70,040 and 80% Federal share in the amount of \$280,160 and to appropriate the sum of \$70,040 for the purpose of the development of contract plans, specifications and estimates in conjunction with the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge (Bridge No 04656) acknowledging that there may be temporary borrowing from the General Fund to pay for costs prior to their reimbursement by grants for the Federal share in the amount of \$280,160.

Be it further resolved, that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman, be and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of East Haddam for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates in conjunction with the Replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04656) over the Moodus River utilizing Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program.

Questions were asked and answered.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote accepting a grant for Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program for the purpose of the development of contract plans, specifications and estimates in conjunction with the replacement of the Johnsonville Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04656). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Denette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Attest: October 20, 2014, Debra H. Denette, East Haddam Town Clerk