

Special Town Meeting  
April 21, 2015

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 forty (40) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Laurie Alt motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Kathy Klinck seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Bruce Dutch motioned to close nominations, Bob Bennett 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. Craig Mansfield motioned to accept the call as presented. Mrs. Alt 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 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$30,288,121 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 paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels on the following question:

**Shall the Town of East Haddam budget of \$30,288,121,  
as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year  
2015-2016 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 5, 2014.

Opportunity for discussion was held. No comments or questions were raised.

**Item 2.** Ms. Klinck 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 5, 2015. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion.

Opportunity for comment was offered. Mrs. Alt advocated for a noon start time. She stated that opportunity for absentee balloting was available and that it is more cost effective. Mrs. Yacovino stated that with the recent open space referendum over 1100 voters came out during the shorter timeframe. Responsive to an inquiry from William DiCristofaro, it was noted that the cost differential was approximately 1200.

The Moderator called for a vote to open the polls at 6:00 a.m. for the May 5, 2015 referendum. She advised that a Nay vote would open the polls at 12:00 noon, as per State Statute. The motion to open the polls at 6:00 a.m. carried by a vote conducted by the show of hands 16 yea, 5 nay.

The meeting adjourned to referendum on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. upon a motion made by Ms. Klinck and seconded by Harvey Thomas and carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:13 p.m.

Attest:                      Debra H. Denette  
                                    East Haddam Town Clerk  
                                    April 27, 2015