

Special Town Meeting April 24, 2019

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 twenty-five people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Mr. Bruce Dutch seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Kathleen Klinck provided the second. 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. Blaschik motioned to accept the call as presented. Rob Smith seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as presented carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1 was removed from the call of the meeting by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to C.G.S. Section 7-7 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 \$33,574,866, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2019-2020 be approved?

The vote by paper ballot will be conducted at the Town Meeting Hall, East Haddam, Connecticut between the hours of twelve noon and eight o'clock (pending contrary determination under item 2 of this call), on May 7, 2019.

The Moderator opened the floor to comments or questions on the budget, none were offered. The Moderator reiterated that the vote would be conducted at referendum on May 7, 2019.

Item 2. Ms. Klinck motioned, Mr. Dutch provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon 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 7, 2019.

The Moderator opened the floor to comments or questions. None were offered.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to open the polls at 6:00 a.m. to conduct the budget referendum on May 7, 2019. The Moderator reiterated that a yea vote would open the polls at 6:00 a.m. and that a nay vote would open the polls at 12 noon. The motion opening the polls at 6:00 a.m. carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #3. Mr. Blaschik motioned, Ms. Klinck provided the second that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant" (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense accounts 10541810-51510-\$4,000 and 10541810-51590-\$1,000).

The Moderator opened the floor to comments or questions. Todd Gelston inquired why there were two expense accounts associated with the grant. Mrs. Varricchio responded that the funds are dispersed separately to the Emergency Management Director and the Assistant Emergency Management Director. Responsive to further inquiry from Mr. Gelston, it was advised that Jiffy Spencer is the Emergency Management Assistant Director.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2018 Emergency

Management Performance Grant” (revenue account 10542-43000 and expense accounts 10541810-51510-\$4,000 and 10541810-51590-\$1,000). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn to referendum on May 7, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. Mr. Blaschik provided the motion, Ms. Klinck provided the second. The motion adjourning to referendum carried unanimously via voice vote at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Denette