

Special Town Meeting
March 31, 2016

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 eleven (11) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Mark B. Walter motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Selectman Ernest Malavasi seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Walter motioned to close nominations, Jim Ventres 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 read the call of the meeting. Joanne Roczniak motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Malavasi seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1: Mrs. Roczniak motioned, Mr. Malavasi provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,579 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2014/2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000 and 10542070 \$579.00).

Mr. Walter advised that this is an annual grant that pays approximately 50% of the salary for Mr. Mansfield and Ms. Spencer who are in the position of Emergency Management Director and Assistant Emergency Management Director. Brief confusion resulted regarding whether the 2014/2015 date was accurate as we are currently under the 2015/2016 budget year. It was stated that the grant does not run concurrently with the municipalities fiscal year, accordingly the date was deemed correct.

There being no further comment or question the Moderator called for a vote. The motion accepting a grant in the amount of \$4,579 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2014/2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant", (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000 and 10542070 \$579.00) carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2: Mr. Walter motioned, Mr. Ventres provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

RESOLVED: That the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to exchange a 19,674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by the Town of East Haddam on the west side of Trowbridge Road with a street address of 73 Clark Gates Road, identified as Assessor's Lot 59, on map 75, for a 19674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by Joseph Darmanin and Mary Darmanin the west side of Trowbridge Road, identified as Assessor's Lot 1001 on Map 82, all as more particularly shown on a map or plan entitled "Plan of proposed land exchanged between Mary & Joseph Darmanin and the Town of East Haddam" prepared by Swamp Yankee Survey LLC and dated November 22, 2015 and that the first selectman be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such exchange.

Mr. Ventres displayed maps depicting the parcels subject to the proposed swap. He stated that the swap will allow buses to turn around on town owned land rather than on private property. Mr. Ventres noted the parcel allows access to the newly built disc golf piece. He also noted that the proposal has been through Planning and Zoning, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

Joe Darmanin spoke in favor of the exchange for liability and safety reasons, Dora Lyman spoke in favor of the proposed swap for hiking and gardening opportunities for school students. Todd Gelston sought clarification of future costs associated with the paving and maintenance of the property and suggested that status quo has worked for many years and cautioned against changing it. Mr. Ventres stated that there is no proposal to spend any funds on a more permanent turn around, he stated that the question before the legislative body is whether or not to acquire the parcel, not to do any improvements on it at this time.

There being no further comment, the Moderator called for a vote on the following resolution: RESOLVED: That the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to exchange a 19,674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by the Town of East Haddam on the west side of Trowbridge Road with a street address of 73 Clark Gates Road, identified as Assessor's Lot 59, on map 75, for a 19674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by Joseph Darmanin and Mary Darmanin the west side of Trowbridge Road, identified as Assessor's Lot 1001 on Map 82, all as more particularly shown on a map or plan entitled "Plan of proposed land exchanged between Mary & Joseph Darmanin and the Town of East Haddam" prepared by Swamp Yankee Survey LLC and dated November 22, 2015 and that the first selectman be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such exchange.

The motion carried with Mr. Gelston recorded as the only nay.

Mrs. Rocznik motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Susan Link seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Debra H. Denette, East Haddam Town Clerk
April 5, 2016