

Special Town Meeting April 16, 2019

Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 town Street, East Haddam. Five (5) people attended. The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Emmett Lyman motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Dora Lyman seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Lyman motioned to close nominations; Theresa Dickinson 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. Mrs. Denette stated that the intent of item #2 is to task a building committee to bring forward plans and to apply for State grants in connection with an exterior restoration and window replacement project at the East Haddam Elementary School. This process has been followed since the year 2000; and was necessary to receive State reimbursement. On Friday, it was learned that this wording is no longer acceptable to the State of Connecticut and they have requested modification. Accordingly, the Selectmen's Office has requested that item #2 be removed from the call; with the understanding that it will be modified and brought back for legislative body action at a town meeting anticipated to be called for April 30th.

Mrs. Dickinson motioned to amend the call to strike item #2. Bill Cross seconded the motion. Mrs. Dickinson encouraged the wording to be made clearer when the revision is drawn up, particularly, there needs to be delineation as to what projects are completed. Mr. Lyman concurred. There being no further discussion the motion to strike item #2 from the call carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator requested a motion to accept the call as amended. Mr. Cross motioned, Mrs. Dickinson provided the second. The motion accepting the amended call carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1 Mrs. Lyman motioned that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a transfer of \$21,725.31 from the General Fund (10549010-58928) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (3320-10506-25790). Mr. Cross provided the second.

Responsive to inquiry from Mr. Cross, Mr. Lyman stated that several years ago, to incentivize the BOE to not spend all of its allotted budget (use it or lose it) this reserve account was established to encourage the BOE to save for capital projects. The funding being transferred was unspent funding from FY 2017/2018. Mrs. Dickinson commented favorably.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for a motion to transfer of \$21,725.31 from the General Fund (10549010-58928) to the Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund (3320-10506-25790). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. upon a motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mrs. Lyman and carried unanimously via voice vote.