

Special Town Meeting June 25, 2019

Bradley Parker called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 492 town Street, East Haddam. Seventy five (75) people attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Edward Blaschik motioned to nominate Mr. Parker as Moderator. Rob Smith seconded the motion. Additional nominations were solicited, none were offered. Mr. Blaschik motioned to close nominations, Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion closing nominations carried unanimously via voice vote. A vote appointing Mr. Parker to serve as Moderator carried unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly defined the rules of conduct and read the call of the meeting. Mr. Smith motioned to accept the call as read. Mr. Blaschik seconded the motion. The motion accepting the call as read carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #1 Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Smith seconded 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 gift in the amount of \$25,000 from Consumers Reports, Inc. for support of rebuilding Ackley Road (revenue account 33050-43000-G1901 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1901).

The Moderator opened the floor for comments or questions; none were offered. Accordingly, the Moderator called for a vote on the Motion to accept a gift in the amount of \$25,000 from Consumers Reports, Inc. for support of rebuilding Ackley Road (revenue account 33050-43000-G1901 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1901). The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item #2 Melanie Kolek motioned, Susan Link seconded that the legislative body herein assembled approve a transfer in the amount of \$75,000 from the Contingency Fund (10541020-58910) to Police Officer Salaries (10542010-51510). This transfer is in accordance with the executed Memorandum of Agreement dated June 5, 2019 to the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, to hire an additional police officer, for a total of five full-time officers, with the intent of assigning one of the five officers to the School Resource Officer position.

The Moderator opened the floor for comments or questions;

Laurel White expressed her hope that the officer would have specialized training to work with children. Bryan Perry responded that all officers have specialized training. Rob Smith spoke in favor of the position. Ralph Chapel stated that he was supportive of the position, but noted that there are three schools and he questioned why there was only one SRO. Kim Richards also expressed her support for the position. There being no further discussion the Moderator called for a vote on the Motion to transfer in the amount of \$75,000 from the Contingency Fund (10541020-58910) to Police Officer Salaries (10542010-51510). This transfer is in accordance with the executed Memorandum of Agreement dated June 5, 2019 to the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, to hire an additional police officer, for a total of five full-time officers, with the intent of assigning one of the five officers to the School Resource Officer position. Seventy two yeah votes were recorded to three Nay votes. The Moderator declared the motion passed.

Item #3 Mr. Blaschik motioned, Rob Smith seconded that the legislative body herein assembled consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED,

(1) That the Town appropriate the sum of \$378,000 for the cost of pavement resurfacing, sealing, regrading and repair at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School, including, without limitation, the costs of the pavement resurfacing, sealing, regrading and repair of the student and visitor parking lots, the front circle, the right-side driveway and the sugar house parking lot, the removal and replacement of curbing, and the application of topsoil and seeding to disturbed work areas (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, the preparation and printing of bid documents, cost estimate reports and studies, equipment, materials, preliminary studies and reports, site improvements, architects' fees, engineering fees, legal fees, administrative costs, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project or its financing. The Board of Selectmen (the "Board") is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board may reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and the entire appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

(2) That to finance said appropriation for the Project, general obligation bonds and notes of the Town may be issued pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$378,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after the deduction of grants or other sources of funds received by the Town for the Project).

(3) That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the Project or the receipt of grants for the Project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$378,000. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(4) That the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board, and the Treasurer of the Town (the "Officials") be authorized to issue and sell bonds and notes secured by the full faith and credit of the Town pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes or any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling, to finance the appropriation for the Project; that the Officials are hereby authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying agent, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for such bonds and notes; that Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut is designated as the attorneys at law to render an opinion approving the legality of any issue of such bonds and notes; that the Officials are hereby authorized to designate a municipal advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds and notes; that the Officials be authorized to sign said bonds and notes by their manual or facsimile signatures; and that the Officials be authorized to determine the amounts, rates of interest, dates, maturities, dates of principal and interest payments on such bonds and notes, the form of such bonds and notes, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds and notes and all other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the issuance and securing of such bonds and notes and to execute, sell and deliver the same, and provide all supporting documentation as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish such purposes and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, and in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling.

(5) That the Officials are authorized to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to

issue the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Officials are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(6) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the Project. The Officials are authorized to amend such declaration or official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(7) That the Officials are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, including, but not limited to, entering into a continuing disclosure agreement pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws of rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(8) That the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute any contracts with engineers, contractors, architects and other persons for the Project, to apply for and accept state, federal or other grants to finance the appropriation for the Project, and to execute and file any application or enter into any grant agreement or other obligations prescribed by the State of Connecticut or the federal government, as applicable.

(9) That the Officials are authorized to take all other actions which are necessary or desirable to complete the Project consistent with the foregoing and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(10) That this resolution shall become effective after approval at a vote of the special town meeting.

The Moderator opened the floor for comments or questions; none were offered. Accordingly, the Moderator called for a vote on the Motion to accept the above resolution. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

There being no other business to discuss, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Blaschik motioned, Mr. Smith seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Debra H. Denette, Town Clerk
July 2, 2019