

Annual Town Meeting
December 29, 2015

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. Six (6) people were in attendance, however only four were electors of the Town. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. First Selectman Mark Walter seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Mr. Walter 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. Selectman Ernest Malavasi motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Walter seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1. Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Malavasi seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Mr. Walter advised that this action enables the Town to accept State funding for roadways.

There being no further discussion on the motion, the Moderator called for a vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all necessary agreements with the Transportation Commissioner of the State of Connecticut for the receipt of State Aid for town highways in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2. Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Malavasi seconded that the Legislative Body herein assembled accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Copies were available.

Opportunity for discussion was offered, none was held. The motion accepting the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3. Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Walter seconded that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen to accept the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to grant to the Connecticut Department of Transportation: (a) a construction easement of approximately 1,248 square feet, (b) an easement to slope of approximately 2,409 square feet, and (c) a right to install sedimentation control on the Town's property located at Hemlock Valley Brook bridge over route 82 in exchange for consideration in an amount not less than \$500 and that the First Selectman, Mark B. Walter, be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such easements.

Opportunity for discussion was held, no comments or questions were raised. The motion authorizing the acceptance of the construction easement on the Town's property located at Hemlock Valley Brook bridge over route 82 in exchange for an amount of not less than \$500 and authorizing the First Selectman, Mark B. Walter to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such easements carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4. Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Blaschik seconded that the legislative body herein assembled adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, on June 30, 2015, the Governor signed into law Special Act No. 2015-04, an Act Establishing a Pilot Program for Municipal Campaign Finance Filing. Whereas, the special act establishes a pilot program for the State elections enforcement commission to provide assistance to the town clerks of up to twenty municipalities with the completion of some or all of their respository duties for the 2017 election cycle.

Whereas the application to participate in the pilot program requires the approval of the municipalities legislative body; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the legislative body of the Town of East Haddam that the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam may apply to participate in the state elections enforcement commissions municipal filing pilot program for the 2017 election cycle. Be it further resolved that a copy of this signed resolution be forwarded to the State Election Enforcement Commission as part of the Town of East Haddam's application.

Brief discussion was held with the Town Clerk explaining the benefit to participation. Opportunity for discussion was held, o comments or questions were raised. The motion authorizing the Town Clerk to apply for participation in the Pilot Program for Municipal Campaign Finance Filing carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #5. Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Malavasi seconded that the legislative body herein assembled accept the gift of a flagpole, accessories and labor for Heritage Park valued at \$1,302.08 from Dutch Oil Co., Inc.

There was brief discussion that the gift was in memory of his mother Elaine.

There being no further discussion, the motion accepting the gift of a flagpole, accessories and labor for Heritage Park valued at \$1,302.08 from Dutch Oil Co., Inc. carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #6. Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Malavasi seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve the written agreement with 385 Town Street LLC for abatement of property taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled tax and business incentive program adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30, 2015 and that Mark B Walter is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the agreement for the purpose 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.

Mr. Blaschik stated that he found the motion to vague and he questioned what the abatement equated to. Mr. Simmons responded that it was an 80% abatement for the first year and a 70% abatement for the second.

There being no other comment, the Moderator called for a motion approving the written agreement with 385 Town Street LLC for abatement of taxes under the Town of East Haddam ordinance entitled tax and business incentive program adopted June 30, 2010 and amended June 30 2015 and that Mark B Walter is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the town to execute and deliver the agreement for the purpose provided therein, together with such other documents determined necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the agreement regarding real property tax assessment. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn at 8:13pm, Mr. Walter seconded the motion which carried unanimously via voice vote.

Attest: Debra H. Denette
 Town Clerk
 January 6, 2016