

Special Meeting
June 28, 2016

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 Town Street, East Haddam. Approximately fifty (50) people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Teresa Dickinson seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Dave Denette 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. Lynn Branscombe motioned to accept the call as presented. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1 Mr. Blaschik motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,573.50 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant," (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense accounts 10541810-051510-\$4,000.00 and 10541810-51590-\$573.50). Ernest Malavasi seconded the motion.

Mr. Walter noted that this grant is accepted annually, accounted for within the budget and utilized to fund costs associated with Emergency Management. Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was noted.

The Moderator called for a vote on acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$4,573.50 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant," (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense accounts 10541810-051510-\$4,000.00 and 10541810-51590-\$573.50). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2 Mr. Blaschik motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift from Robert Knakal for the Town of East Haddam in the amount of \$1,000.00 to further the Heritage Park lighting project. Bob Casner seconded the motion.

Mr. Walter noted the project that is being funded through community organizations to install low lighting around the walking trails at Heritage Park. Opportunity for comment and question was offered, nothing was noted.

The Moderator called for a vote on acceptance on acceptance of a \$1,000 gift from Robert Knakal with gratitude to further the Heritage Park lighting project. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3: Mr. Blaschik motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to amend the capital projects budget for the east Haddam elementary school fuel oil tank replacement project (33250013-58926-C0081) from \$150,000 to \$48,012 (a decrease of \$101,988) and to amend the capital projects budget for the east Haddam elementary school asbestos abatement project (33250013-58926-C0080) from \$150,000 to \$251,988 (an increase of \$101,988) representing no additional cost to the town. Emmett Lyman seconded the motion.

Cindy Varricchio advised that this action would authorize a transfer of funds from one line where there was an overage to another where there was a shortfall. She emphasized that there was no additional cost to the Town. Opportunity for comments and questions was offered, none were raised.

The Moderator called for a vote to amend the capital projects budget for the east Haddam elementary school fuel oil tank replacement project (33250013-58926-C0081) from \$150,000 to \$48,012 (a decrease of \$101,988) and to amend the capital projects budget for the east Haddam elementary school asbestos abatement project (33250013-58926-C0080) from \$150,000 to \$251,988 (an increase of \$101,988) representing no additional cost to the town. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #4 Todd Gelston motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of \$48,826 from debt service - interest

expense (10548990-58320) to interfund transfers - reserve for capital projects savings (10549010-58010). Mrs. Blaschik seconded the motion.

Mrs. Varricchio advised that these funds represented savings from refinancing of the new middle school and the action carries out policy implemented by the Board of Finance. Opportunity for comment and question was offered, none were raised.

The Moderator called for a vote to approve a transfer of \$48,826 from debt service - interest expense (10548990-58320) to interfund transfers - reserve for capital projects savings (10549010-58010). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #5 Mr. Gelston motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to approve an ordinance entitled Blighted Structure Ordinance. Copies of said ordinance are on file in the Town Clerks office during normal business hours. Mr. Casner seconded the motion.

Opportunity for comment and question was offered. The following citizens offered opinions and raised questions.

Scott Taylor
Eric Maheu
Mr. Dalton
Jamie Velez
Bill Cross
Teresa Dickinson
Lynn Branscombe
Joanne Roczniak

Mr. Walter fielded the questions. No support for the ordinance was raised in the comments offered.

Mr. Blaschik called the question. Mr. Gelston provided the second. The motion calling the question carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator requested a show of hands to approve an ordinance entitled "Blighted Structure Ordinance". Four Ayes were recorded. The remainder of the room voted nay. The Moderator declared the motion failed.

Mr. Blaschik motioned to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:29 pm. Mrs. Rocznik seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.